

**THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY
RECOMMENDATION
Council in Committee**

Recommendation

Date: 05/11/2021

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS the federal government has announced the “Growing Canada’s Forests” program as part of its 2 Billion Trees initiative, making substantial matching funding available to support reforestation and tree planting efforts across the country;

AND WHEREAS this is a timely opportunity to attract federal investment in the Niagara Peninsula watershed towards implementing nature-based climate solutions in our communities through a strong and coordinated multi-partner approach across the Niagara Peninsula watershed;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is convening partners and collaborators towards a 10-year planting program for a Request for Information submission in application to Growing Canada’s Forests funding program due May 27th 2021;

AND WHEREAS the NPCA has a well-established track record of reforestation with private and public landowners, non-governmental organizations, nature clubs, academic institutions and community groups, has the scientific know-how to identify land and tree species with the biggest ecological and climate benefits, and has partnerships in place to mobilize volunteers to plant and monitor trees;

AND WHEREAS the proposed opportunity aligns with Haldimand County objectives and has the potential to provide multiscale benefits,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NPCA’s Request for Information (RFI) submission in application to Growing Canada’s Forests initiative, be supported;

AND THAT staff continue to collaborate with the NPCA and other partners in identifying planting opportunities and programs aligned with municipal priorities to be included in the full funding application should the RFI submission be successful;

AND THAT if the NPCA’s application is successful, Haldimand County will cost-share planting projects to scale our planting efforts with federal funding support on a 50/50 basis;

AND THAT a letter of support be provided to the NPCA for inclusion with their RFI submission to the Growing Canada’s Forests initiative;

AND THAT any similar applications submitted by either the Grand River Conservation Authority or the Long Point Region Conservation Authority also be supported.

CARRIED

DEFEATED ON A TIED VOTE

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