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February 14, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: Resolution of Support, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Investigation

Please be advised that, at its meeting of January 23, 2017 the Council of the Town of Lincoln enacted the following motion re: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Investigation as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln seeks to always build trust and confidence in the administration of its responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln also seeks to protect the interests of Lincoln residents by ensuring full accountability and complete transparency, while demanding our resident's tax dollars being contributed to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (the "NPCA") are spent and administered with the highest standards.

AND WHEREAS citizens of both Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton represented by the NPCA have explicitly and repeatedly requested a forensic audit to clarify hiring practices, alleged use of public money in the hiring of lobbyists and have made clear their issues of public trust with the NPCA;

AND WHEREAS municipalities including Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Thorold, Wainfleet, Welland and the City of Hamilton have enacted motions calling on the Province of Ontario to initiate an appropriately thorough investigation, be it a value for money and/or forensic audit, of applicable 2012-2016 transactions of the NPCA;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry has instructed that the jurisdictional accountability for evaluating the performance of the NPCA is the responsibility of the appointed members of the Board of



Directors of the NPCA representing the municipalities named above and that it is within the right of the municipalities to demand same;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Lincoln has, at a meeting of its Finance and Administration Committee held on the 23rd day of January, 2017, considered an accumulation of correspondence from Municipalities in the Region of Niagara and the City of Hamilton detailing public concerns relating to the performance of the NPCA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Lincoln supports and endorses the actions of its appointed representative on the Board of Directors of the NPCA, Lincoln Regional Councillor Bill Hodgson, as the author and mover of a motion finally passed by the NPCA Board of Directors on January 18, 2017, in which the NPCA Board accepted its jurisdictional accountability to the public and directed staff to immediately initiate a competitive procurement process to conduct an independent and thorough third-party operational review of the NPCA operations from 2011 through 2016 and to also invite the Auditor General of Ontario to participate in such review;

AND THAT a copy of this motion be directed to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Kathryn McGarry, Auditor General of Ontario Bonnie Lysyk, the NPCA, all Niagara MPPs, the Niagara Region, all local area municipalities in Niagara, Haldimand County and the City of Hamilton.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,

Sincerely,



William Kolasa
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Auditor General of Ontario
NPCA

Niagara MPPs
Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
Haldimand County
City of Hamilton