

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Meeting #4/20, Friday, May 22, 2020

FROM: Sameer Dhalla, Director, Development and Engineering Services

RE: **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND DESIGNATION AS PROVINCIAL OFFENCES OFFICERS**

KEY ISSUE

Recommended appointment of officers under Section 28(1)(d) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and a Provincial Offences Officer be approved for the purposes of:

- i) Enforcing Regulations made by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority pursuant to Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27
- ii) Enforcing the *Trespass to Property Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Margaret Milner, Dean Ross and Kevin Laporte be appointed as Officers and Provincial Offences Officers for the purposes of compliance and enforcement of Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 119 relating to use of Authority landholdings, and the *Trespass to Property Act* by the Board of Directors of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), pursuant to Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

BACKGROUND

The *Conservation Authorities Act* provides for a conservation authority to appoint officers to enforce its regulations. Furthermore, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry has implemented, under the authority of Subsection 1(3) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, a class designation process for all conservation authorities whereby any conservation authority officer appointed under Section 28(1)(d) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* shall be designated by the Minister simultaneously as a Provincial Offences Officer. Once appointed, officers have the authority to enforce offences and Regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, in addition to the *Trespass to Property Act* when carrying out their duties within the jurisdiction of the conservation authority.

The prerequisite to the Minister's Provincial Offences Officer appointment is that all candidate officers:

- i) Be adequately trained in the legislation to be enforced, including the *Provincial Offences Act*;
- ii) Have proof of a clean criminal record check, and;
- iii) Be appointed as an officer to enforce conservation authority legislation at an official board meeting.

Pursuant to the approval of the above noted appointment, the Minister's requirements have been addressed.

RATIONALE

Margaret Milner, Dean Ross and Kevin Laporte are full-time employees within our Conservation Parks Division, and responsible for overseeing the operations of our conservation areas and campgrounds. These appointments will enable them to assist with the safety and enjoyment of patrons within our facilities and assist with the Authority's regulatory requirements and

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compliance objectives.

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

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

Strategy 2 – Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations

Strategy 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment

Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models

FINANCIAL DETAILS

No added expense through conservation parks budget.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

Annual recertification of confrontation management training, uniform and personal protective equipment to be purchased.

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Attachment 1: Appendix