 Committee Report

| To: | Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council |
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| Committee Date: | April 25, 2019 |
| Subject / Report No: | CCR-CW-09-19 |
| Title: | Niagara Escarpment Commission Representative |
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| Reviewed by: | Kevin Weppler |
| Lower Tier(s) Affected: | None |
| Status: | Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented as per Resolution *CW100-19*; Endorsed by County Council on May 9, 2019 as per Resolution *CC38-19*. |

## Recommendation

1. That Report CCR-CW-09-19 be received regarding a request to submit up to three names to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for consideration to sit as a Commissioner on the NEC; and
2. That the following names be submitted to the Public Appointments’ Secretariat as Grey County’s representative for the position of Commissioner on the Niagara Escarpment Commission:

## Executive Summary

Grey County has 14% of its geography covered under the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP). As such Grey County has the opportunity to put forth up to three names to the Niagara Escarpment Commission to be considered for a position on the Niagara Escarpment Commission. The Commission provides for the maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment and its lands in a sustainable manner, contributing to the overall health, economic development and environmental sustainability.

## Background and Discussion

The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) plays an integral role in the protection and maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment area. Grey County has a significant area that is currently covered by the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The NEC is a statutory body that operates at arm’s length from the provincial government under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The NEC has 17 members appointed by Order-in-Council with nine member representing public-at-large and eight municipally-elected representatives.

As Grey County has a large area that is coved under the NEP, it is eligible to submit up to three names for consideration by the Lieutenant Governor in Council with one member being chosen to sit as a Commissioner on the NEC. Members must be from a municipality that has NEP land within its municipal boundaries.

Once the names are established by resolution of Council, each applicant will need to submit an on-line application which will be provided to the applicants by the Clerk’s department.

## Legal and Legislated Requirements

None

## Financial and Resource Implications

All costs for this appointment are covered by the Niagara Escarpment Commission including per diems and mileage.

## Relevant Consultation

[ ]  Internal None

[ ]  External None

### Appendices and Attachments

*Letter from Niagara Escarpment-re Appointments*

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