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The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Office of the Regional Clerk
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Parkway
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Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Acting Regional Clerk

Dear Ms. Norio:

Notice of Motion re: NPCA Board

At their regular meeting of October 15th, 2018, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is a Provincially mandated agency operating in the Region of Niagara, Haldimand County and the City of Hamilton, funded largely by the Region of Niagara; and

WHEREAS the each of Niagara's 12 Cities, Towns and Townships are collectors and contributors of public funds to the Region of Niagara, and, therefore, a contributor to the NPCA's funding; and

WHEREAS the people of all municipalities represented on the NPCA Board deserve openness and accountability relating to how their tax dollars are being spent, how effectively our natural environment is being protected, and how representatives to the NPCA Board are appointed; and

WHEREAS currently, 11 of the 12 Niagara members of the NPCA Board are municipal politicians who may not have the necessary conservation and environmental expertise suited to effectively serve on this important Board; and

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WHEREAS for the City of Hamilton, it has been the practice of their city council to appoint citizen representatives to the NPCA Board, thus highlighting the importance of the ability to provide appropriate knowledge, experience and expertise to the Board and establishing a precedent to support citizen appointment to the NPCA; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General, in her September 27, 2018 report to the Ontario Legislative Assembly, recommended that “members of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board of Directors should collectively have the skills, experience and training necessary to oversee the NPCA’s activities effectively” and that the “NPCA’s funding municipalities [should] ensure that their Board appointment processes consider skills and experience requirements”; and

WHEREAS the informal, past practice of the Niagara Regional Council has been to offer a single appointment from each of the twelve local municipalities by: first, offering appointment to the Regional Councillor(s) or Mayor of the local municipality; and, second by a process that defaults to the local municipal Councillors; and then, finally, to citizen representation; (please see attached description from NPCA website) and

WHEREAS the majority of Council’s across the Niagara Peninsula recently supported a formal appointment protocol that allows the local municipalities to seek applications for appointment to the NPCA Board and that a recommendation for appointment then be subsequently provided to the Region by the local municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Pelham hereby requests the Regional Municipality of Niagara to establish a formal process for appointments to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board that would request and permit each of Niagara’s local municipalities to publicly advertise and make recommendations for appointment of a qualified and independent citizen with appropriate skills and expertise to represent their respective municipalities, to take effect following the 2018 municipal election, or immediately should a vacancy on the NPCA Board of Directors occur; and

THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Niagara Regional Council and Niagara’s Local Area Municipalities for endorsement and support; and

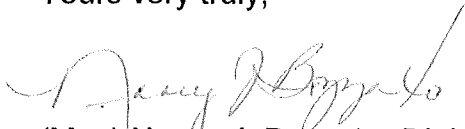
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THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Auditor General of Ontario; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; the current NPCA Board of Directors; Niagara MPPs; the City of Hamilton; and Haldimand County for information.

On behalf of Council, please review our request and we would ask that you circulate to your Council for discussion. We hope Regional Council will support our request and amend the appointment process to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board.

Yours very truly,



(Mrs.) Nancy J. Bozzato, *Dipl.M.M., AMCT*
Town Clerk

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cc: Local Area Clerks
Local Members of Parliament
Bonnie Lysyk, Auditor General of Ontario
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Councillor Sandy Annunziata, Chair, NPCA Board Member
James Kasperetz, Vice-Chair, NPCA Board Member
Councillor Brian Baty, NPCA Board Member
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Mayor Jim Diodati, Member, NPCA Board Member
Mayor April Jeffs, NPCA Board Member
Mayor Douglas Joyner, NPCA Board Member
Mayor John Maloney, NPCA Board Member
Councillor Paul MacPherson, NPCA Board Member
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