

Community Services

Legislative Services

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Sent via email: Regional Councillor's Group Email

Niagara Regional Councillors

Re: Support of Auditor General's Recommendations – Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 17, 2019 passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Auditor General of Ontario's Special Audit of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority made 24 recommendations, the third of which recommended that members of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board of Directors collectively have the skills, experience and training necessary to oversee the NPCA's activities effectively, and

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie recommended Leah Feor as their Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority representative, an individual with an extensive background in accounting, business ethics and environmental sustainability, who was appointed to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors by Regional Council on May 16, 2019, and

Whereas voters on October 22, 2018 expressed a strong desire for transparent and accountable governance within the Regional Municipality of Niagara and its local area municipalities;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: Council directs staff to prepare a report outlining policies for the recruitment and recommendation of individuals for appointment to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors, and further

That: the Town of Fort Erie requests that The Regional Municipality of Niagara provide recommendations with respect to specific qualifications and/or skills to the Town of Fort Erie to be considered for incorporation into our own recruitment policy, and further

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That: The Town of Fort Erie requests other Local Area Municipalities within the Regional Municipality of Niagara, as well as the City of Hamilton and Haldimand County, to create similar policies that address the unique needs of their municipality if they have not already done so, and further

That: The Town of Fort Erie requests that Niagara Regional Council create policies that respect and support decisions made by local area municipalities regarding their recommendations for appointments to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to Niagara Regional Council, Local Area Municipalities within The Regional Municipality of Niagara, the City of Hamilton, and Haldimand County.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Yours very truly

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