

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, February 26, 2021 Meeting

FROM: John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL WATERSHED ALLIANCE

KEY ISSUE

Extension of appointment of four Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Board of Directors members, representing TRCA's member municipalities, to the Regional Watershed Alliance (RWA).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors member appointments to the Regional Watershed Alliance be extended until November 14, 2022, or until their successors are appointed:

City of Toronto:
Dr. Jennifer Drake
Ms. Maria Kelleher

Regional Municipality of Durham:
Regional Councillor Joanne Dies

Regional Municipality of Peel:
Regional Councillor Jennifer Innis

AND FURTHER THAT Regional Councillor Jack Heath be thanked for his service to the Regional Watershed Alliance.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The RWA is an advisory board to TRCA's Board of Directors, established in 2017 with a mandate to provide input on TRCA initiatives and advise the Board of Directors on matters of community interest. RWA is comprised of approximately 45 voting members, representing TRCA watershed residents, sector experts and organizations, municipal, provincial, and federal governments, and TRCA's Board of Directors.

Under the RWA Terms of Reference, the Board of Directors is ideally represented by one representative from each of TRCA's appointing municipalities: The City of Toronto, the Regions of Durham, Peel and York, and the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio/Town of Mono. At the Authority Meeting held on October 27, 2017, the Adjala-Tosorontio/Mono position was transferred to the City of Toronto (RES.#A178/17) due to the Town of Mono and the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio being already represented through the municipal appointee positions. This resulted in two City of Toronto Board Member positions.

At the Board of Directors Meeting, held on January 25, 2019, five TRCA Board of Directors members were appointed to the RWA for the 2019-2021 term. A re-appointment of City of Toronto Board Members in July 2019 resulted in a vacancy of one of the City of Toronto

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representative positions on the RWA, after which Maria Kelleher, a City of Toronto member, was appointed to the RWA at the February 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting to fill the vacancy.

Under the RWA Terms of Reference, members are appointed for a 2-year period with a possibility of re-appointment. As the term of TRCA Board of Directors members on the RWA concludes by the February 26, 2021 Board of Directors Annual General Meeting, staff are seeking approval to extend current Board of Directors member appointments on the RWA until November 14, 2022. The reduced term duration will align appointments with the municipalities' current Terms of Council, improving the efficiency of the re-appointment process in the future.

TRCA staff discussed re-appointments with the affected Board Members. While most members expressed interest in continuing their appointment, Regional Councillor Jack Heath indicated interest in transferring their membership on the RWA to another Board representative. At the moment, his position will remain vacant.

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

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

TRCA staff will canvas TRCA's Board of Directors to recruit a representative to RWA, preferably from the Region of York, to serve on the Regional Watershed Alliance as per section 4.1 of the RWA Terms of Reference. Staff will also undergo a review of the appointments process and RWA Terms of Reference that is anticipated to be completed by the end of the extended term.

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