
Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: Niagara Region Tree and Forest Bylaw Annual Report

Report No: FA-11-21

Date: February 18, 2021

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. FA-11-21 RE: Niagara Region Tree and Forest Bylaw Annual Report **BE RECEIVED.**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present to the Board of Directors, the final NPCA Annual Report on activities undertaken by the NPCA in relation to administration of the Niagara Region's Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw in 2020.

Background:

The NPCA has been successfully administering the Niagara Region's Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw on behalf of the Region since 2008. On January 31, 2021, the Niagara Region's new Woodland Bylaw was enacted, replacing the existing Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw. As the Board is aware, as part of this process, the Niagara Region has assumed responsibility for administration of their new bylaw. As such, the NPCA is no longer involved in the administration of the new Woodland Bylaw.

Discussion:

A full review of the details and information related to the transfer of the bylaw's administration from the NPCA to the Niagara Region was presented to the Board of Directors at the Full Authority meeting on October 22, 2020 in Report No. FA-56-20. As per the direction provided in that report, NPCA staff including the Watershed Forester are and will continue to offer assistance to the Region in support of this transition to ensure the highest level of environmental protection and landowner outreach. NPCA staff are currently in the process of working with Niagara Region staff to develop details around the level of support required in 2021.

Appendix 1: 2020 Annual Report – Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw (2008-30) is attached for information and will be the last NPCA staff report to the Board of Directors with regards to the NPCA's administration of the bylaw.

Financial Implications:

None.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix 1: 2020 Annual Report – Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw (2008-30)

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