Senior Management Team

Restoration and Infrastructure - Update

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Restoration & Infrastructure – Priorities

- Safely, efficiently and effectively executing this spring's planting season with 47 full-time and contract staff planting approximately 291,363 trees, shrubs and bioengineering works
- 2. Seaton Land Management and Access
- 3. Support for the City of Toronto Ravine Implementation Strategy Report to Council
- 4. Moving to delivery of the Regional Trail Strategy for the funded components of the strategy
- 5. Development of a TRCA Property and Forest Management 311 and work order system
- Preparing for the increased workload associated with the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (\$22.3 million over 10 years) and \$16.6 million over 3-4 years from City of Toronto's PF&R Division

Restoration & Infrastructure – Challenges

- Managing transitions associated with retirement of senior staff in the Division including recruitment and Associate Director.
- Forest Ontario 50 Million Tree Program. Cuts resulting in approximately \$120K reduction from our tree planting budgets
- 3. Balancing project delivery for existing capital & special programs while fulfilling commitments with new sources of funding (eg DMAF)
 - additional staff, increased office space, recruitment, diversified approaches to construction and regulatory approvals



Restoration & Infrastructure – Required Cooperation

- 1. R&I leading internal coordination in providing the City of Toronto with support writing the Council reports for the Ravine Implementation Strategy and the Biodiversity Strategy (currently targeted for July Council)
- 2. Updated LiDAR acquisition (\$180K). Used in many aspects of corporate operations including land management, erosion identification, flooding, etc.
- 3. Formalizing a TRCA Trails Working Group and regular government engagement
- 4. In-stream debris blockages
- 5. Application for the Ashbirdges Bay Treatment Plant DFO fisheries authorization and letter of credit successfully submitted AHT working group
- 6. Successful implementation of capital and special projects require cooperation with many of TRCA's teams.
 - Finance and Procurement to develop streamlined approaches to procuring construction and consulting services
 - Development & Engineering Services and Planning & Policy staff to modernize the internal review process
 - Marketing & GIS support will be required to develop high quality promotional material and interactive map tools
 - HR to standardize of Health & Safety processes for construction projects and field programs and to assist with a number of hiring processes

Restoration & Infrastructure – Heads Up

- Executed agreement with Toronto Water for maintenance of 8 (+1) priority SWMPs for \$5.1M
- 2. Construction expected to commence this spring on Toronto PF&R led Tommy Thompson Park Entrance Pavilion.
- 3. Aquatic Habitat Canada TRCA is a founding member and executive on this new advisory group to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- 4. Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) are actively requesting engagement beyond archaeology for large construction projects. MCFN is responding to news reports of projects within their treaty area (most of TRCA's jurisdiction) and may request consultation for projects from planning through construction





Thank you!

