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Dear Chair Iannicca and Members of Regional Council,

On behalf of Chair Jennifer Innis and John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, please find the attached letter of congratulations.

Thank you,

Victoria

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Office of the Chair



November 30, 2022

**VIA EMAIL**

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**Re: Extending congratulations on your election as Region of Peel Council**

Dear Chair and Council,

On behalf of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), we congratulate you on your election to Region of Peel Council. We look forward to continuing to work with you on advancing our shared objectives and addressing the critical environmental issues and infrastructure needs facing your municipality and our growing region.

As the largest of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario, TRCA's jurisdiction includes Canada's largest urban centre, nine watersheds and the Lake Ontario shoreline from Mississauga to Ajax. We have served this expansive and diverse jurisdiction for over 60 years and continue to play a critical role in supporting the conservation, restoration, development, and management of Ontario's natural resources to ensure safer, greener and more livable communities.

TRCA has long supported the Region of Peel in a successful partnership to protect people, property, and communities in the Region of Peel from risks related to extreme events and hazards, and to deliver on municipally requested programs and services for communities and residents. Currently, TRCA and the Region of Peel are moving forward with the process of developing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to govern the delivery of municipally requested programs and services.

In addition to working closely with municipalities to further our mandate, TRCA has also been successful in leveraging our existing funding, including from Peel Region, to obtain significant grants through other levels of government in order to address natural hazards, create safer and greener communities, provide greenspace and recreational amenities and programming to residents and visitors, and offer important training and employment opportunities. Recent successful funding applications relevant to the Region include:

- Canada Community Revitalization Fund for improvements to Albion Hills Conservation Park, Bolton Camp site entrance, Claireville Conservation Area and Heart Lake Conservation Park;
- 2 Billion Trees (Natural Resources Canada) for TRCA Tree Planting Projects;
- Great Lakes Protection Initiative (ECCC) and Canada-Ontario Agreement (MECP) for Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Governance;
- Canada-Ontario Agreement (MECP) for Lake Ontario Tributary Monitoring, Rural Clean Water Program, and chloride monitoring projects;
- Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (MNRF) for TRCA infrastructure projects;

- EcoAction (ECCC) for “Sponge Neighbourhoods: Working with Local Communities to Improve Freshwater Systems”;
- Canada Summer Jobs for summer employment opportunities;
- TD Friends of the Environment grants for the Citizen Science Volunteer Program, Medicine Wheel Garden and Girls Can Too program;
- Intersectoral Action Fund for “Growing Healthy Towers: Transformative Partners for a Healthy Built Environment”; and
- Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund (ECCC) for Nature-Based Solutions Mapping Tool.

Specific to the Region, TRCA has, or continues to deliver projects and programs that include:

- Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan and Humber River Watershed Plan updates, which accounting for climate change impacts;
- Commenting on Official Plan and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews;
- Review of planning and development-related applications for natural hazards, flood mitigation, creation of Natural Heritage System and trail system, restoration and infrastructure opportunities, and stormwater and source water management;
- Updates to TRCA's Natural Heritage System and Water Resources System mapping, and Watershed and Ecosystems Reporting Hub, to better inform municipal comprehensive reviews;
- Work with municipalities, local communities and other stakeholders towards various Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Programs (SNAP), which implements action plans and neighbourhood-resilience initiatives for objectives such as greenhouse gas reduction, water conservation, active transportation, stormwater management, heat stress mitigation, and community health and resilience;
- Partners in Project Green, which provides eco-business solutions for local industry partners to advance adoption of sustainable practices, including supporting Greening Corporate Grounds, the development of a Green Industries Directory, a Circular Economy Leaders Consortium for waste prevention and diversion, and the Regional Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy;
- Participation in the Peel Climate Change Partnership, which includes targeted plantings in heat vulnerable neighbourhoods, flood resiliency projects, and implementation of the Peel Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy;
- Long term aquatic and terrestrial monitoring programs for healthy watersheds and ecosystems;
- Working with the Ministry of Transportation in a voluntary review process to mitigate environmental impacts related to Highway 413;
- Operation and maintenance of major dams and flood control channels that provide flood mitigation and protection to residents and urban cores;
- A pilot of the Flood Early Warning Decision Support System to leverage technological advancements in flood forecasting and warning;
- Management of nine conservation properties within the Region of Peel for the enjoyment and recreation of visitors and residents, including implementation of facility upgrades, trail networks, restoration and planting projects;
- Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area restoration project, in partnership with City of Mississauga and Credit Valley Conservation;
- Delivery of free in-school and community learning programs, including Active Transportation and Peel Ecoschools programming, nature walks, cleanups, and more;
- Capacity building, youth engagement, and training opportunities through TRCA's Youth Council, Conservation Youth Corps program, Professional Access Into Employment (PAIE) program, and summer employment at our conservation parks and lands;

- The Peel Rural Clean Water Program, which provides technical assistance and financial incentive to agricultural landowners to assist in voluntary implementation of best management practices, as well as delivering the Peel ALUS Pilot Project;
- Supporting urban agriculture at McVean Incubator Farm at Claireville Conservation Area, as well as the Black Youth Farming Collective through the City of Brampton's Community Gardens Program;
- Natural Channels Restoration Projects that are restoring degraded sections of hardened concrete channels to a natural state with increased flood storage, and including various restoration projects and community amenities;
- Community Stewardship Program plantings and restoration activities with community groups, school groups, corporate groups and local residents throughout Peel Region; and
- Administration of the Canadian Heritage Rivers (CHRS) designation for the Humber River, a joint federal-provincial-territorial program, to celebrate the Carrying Place Trail and Humber River.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to provide you with an update on our efforts to advance important initiatives in your region. Please have a member of your team reach out to Victoria Kramkowski, Government and Community Relations Specialist, at [victoria.kramkowski@trca.ca](mailto:victoria.kramkowski@trca.ca) to schedule a meeting.

Congratulations again and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Innis  
Chair



John MacKenzie, M.Sc. (PI) MCIP, RPP  
Chief Executive Officer