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sent via email: lconte@npca.ca

**Re: Request to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board to
Pass Motion to Approve Independent Investigation
Our File No. 35.2.2**

Please be advised that Council, at its regular meeting held on January 16, 2017, supported the following resolution regarding Request to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board to Pass Motion to Approve Independent Investigation:

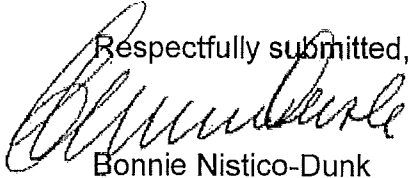
"WHEREAS Minister McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, in response to a motion from this Council, and subsequent motion forwarded by seven (7) other Niagara municipal Councils as well at Hamilton Council, stated that she cannot order an independent forensic audit or value for money of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) and advised that we approach local representatives on the NPCA Board and ask them to put forward a motion to the board calling for a "Thorough Investigation",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the Regional Councillors serving on the NPCA Board pass a motion at their next Board meeting approving an independent and thorough forensic audit, conducted by a third party expert, examining all of its operations which includes land purchases and hiring processes from 2011 to 2016 and that the audit be made public upon completion; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NPCA Board, all Niagara Municipalities and MPPs, the City of Hamilton, Haldimand County, Premier Wynne, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Provincial Environmental Commissioner, the Auditor General and the Provincial Ombudsman be immediately notified. FORTHWITH"

The Mayor and Council of the City of St. Catharines respectfully requests your consideration of this motion. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1517.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bonnie Nistico-Dunk', written in black ink.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
City Clerk

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry
Provincial Environmental Commissioner
Auditor General
Provincial Ombudsman
MPP Jim Bradley
MPP Wayne Gates
MPP Cindy Forster
MPP Sam Oosterhoff
Regional Municipality of Niagara Council
All Niagara Region Municipalities
Haldimand County Council
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