

# Senior Management Team

Restoration and Infrastructure - Update

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# Restoration & Infrastructure – Priorities

1. Safely and efficiently execute the **fall planting season** with 25 full-time and contract staff planting approximately 50,000 trees & shrubs.
2. Prepare a resourcing plan to the funded the **Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund**. TRCA will directly receive \$56.1 million of additional funding over 10 years for our ravine and waterfront projects. Additional funding is also expected over the next 4 years from City of Toronto's PF&R Division and through fee for service work for other municipal partners.
3. Collaborate on **Regional Trail Strategy Priority Projects** and move quickly to implement trail construction projects.
4. DFO and EC has contributed \$342,500 for **the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, Aquatic Habitat Enhancement at TTP, and the Waterfront Revive Project**
5. Support SLA's/MOU's with partner municipalities and agencies e.g. Ports Toronto, Toronto Zoo, Parks Canada, others.

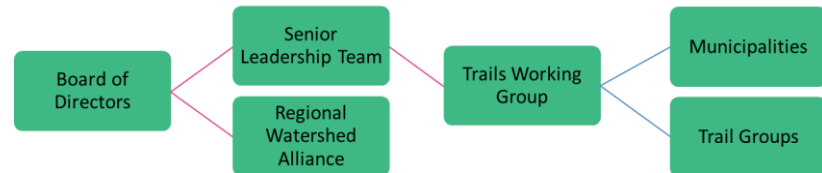
# Restoration & Infrastructure – Challenges

1. Procurement for construction and consulting services.
  - *R&I working on VOR for routine consulting services to expedite work*
  - *R&I compiling feedback on other procurement challenges for further discussion with CEO's office and Corporate Services*
2. Internal approvals process for Municipal partnered projects to minimize delays, and improve perceived value for cost
  - *R&I working with Planning Ecology and other Divisions to improve process and timing for formal internal reviews.*
3. Increased uncertainty from municipal partners regarding Bill 108, resulting in questions and delays in signing partnership agreements
4. Operating 3 major fill sites including Lakeview, Ashbridges Bay, and Brock North. This is stretching staff resources and resulting in fill disposal competition to support projects.
5. TRCA is reaching the end of the of the Emerald Ash Borer Program. We are seeking opportunities to retain and utilized our high-quality contract arborists and support staff
6. Increased incidents of tick bites and positive confirmation of Lyme disease. Growing field staff concerns
  - *Issue being reviewed by new R&I H&S Rep*



# Restoration & Infrastructure – Required Cooperation

1. The City of Mississauga has sole-sourced \$600K to TRCA for the implementation of the Paul Coffey Park Natural Areas Plan over the next 5 years.
2. Support from Legal Counsel on SLA's.
3. Use the TRCA Trails Working Group to provide our municipal partners with a coordinated approach to implementing the Regional Trail Strategy
4. ITM support for new project scheduling and task tracking application to manage a constantly growing number of projects and deliverables.
5. Brampton Eco-Park Initiative to be incorporated into next natural channel design project (within Jordan, Jefferson and Jayfield Parks)
6. Develop partnership with Engineering Services for developing a new channel maintenance and management program.
7. Support from HR on implementing resourcing plan to achieve DMAF commitments.



# Restoration & Infrastructure – Heads Up

1. Updates to the federal Fisheries Act and Navigable Waters Protection Act. The resulting procedural changes for approvals need to be considered.
2. The U.S. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation has awarded an \$89K grant for the Centreville Creek Barrier Removal and Valleyland Restoration Project.
3. TRCA has been asked to present at the Parks Planning Summit in Toronto.
4. Development of partnership with LEAF for private land planting initiatives.
5. New forestry forwarder trailer to salvage and utilize hazard trees with little impact to trails or CAs.



# Thank you!

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