

September 2, 2022

Mayor David Bylsma and Council Township of West Lincoln 318 Canborough Street, Box 400 Smithville ON LOR 2A0

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Mayor Bylsma and Council,

Please be advised that at its meeting of June 17, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) adopted the following as Resolution No. FA-56-2022:

Moved by Member Ed Smith Seconded by Member Jack Hellinga

- 1. **THAT** Report No. FA-24-222 RE: Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032, as appended, **BE ENDORSED** in principle to engage with external partners to obtain input before finalizing the Strategy.
- 2. **THAT** staff **CONSULT** with municipal partners, land trusts, Indigenous organizations, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation, and Public Advisory Committee to seek input and to explore partnerships toward future land securement.
- 3. **THAT** staff **DEVELOP** policy to guide decision-making regarding land acquisition and disposition, as per the Conservation Authorities Act, O. Reg 686/21 (Sec. 9 (2)(vi)).
- AND FURTHER THAT staff REPORT back to the Board of Directors for final approval of the Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032 and implementation priorities during Q4 of 2022.

CARRIED

Accordingly, please find attached the subject NPCA Report No. FA-24-2022, in addition to the *Draft Land Securement Strategy 2022-2032*. As the NPCA moves forward with this initiative, we seek opportunities to enhance partnerships and encourage collaboration in securing and preserving public lands across the Niagara Peninsula watershed.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff and kindly reach out to Eric Baldin, Manager of Land Planning, by October 3, 2022, to set up a meeting or provide feedback on the final Land Securement Strategy document. Mr. Baldin can be reached by email at ebaldin@npca.ca or by phone at 905-788-3135, extension #283.

Sincerely,

Grant Bivol NPCA Clerk