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Sharon Vokes, County Clerk /
Director of Council Services
County of Grey
595 9th Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON N4K 3E3

Dear Ms. Vokes:

I am writing to advise that the County of Grey should put forward the names of at least three individuals whom you wish to be considered for appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) upon expiry of the appointment of your current representative, Paul McQueen, on May 3, 2015. The incumbent Commissioner (Paul McQueen) is being copied on this letter in order to have him confirm his interest in continuing to serve as the NEC Commissioner for Grey County.

The submission of candidates' names, from municipalities that lie in whole or in part of the Niagara Escarpment Planning Area, is provided for under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*. The Act states that candidates for Commissioners from municipalities must be either elected officials or persons employed by such a municipality (upper tier or lower tier).

The Niagara Escarpment Commission plays an integral role in the protection and maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment. I am confident that the list of submitted candidates will match the high standard of previous submissions from your municipality.

Niagara Escarpment Commissioners are entitled to a \$398 per diem for each meeting day and a further half-day per diem for meeting preparation. In addition, Commissioners are entitled to travel costs, currently 40 cents per kilometre, and normal out-of-pocket expenses.

The new candidates on your list will have to be reviewed by and/or apply for appointment as a Commissioner through the Public Appointments Secretariat (email at PASInfo.mgs@ontario.ca or phone (416) 327-2640).

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To ensure continuity of representation for your municipality on the Niagara Escarpment Commission, a response with the list of names and contact information for consideration would be appreciated by January 31, 2015. Kindly send a copy to the Minister at:

Hon. Bill Mauro
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Whitney Block
6th Floor, Room 6630
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

A copy should also be sent to:

Public Appointments Secretariat
Room 2440, Whitney Block
99 Wellesley St. West
Toronto, ON M7A 1W4

The Commission would also appreciate receiving a copy of the response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should there be questions, please contact Ken Whitbread, Manager of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, at (905) 877-4026 or by email to ken.whitbread@ontario.ca.

The Minister's Office and/or the Public Appointments Secretariat may contact the municipality and/or the candidates once the names have been provided to them.

Yours truly,



Don Scott
Chair

- c. The Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Tracey Mill, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Jason Travers, Manager, Natural Heritage and Land Use Planning Section,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Public Appointments Secretariat
Paul McQueen, Commissioner
Ken Whitbread, Manager, Niagara Escarpment Commission