

April 4, 2007

Ms. Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk
City of Toronto
West 13th Floor
100 Queen St. West, City Hall
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

Re: Appointments to the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Etobicoke - Mimico
Watersheds Coalition: 2007-2009

Since 1992, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) has established community-based committees to assist with the protection and restoration of its watersheds. The two committees in the City of Toronto are the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Etobicoke - Mimico Watersheds Coalition. The membership includes elected representatives, agency staff, residents, community groups, academic institutions and business groups.

The City of Toronto has formally appointed members from Community Councils to the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Etobicoke - Mimico Watersheds Coalition in the past. We are extremely grateful for the cooperation and dedication we have received.

The Authority, at its meeting held March 30, 2007, adopted the Terms of Reference for the above mentioned committees. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Etobicoke - Mimico Coalition are enclosed for your information.

Consequently, I would once again like to invite the City of Toronto to appoint three councillors and one staff to the Humber Watershed Alliance, representing Toronto North, Toronto South and Toronto West Community Councils, and one councillor and one staff to represent the Etobicoke - Mimico Watersheds Coalition, representing Etobicoke Community Council. The terms of the committees is two years beginning approximately in June, 2007.

As a member of the Humber Watershed Alliance, the appointed councillors and staff members will assist with:

- Completion of the Humber Watershed Management Plan polices and implementation strategy to meet the requirements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan;
- Urban and near-urban agriculture initiatives;

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- Program development for the Claireville Conservation Area and management plan implementation (please see map attached); and
- Heritage initiatives to complement the Canadian Heritage Rivers designation for the Humber.

As a member of the Etobicoke - Mimico Watersheds Coalition, the appointed councillors and staff members will assist with:

- Assist the City with Wet Weather Flow Master Management Plan, specifically the Bonar Creek Stormwater Management Facility;
- Riparian and terrestrial restoration;
- Working with community groups on at-source stormwater controls and native gardening;
- Trail enhancement and restoration within South Mimico and South Etobicoke watershed; and
- Eco-industrial networking for enhanced environmental and economic performance including energy, water and waste synergies.

We request that your appointment of councillors and staff to the Humber Watershed Alliance and the Etobicoke - Mimico Watersheds Coalition be done by May 7, 2007 in order that we can confirm membership and have our inaugural meetings in June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Wilkins, Humber Watershed Specialist at (416)661- 6600, extension 5211 or Chandra Sharma, Etobicoke and Mimico Creek Watersheds Specialist at (416)661- 6600, extension 5237.

Yours truly,



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Watershed Management Division

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cc: Helen Smith, Appointment & Nomination Assistant