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CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP - LAKE SIMCOE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve the current York Region membership representation of seven members on the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors and that these members represent the municipality regarding matters considered under both the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Clean Water Act*.
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

2. PURPOSE

This report responds to the request of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to confirm its membership on the Authority and have the same membership confirmed to represent the Region as it relates to Source Protection Authority under the Clean Water Act.

3. BACKGROUND

On September 6, Finance and Administration Authority received and referred to staff for a report correspondence (see attachment 1) from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting York Region Council to approve its existing representation on the Board of Directors. York Region was also asked to approve this membership as representatives of York Region on the Source Protection Authority.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Confirming membership is a requirement of the Clean Water Act

The Conservation Authority is the lead agency for Source Protection activities. The Clean Water Act requires that a Source Protection Authority be struck with responsibility for the development of an assessment report and a Source Protection Plan and the submission

of those products to the Ministry of the Environment. The Authority is also responsible for the oversight of the program budget and work plan.

York Region's membership on the Conservation Authority is not under review

The determination of membership for the Source Protection Authority is delegated to the Conservation Authority. For ease of administration, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is recommending that the structure of the Source Protection Authority mirror that of the main Authority itself. Mechanically, the Clean Water Act requires that membership be confirmed by York Region firstly to the Conservation Authority itself and then secondly to confirm these members as York Region representatives on the Source Protection Authority. York Region representation on the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority will remain at seven out of 18 members. York Region will similarly have seven members on the Source Protection Authority.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for Source Protection activities will be managed within the administrative framework of the Conservation Authority. The development of the Source Protection Plan is funded from a provincial grant. Funding for the period following completion of the Plan implementation is uncertain. York Region annually considers the Conservation Authority budget as part of the normal business planning and budget cycle.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The seven members of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority that represent York Region include both members of Regional Council and local municipal councils. These members would also serve on the Source Protection Authority.

7. CONCLUSION

The *Clean Water Act* requires that Regional Council confirm its membership to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority as well as confirm its support of the structure of the Source Protection Authority. The Conservation Authority is recommending that, for ease of administration, the seven members representing York Region also serve as York Region's representatives on the Source Protection Authority.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)