

**5. Motion – Representation on Conservation Authority Boards**

**Motion – Représentation au conseil d'administration des offices de protection de la nature**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council requests the Mayor and the City Clerk, on behalf of Council, to make an application under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to have less than seventy per cent representation on the three Conservation Authority Boards.

**RECOMMANDATION DU COMITÉ**

Que le Conseil demande au maire et au greffier municipal de soumettre, au nom du Conseil, une demande en vertu de la *Loi sur les offices de protection de la nature* en vue de permettre une représentation de moins de soixante-dix pour cent au conseil d'administration des trois offices de protection de la nature.

**DOCUMENTATION / DOCUMENTATION**

Committee Coordinator's report, dated February 3, 2022 (ACS2022-OCC-ARA-0001)

Rapport de la coordonnatrice, daté le 3 février 2022 (ACS2022-OCC-ARA-0001)

**Subject: Motion – Representation on Conservation Authority Boards**

**File Number: ACS2022-OCC-ARA-0001**

**Council 9 February 2022**

**Submitted on February 3, 2022 by Kelly Crozier, Committee Coordinator**

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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend that Council requests the Mayor and the City Clerk, on behalf of Council, to make an application under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to have less than seventy per cent representation on the three Conservation Authority Boards.**

#### **RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil demande au maire et au greffier municipal de soumettre, au nom du Conseil, une demande en vertu de la *Loi sur les offices de protection de la***

***nature en vue de permettre une représentation de moins de soixante-dix pour cent au conseil d'administration des trois offices de protection de la nature.***

## **BACKGROUND**

*The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee at its meeting of February 3, 2022, approved the following motion, which was added to the agenda pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law:*

WHEREAS the *Conservation Authorities Act* now requires that a minimum of seventy percent of their Board of Directors must be elected officials representing municipalities within the watershed;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa represents a significant proportion of the land area in covered by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and the South Nation Conservation Authority, and as such, it would require a very large proportion of Council members to sit on one of the Conservation Authority Boards;

WHEREAS Section 14. (1.2.) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* allows municipalities to apply to the Minister to allow a municipality to have less than seventy percent representation, thereby allowing a Council to appoint citizen members;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Recommend Council requests the Mayor and the City Clerk, on behalf of Council, to make an application under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to have less than seventy per cent representation on the three Conservation Authority Boards.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Committee unanimously supported the aforementioned motion and agreed that it would be presented to Council on February 9, 2022.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report has no financial implications.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of February 9, 2022. Legal staff will be present at the Council meeting and can provide comment if required.

## **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

Not applicable. This is a City-wide issue.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of February 9, 2022, 2021. This report was not circulated for comment as it was added at the meeting.

## **CONSULTATION**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of February 9, 2022. No consultation was undertaken as this item was added at the meeting.

## **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of February 9, 2022. No specific accessibility impacts have been identified.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of February 9, 2022. No risk management implications have been identified.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

## **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of February 9, 2022. No direct impacts on the City's strategic priorities or directions identified for the current Term of Council have been identified.

## **DISPOSITION**

Following Council approval, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development staff will undertake action to respond to the recommendations in the report.