

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Meeting #10/19, Friday, November 29, 2019

FROM: John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

RE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

KEY ISSUE

Extension of the term of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors in accordance with the recently approved amendments to the Board of Directors Administrative By-law.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS the Board of Directors adopted the amended Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors Administrative By-law at the Board of Directors meeting #9/19, held on October 25, 2019;

AND WHEREAS one of the adopted amendments stipulated that the elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions shall be held once every two years in order to improve Board of Directors alignment with partnering municipalities and to better align TRCA elections with changes to municipal representation;

AND WHEREAS the current Chair and Vice-Chair were elected for a one year term expiring at the February 21, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the terms of the current Chair and Vice-Chair be extended for an additional year until the Annual Board of Directors meeting in 2021.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

On October 25, 2019, the Board of Directors adopted the amended Board of Directors Administrative By-law which governs Board of Directors rules and procedures. As part of the update, section B.5, concerned with the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair, was amended altering frequency of elections from yearly to biennially. The update intended to improve internal consistency, by aligning frequency of Chair and Vice-Chair elections with the Executive Committee elections, and to closer align TRCA with partnering municipalities.

The most recent Chair and Vice-Chair elections were held at the January 25, 2019 Annual meeting of the Board of Directors, following the October 22, 2018 municipal elections. Both positions were elected for a one year period, as per the rules of procedure of the now superseded version of the Administrative By-law. An extension of the term of the current Chair and Vice-Chair for an additional year would ensure Board of Director compliance with the amended Administrative By-law and ensure smooth transition from the old to the new election model.

Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following strategy set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:
Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models

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