

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

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:
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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 covered 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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April 12, 2019

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer
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Dear Ms. Wingrove:

I am writing to advise that the Ontario Government is requesting that the County of Grey 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 26, 2019.

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 \$472 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 apply for appointment as a Commissioner through the Public Appointments Secretariat (PAS). The candidates will be required to set up an account on the PAS website <https://www.ontario.ca/page/public-appointments>. The website provides information on the process of selection and how to apply for a public appointment. The PAS can be contacted at 416-327-2640 or toll free at 1-855-825-3422 should you have any questions.

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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 May 17, 2019. Kindly send a copy to the Minister at:

Hon. John Yakabuski
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
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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 Debbie Ramsay, Manager, at (905) 877-6172 or e-mail Debbie.Ramsay@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.

Best Regards,



R.F (Russ) Powers
Chair

- c. Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)
Bill Thornton, Deputy Minister, MNRF
Ala Boyd, Director, Natural Resources Conservation Policy Branch, MNRF
John Dungavell, Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Policy Branch,
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Rob Pineo, Niagara Escarpment Program Team Lead, Natural Resources
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