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**COUNCIL AGENDA – June 28, 2021**

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June 18, 2021

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**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Dear Ms. Eichenbaum,

Please be advised that the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) adopted the following resolution at its meeting of June 18, 2021:

*Moved by Ed Smith  
Seconded by William Steele*

1. **THAT** the Report No. FA-41-21 (Revised) RE: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide with appended NPCA comments **BE RECEIVED**.
2. **THAT** the transition actions, as listed in the report, **BE REFERRED** to the Governance Committee for consideration of next steps including discussions with municipal partners.
3. **AND FURTHER THAT** the report **BE CIRCULATED** to municipalities within the NPCA's jurisdiction.

Accordingly, for your reference, please find the subject Report No. FA-41-21 attached hereto. Should you have any questions or concerns in respect of this matter, feel free to contact Chandra Sharma, NPCA CAO, at (905) 788-3135 or at [csharma@npca.ca](mailto:csharma@npca.ca).

Sincerely,

*Grant Bivol*

Grant Bivol  
NPCA Clerk / Board Secretariat

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**Report To: Board of Directors**

**Subject: Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide - NPCA Comments**

**Report No: FA-41-21 (Revised)**

**Date: June 18, 2021**

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**Recommendation:**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) comments provided to the Province via Environmental Registry of Ontario. The report also provides a high-level overview of actions resulting from the proposed regulations.

**Background:**

The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) has posted a consultation guide to the Environmental Registry on Thursday, May 13, 2021 "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities". Phase 1 Regulations deal with Program and Services, Governance and Oversight as well Section 29 matters related to Conservation Authority (CA) lands. Section 28 regulations related to CA planning and permitting roles will be released in the coming months, and Phase 2 Regulations regarding the Municipal Levy will be released later in 2021.

Earlier this year, the Province established a working group of stakeholders to provide guidance in developing the proposed regulations. CA representatives on the working group have worked diligently to ensure that the regulations being developed by the Province can be efficiently implemented by the conservation authorities and stay true to the mandate of CA's to protect Ontario's watersheds.

## Discussion:

Staff attended information sessions scheduled by MECP and participated in discussions with Conservation Ontario. Conservation Ontario is also working with conservation authorities to prepare a direct submission to the government. NPCA staff comments are being submitted directly to the ERO with copy to municipal staff and attached as Appendix 1.

A high-level summary of required transition actions is provided below and will be integrated with the Governance Committee Work Plan. The transition period for completion of these actions has been extended to January 1, 2023. It should be noted that these actions are in addition to the governance related changes resulting from proclamation of governance provisions in February of 2021. Additionally, more actions are anticipated through Section 28 regulations and levy regulations.

- a) Create an inventory of all programs and services by December 31, 2021.
- b) Develop a Transition Plan to be submitted to the Province by the December 31, 2021.
- c) Develop a core Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy.
- d) Develop a Strategy for all conservation authority owned or controlled lands and Land Management Plans for each property. (The NPCA is already in the process of launching this process in 2021.).
- e) Develop a Land Acquisition Strategy (LAS). (The NPCA LAS is near completion.)
- f) Enter into agreements for municipal funding of non-mandatory programs and services that require municipal levy by January 1, 2023.
- g) Oversee the formation and operation of a Public Advisory Board. (The NPCA already has a Public Advisory Committee. The Terms of Reference will need to be updated.)

## Financial Implications:

The proposed CA Act changes continue to create an extensive amount of workload and need for resources to ensure timely conformity of actions. Staff are currently working on a plan to address this need.

## Related Reports and Appendices

Appendix 1 - Letter to MECP Regarding Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-2986 - Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulation Guide

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June 15, 2021

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**RE: Response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-2986 – Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations Guide**

Dear Minister Yurek,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide on Phase 1 Regulations. The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) would like to thank the Ministry for involving Conservation Ontario and conservation authority (CA) representatives on the Provincial Working Group of stakeholders to provide guidance in developing the proposed regulations.

The NPCA appreciates the recognition of the critical role of CA's in addressing integrated watershed management and climate change through the provision of 'Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (CWRMS)' This reconfirms the role CA's play in protecting Ontario's watersheds, provides a longer-term perspective, and offers a consistent eco-system based framework for categorizing the mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services for consultation with municipalities. The NPCA will continue to work with the Province through Conservation Ontario and the Provincial Working Group to ensure that the regulations being developed can be effectively implemented and contribute to our mandate to protect Ontario's watersheds.

The NPCA has reviewed the ERO posting and offers the following specific comments:

**PART ONE: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DELIVERED BY CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

Transition Timelines: The NPCA appreciates the provision of the proposed overall transition period to January 1, 2023 by which all agreements for the use of municipal levy must be in place. The proposed deadline would bring the new proposed financial structure for CA's into practice for the authority and municipal fiscal year of 2023. It is also required that CA's must develop a transition plan by December 31<sup>st</sup> including an overall work plan and timeline to develop and enter into agreements with municipalities; an inventory of the authority's programs and services; and any other matters as prescribed in regulation.

The proposed timeframes for the transition period should enable time for the transition plans to be developed in consultation with municipalities and coordinated with the new municipal levy regulation proposed for Phase 2. The challenging timelines can only be met if the actual regulations (both Phase 1 and Phase 2) are enacted expeditiously.

Funding for Mandatory Programs: The mandatory programs that a conservation authority is to provide includes natural hazards, source water protection, managing conservation authority owned properties, and other services specific to certain conservation authorities. The government is also proposing additional services prescribed by regulation, including a core watershed resource management strategy (CWRMS) and Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring. The NPCA is encouraged to see the inclusion of these additional services, particularly the CWRMS. We will work with Conservation Ontario on a consistent approach to the CWRMS across Ontario watersheds.

Natural Hazard Programs: Given the limited resources and other critical priorities of our municipal partners, we request the province to consider their continued funding support of critical mandated programs. Additionally, supporting private landowners with restoration and stewardship services is crucial for the overall watershed health and natural hazard management. A majority of land within the Niagara watershed is under private ownership and stewardship must be supported to address future challenges such as climate change. The recent 50% cut to MNRF funding for the natural hazards program makes ongoing effective implementation challenging.

Provincial Water Quality and Water Quantity Program: Both the Provincial Water Quality (PWQMN) and Water Quantity (PGMN) Monitoring Programs are examples of successful cost sharing programs between MECP and conservation authorities. These longstanding programs provide important trend data in support of effective water management. However, the existing Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring Programs coverage is incomplete and conservation authorities have expanded these networks to provide better coverage (more monitoring outside of the Provincial Networks) for their respective monitoring networks. We ask that the province consider these expanded water quality monitoring programs eligible for inclusion into the mandatory program.

Drinking Water Source Protection Program: The NPCA requests that funding support for mandatory programs and services for conservation authorities related to Source Protection Authority responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act* remain intact. It is our understanding that MECP will continue to provide funding if conservation authorities are required to exercise and perform the powers and duties of a drinking water source protection authority; and implement programs and services related to those responsibilities.

Inclusion of Passive Recreation and Nature Awareness/Education: Included in the mandatory services is the management and maintenance of conservation authority owned lands. However, this does not include the significant aspect of passive recreation, awareness and education critical to community well-being, an important service conservation authority lands offer to the residents of Niagara. Most NPCA properties have some component of passive recreation and nature education components. In many cases, trails are integrated into the property such that it would be problematic to separate the mandatory/non-mandatory components for budgeting purposes. This has the potential to create additional operational costs in tracking the separate funding streams and performing maintenance.

Asset Management and State of Good Repair: NPCA lands and their associated infrastructure (walking trails, safety features, washrooms, signage, etc.) provide important amenities for residents of our watersheds and beyond. Excluding the repair and maintenance of these assets may result in losing facilities or infrastructure due to an inability to maintain them and would be a significant loss for users as well as a health and safety risk. As such, we ask that the proposed provision of the management plan and resource inventory in the Consultation Guide also involve the preparation of an asset management plan to assess asset conditions, current and proposed



levels of service, asset management strategy, and a financing strategy to support the lifecycle management of assets.

The NPCA is pleased to share that our conservation authority is quite advanced in this area. An asset management program has already been deployed with appropriate technology. We will be working with Conservation Ontario to facilitate transfer of this approach to our sister conservation authorities.

Memorandums of Understanding: Non-mandatory programs and services will require conservation authorities to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with funding partners. At present, CA's also have MOU's and Service Level Agreements (SLA's) with lower tier municipalities on *Planning Act* matters and other fee-for-service programs offered to lower tier municipal partners. Clarity on these MOU timing/transition requirements needs to be understood to complete the required transition plans.

## **PART TWO: GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

Public Advisory Committee: The NPCA continues to consult and engage community stakeholders in all aspects of our work. The NPCA and several others CA's already have well-established watershed committees or public advisory committees with Board approved Terms of Reference included formally within the Administrative By-Laws of the respective authorities. In this regard, the NPCA would like to request that the Province address the resource needs related to governance and administration of public advisory committees. To be able to effectively deliver on a sound public engagement strategy through the public advisory committee, CA's need a minimum of two experienced full-time equivalents along with other technical experts and program costs. For transparent and adequate administration, CA's need to establish a secretariat for administration, record keeping, and management of projects. We request that these costs be identified as eligible under minimum levy.

## **PART THREE: OTHER REGULATORY MATTERS - Section 29 Minister's Regulation**

The NPCA supports the consolidation of the various individual CA regulations under Section 29 of the Act regarding public use of an authority's property. However, we believe that our Section 29 regulation can benefit from a comprehensive update. It is proposed that the Section 29 regulation be redesigned to better align with by-laws made under the *Municipal Act* related to the use of municipal property including parks, and the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act*, 2006 and its associated regulations, including O. Reg. 347/07: *Provincial Parks: General Provisions*.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal and hope these comments are helpful. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to the NPCA's Senior Manager of Planning and Regulations, David Deluce at 905-788-3135, ext. 224 or [ddeluce@npca.ca](mailto:ddeluce@npca.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chandra', written over a horizontal line.

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cc: Local Area CAO's  
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June 23, 2021

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**RE: Response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 019-2986 –  
 Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulatory Proposal Guide**

Dear Minister Piccini,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide on Phase 1 Regulations. The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) would like to thank the Ministry for involving Conservation Ontario and conservation authority (CA) representatives on the Provincial Working Group of stakeholders to provide assistance in developing the proposed regulations.

The LPRCA appreciates the recognition of the importance of the integrated, watershed-based approach to addressing natural resource management and climate change through the provision for the Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy. A watershed-based resource management strategy can provide an integrated, long-term perspective for the delivery of both mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services.

The LPRCA has reviewed the ERO posting and offers the following specific comments:

### **PART ONE: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DELIVERED BY CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

#### **Mandatory Programs and Services related to the Risk of Natural Hazards**

##### Land Use Planning

**Comment: Land-use planning input and review related to natural hazards, wetlands and storm water management should be specifically identified as part of the mandatory land-use planning service.**

While Land Use Planning input is listed as a Mandatory program, municipal plan review is not referenced on either the mandatory or non-mandatory program list. We understand that municipal planning applications will still be circulated to CA's for comments under the Planning Act. Land use planning input and review related to natural hazards should be more clearly part of the mandatory land use planning service, to be continued as set out in



the 2001 MNRF/MMAH/CO Memorandum of Understanding on Procedures to Address Conservation Authority Delegation.

We understand that the regulation of wetlands will remain in the consolidated Section 28.1 regulation, however, clarification is required regarding CA's responsibilities during the land use planning process related to wetlands. A minimal advisory service related to wetlands is needed during the land use planning process, at least to ensure that the "principle of development" decision comes ahead of the CA Section 28.1 permit process.

Storm water management is explicitly listed on the sample non-mandatory service list. The evolution of storm water management in Ontario began with the need to mitigate the flood and erosion impacts of urbanization. Conservation authority review and technical advice on storm water management plans should be included as part of the mandatory land-use planning service, particularly for flood and erosion control which are not covered in the MECP Stormwater Management Guidelines or the requirements for a wastewater discharge certificate of approval.

#### Private Land Stewardship Programs for Natural Hazard Mitigation

**Comment: Private land stewardship programs such as tree-planting and soil erosion control are an integral part of natural hazard mitigation and should be recognized in the mandatory programs and services related to the Risk of Natural Hazards.**

The preamble to Part One: Programs and Services Delivered By Conservation Authorities states that "Conservation authorities were established by the Province through municipal resolutions to address cross municipal boundary interests in resource management principally related to water and natural hazard management. The description could be enhanced to reflect water/hazard management through forest management which has been a focus for LPRCA.

The issues that prompted the establishment of the Otter and Big Creek Conservation Authorities were related to deforestation and its impact on water supply, drought, soil erosion and flooding. The focus of LPRCA's early mandate was on forest acquisition, reforestation and aiding landowners to reforest marginal land – water/hazard management through forest management. LPRCA further requests that the long standing value of forests, wetlands and riparian buffers in the watershed-based prevention and mitigation of flood and erosion hazards be acknowledged and that private land stewardship programs such as tree-planting and soil erosion control be included in the mandatory programs and services related to the Risk of Natural Hazards. While there may be, from time to time, other sources of funding available for the disbursement cost of these programs, funding for planning, outreach and delivery of these projects is not. Continuity, relationship building and a watershed approach to these programs are important in the mitigation of flood and erosion hazards.

#### Mandatory Programs and Services Related to the Management of Conservation Authority Land

**Comment: Reasonable timelines are needed for the completion of the many strategies and management plans that are proposed to be mandatory for CA-owned lands.**

LPRCA owns 11,087 acres of land in 146 parcels in a range of categories including revenue generating campgrounds and managed forest tracts, and non-revenue generating water control reservoir lands, hazard lands, wetlands, and natural heritage features/areas. The regulation should recognize the need for reasonable timelines for the completion of management plans for CA-owned properties and the financial resources that will be required to complete the plans.

**Comment: Risk reduction related to the management and maintenance of CA-owned lands should not be limited to illegal activities but should also include activities to ensure public and CA staff safety on the property.**

Passive public use of non-revenue generating CA-owned land (hiking, walking, bird watching) is recreational. Much of the maintenance work done to allow for these passive uses, such as signage and trails, is done to protect the natural resource and mitigate the impacts of foot traffic. The management and maintenance of CA-owned lands related to passive, non-revenue generating, recreational use, now explicitly listed as non-mandatory, should be recognized as land security and natural heritage management activities.

### **Mandatory Programs to be Prescribed**

#### **Core-Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy**

**Comment: LPRCA agrees that a watershed-based resource management strategy can provide a more integrated, long-term perspective for the delivery of both mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services.**

A watershed-based resource management strategy will play an important role in LPRCA's natural hazards mitigation programs and land securement/acquisition and management strategies.

#### **Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring**

**Comment: LPRCA agrees that the long standing, province-wide CA-MECP partnership for stream water quality monitoring and groundwater monitoring should continue on a watershed basis.**

#### **Conservation Authority Costs Not Related to Delivery of Programs and Services**

**Comment: LPRCA agrees that there are on-going organizational costs that enable the CA to function effectively as an organization but which are not directly related to the delivery of any specific program or service.**

### **Regulation for Municipal Agreements and Transition Period**

**Comment: The proposed timeframes for the transition period will be challenging even if the final regulations for Phase 1 are available by August 31, 2021. Phase 2 will outline additional regulations; those timelines are unknown and without both phases completed, the proposed timelines prescribed above are at risk.**

The proposed overall transition period to January 1, 2023 requires all agreements for the use of municipal levy to be in place. A new financial structure would be in place for the

2023 fiscal year, which would be required for the budget preparation in the fall of 2022. To develop the required transition plan by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, including an inventory of the authority's programs and services and an overall work plan and timeline to develop and enter in agreements with municipalities, LPRCA requires both phases of regulation to be available and enacted promptly.

## **PART TWO: GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

### **CA Act Section 18 (2,3) Regulation to Require "Community" Advisory Board**

**Comment:** The LPRCA Board of Directors firmly opposes the imposition of an advisory board to the conservation authority board as an unnecessary and costly duplication of the CA board and we encourage the provincial government to instead allow authorities to direct the funds which would be spent on those advisory boards into necessary programming. This imposition of an advisory board does not support the government initiatives to eliminate duplication and remove layers of bureaucracy.

The administrative support for an effective community advisory committee is staff intensive, and can be comparable to that required for the General Membership. LPRCA is concerned that an on-going Community Advisory Board will be an unnecessary and costly duplication of the General Membership's role.

## **PART THREE: OTHER REGULATORY MATTERS – Section 29 Minister's Regulation**

### **CA Act Section 29(1) Conservation Areas**

**Comment:** LPRCA does not agree that the consolidation of individual CA Section 29 regulations into one Minister's regulation is beneficial if it leads to a mandatory universal standard for all CAs.

Conservation Authorities differ significantly in the implementation of their enforcement programs and have a wide range of abilities to support future additions to the Section 29 regulation that are needed by some conservation authorities. Having one regulation that applies to all CA conservation areas may, in the future, either push the staffing, equipment and skill requirements well beyond what many CA's can financially support, or limit the tools and authorities that some CAs need. An individual approach to the enforcement of Section 29 for each Conservation Authority will allow each CA to meet their enforcement needs without creating a standard that some CA's would not be able to achieve.

## **OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Comment:** Timeframes, if set for the delivery of all of the new mandatory initiatives, could require capacity that the CA does not currently have and thereby require additional municipal levy funding to meet the regulatory requirement.

The proposed Phase 1 regulations would require LPRCA to develop new policies, plans, committees and consultation processes:

- Create an inventory of programs and services by December 31, 2021
- Develop a transition plan submitted to the Province by December 31, 2021
- Send quarterly progress reports to the Ministry on implementation of the transition plan

- Enter into agreements with each municipality for non-mandatory programs and services that require municipal levy as a source of funding by Dec 31, 2022.
- Create an overall fee policy document.
- Create asset management and operating plans for the water control structures
- Develop a core watershed-based resource management strategy
- Develop an “overarching” strategy for CA-owned lands, with public participation in the planning process
- Develop a land securement/acquisition and disposition policy for CA-owned lands
- Develop a management plan for each property or group of properties
- Oversee the formation and operation of a “Community” Advisory Board to provide advice and recommendations to the authority on the authority’s strategic priorities and associated policies, programs and services.

The timeline is very aggressive considering additional resources (financial and human) will be required. The second factor is that the regulations for Phase 1 are not released and the regulations for Phase 2 have not been initiated. The timeline is unknown at this time.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input to the Phase 1 Regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Respectfully,



Michael Columbus,  
Chair,  
Long Point Region Conservation Authority

cc. Honourable Greg Rickford  
Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry  
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June 11, 2021

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**Re: Lyme Disease Awareness Month**  
**Our Files: 35.31.99/35.23.12**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on May 31, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS May is Lyme Disease National Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines Strategic Plan includes improving livability for all; and

WHEREAS Niagara Region is a high-risk area for ticks and Lyme Disease, and cases continue to increase; and

WHEREAS Ontario health does not cover treatment and testing for all strains of Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS Lyme Disease is a crippling disease if not diagnosed and treated appropriately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of St. Catharines call on the Ontario government to expand testing to all strains of Lyme Disease and improve the level of treatment and care for those diagnosed with this crippling disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, local MPPs, Niagara Health, Niagara Region Public Health, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be sent correspondence of Council's decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor bring this matter to the attention of the Niagara Region and request that the Region build an awareness campaign with on-line resources for families with Lyme Disease.”



If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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At the Regular E-Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes held Monday, June 7, 2021, the following Resolution was passed:

**RESOLUTION #68-2021**

Moved By: Councillor Livingston  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Maxwell

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS at the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held May 20, 2021, Resolution #12-2021 was passed regarding cemetery funding;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario have been made responsible for abandoned cemeteries within their boundaries, and are required by the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* "to ensure that the cemetery grounds, including all lots, structures, and markers, are maintained to ensure the safety of the public and to preserve the dignity of the cemetery;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are not only symbols of respect, preserving the memory of families, prominent citizens, and local history; some cemeteries are landmarks in themselves and hold great historical value worldwide;

AND WHEREAS preservation repairs to older cemeteries are very costly, requiring the specialized services of stonemasons and archeologists;

AND WHEREAS the care and maintenance funds of abandoned cemeteries are generally non-existent or so small as to produce insufficient annual interest to cover even the cost of lawn care at the site;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes hereby Urges the Government of Ontario to immediately provide funding sources for Municipalities for the ongoing maintenance and preservation repair of abandoned cemeteries in their care;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, the Minister of Government and Consumer Affairs, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and MPP Steve Clark.

Certified to be a true copy of the original

Date: June 8, 2021

Signature:

Title: Clerk, The Corporation of the  
Township of Rideau Lakes

Carried:

Signed: Arie Hoogenboom, Mayor



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June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **RE: Seeking your endorsement for Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents & Private Member's Bill C-313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you today seeking your endorsement of my House of Commons [Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents](#) and my private member's legislation on [Banning Symbols of Hate Act - Bill C-313](#). We are living in an unprecedented time. The killing of George Floyd in the U.S., and the deaths of Regis Korchinski-Paquet, a 29-year-old Indigenous-Ukrainian-Black Canadian woman, occurred in Toronto, and Chantel Moore, an Indigenous Canadian woman, was shot and killed by Edmundston police, New Brunswick police, who were called to perform a wellness check - were results of systemic racism.

Since the start of the pandemic, there has been an alarming increase of anti-Asian racism and hate crimes in Canada and across North America. A new [Angus Reid public opinion](#) poll shows that nearly 50% of young Asian Canadians have experienced and been affected by anti-Asian racism and bigotry in the last year. [Statistics Canada](#) reported that in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, fear and misinformation about the virus may disproportionately impact the sense of personal and community safety of many people in Canada.

The recent murder of the Muslim family in London, Ontario, was yet another reminder that hate and Islamophobia exist in Canada. We must take a strong stance against all forms of hate and racism against Black, Indigenous, People of Colour and Racialized communities.

My Bill C-313 would prevent anyone from selling and displaying symbols that promote hatred and violence against identifiable groups. Julian says banning symbols of hatred like swastikas or Klu Klux Klan insignia is important for all Canadians to feel safe.

**I hope I can count on your endorsement to urge the federal government to immediately stop all forms of hate and all forms of discrimination, hate crimes and incidents as well as ending all display and sale in Canada of symbols of hate.** Please consider using the following endorsement paragraph as a reply as soon as possible:

*On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of residents in your city), the Mayor and Council of \_\_\_\_\_ (city name) endorse MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act.*

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, Doris Mah, at 604-353-3107 if you require any further information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Peter Julian, MP  
New Westminster-Burnaby