

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Council: March 29, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. TADESON.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Amendment to the Current City of Hamilton Complement on the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, Council received a letter from the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (Item 5.15 on the March 29, 2023 Council Agenda) advising the City of Hamilton that the City's application seeking a Minister's exception under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) from the requirement for at least 70 per cent of municipal appointments to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council (Section 14(1.1) of the CAA) is not granted;

WHEREAS, Council has been asked to comply with the requirement for at least 70 per cent of municipal appointments to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council (Section 14(1.1) of the CAA);

WHEREAS, the Councils of both the City of Hamilton and Town of Puslinch on March 31, 2021 ratified the agreement to create a board of eleven members - ten Hamilton members, and one Puslinch member, which is not time limited and with the intention of it being continued by the Hamilton Conservation Authority;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's current complement on the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors is ten Hamilton members, consisting of five members of Council and five citizens;

WHEREAS, Council in order to comply with Section 14(1.1) of the CAA, for at least 70 per cent of municipal appointments to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council, Council is required to change the City's current membership (ten Hamilton members) to seven members of Council and three citizens;

WHEREAS, Council on December 7, 2022, appointed Councillors Cassar, Clark, Francis, A. Wilson and M. Wilson, to the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors for the 2022-2026 Term of Council;

WHEREAS, Council appointed five citizens to the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors, for a term commencing May 8, 2019, until a successor is chosen; and

WHEREAS, Recruitment for citizens for the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors, began on February 24, 2023 and concludes on April 6, 2023;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the current complement of five elected officials and five citizen appointments from the City of Hamilton to the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors, be **amended** to reflect the requirement for at least 70 per cent of municipal appointments to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council, as per the Section 14(1.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, to **seven** elected officials and **three** citizen appointments, effective following the appointment of the three citizens for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.