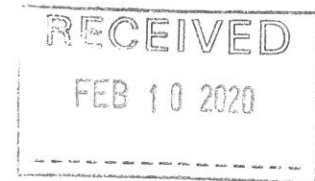


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February 6, 2020

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Re: Motion of Support for Conservation Authorities

At the regular meeting of Council held on February 4, 2020, a motion of support for Conservation Authorities was discussed and the following resolution was passed:

Motion No. THC-200204-17

Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment.

Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills is a member of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority (LTC), Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) and Crowe Valley Conversation Authority (CVCA) and has representation on each of the three Boards of Directors.

Whereas the Board of Directors, comprised of representatives of all member municipalities, determine the policies, priorities and budgets of LTC, ORCA and CVCA.

Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills values the programs of our Conservation Authorities, including but not limited to, flood monitoring, managing source water protection, ensuring the integrity of the watersheds within our municipality, conserving our natural environment, providing community recreation opportunities, and educational programming.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Trent Hills supports the continuation of the programs, both mandatory and non-mandatory, of LTC, ORCA and CVCA.

That the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks provide clear direction on which programs are deemed mandatory and non-mandatory.

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That the Municipality of Trent Hills requests the Provincial Government improve their funding of Conservation Authorities to provide a more stable funding base that would prevent any downloading of costs to municipalities.

That the Provincial Government will maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities.

And that the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; Leaders of all opposition parties; David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South; AMO; Lower Trent Conservation Authority; Otonabee Region Conservation Authority and Crowe Valley Conservation Authority be advised of Council's decision under the Mayor's signature.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Crate

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Andrea Horwith, Leader of the Official Opposition
John Fraser, Leader of the Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Peterborough South
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