

# Senior Management Team

## Policy Planning 2020 Divisional Priorities

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# Policy Planning – 2020 Priorities

## Strategy 1 Green the Toronto region's economy

- Provide input into the development of provincial legislation, policies and guidelines within prescribed timelines (e.g. CA Act enabling regulations, MOUs/SLAs, ERO postings), Q1- Q4

## Strategy 2 Manage our regional water resources for current and future generations

- Source Water Protection – new Aurora Well (Q2), Amendments to CTC Protection Plan – incorporate new technical information and related policies, definitions - (Q4); Annual Report on Implementation (Q2 - 4<sup>th</sup> year of Plan.; Q4 prepare 5<sup>th</sup> year)
- Develop jurisdictional Water Resource System – new comprehensive data layers - e.g. instream thermal temperature of reaches, ecologically significant groundwater areas, wetlands, HDFs, etc. Q4 to SLT
- Special Policy Area Reviews/Updates – coordinate policy, planning and technical input - municipal and provincial timelines Q1 –Q4 (e.g. Unionville SPA boundary update, Dixie-Dundas/Etobicoke Creek SPAs, Bram East SPA, finalize Bolton, Lake Wilcox, Hogs Hollow)
- Aquatic and Wetland ecology research – quantify cumulative impacts of stormwater ponds on aquatic habitat (Q4 – Report); development of KPIs for benefits of wetland restoration/creation (Q4)

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## Strategy 3 Rethink greenspace to maximize its value

- Complete Natural Heritage System Update by Q4 – integrating municipal natural system layers, habitat connectivity priorities, climate vulnerabilities, terrestrial and aquatic species habitat needs and policy criteria to develop regional NHS; data layers to inform watershed planning and MCR processes
- Update TRCA policies, guidelines and procedures to conform with new legislation (Q3/Q4 – into 2021)
- Planning Ecology – update guidelines, including Internal Review Protocol for TRCA Projects (Q3 SLT)
- Urban Forest Planning – manage and update all York Region studies (i.e. York/lower-tiers -5 year project) - 2020 state of forest report Q4; research incorporating forests into York Region's Green Infrastructure Asset Management Q3; Town of Ajax Urban Forest Study Q2-Q4

## Strategy 4 Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment

- Collaborate with DES to support streamlining initiatives, training, enhancing relationships with municipalities, development industry (e.g. BILD Working Group and Sub-Committee) Q1 – Q4
- Planning Ecology: achieve review timelines, digital review and technology upgrades, coordination with technical disciplines to achieve consistency (Q1 -4)

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## **Strategy 7 Build partnerships and new business models**

- Greenbelt Golden Horseshoe CA Collaborative (13 CAs)– bring forward items for cross jurisdictional information and action to increase regional collaboration, Q1- Q4
- TRCA Research Partnership Toolkit – coordination TRCA, municipal partners, academic partners (Q4 SLT)

## **Strategy 8 Gather and share the best sustainability knowledge**

- Annual update to Regulation mapping to incorporate most current technical information to inform development and infrastructure reviews, permitting decisions, Solicitor/Realtor Inquiries - Q4/Q1 2021 Board Report
- Lead terrestrial, aquatic, urban forest and water quality/quantity components of the Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan (Q4)
- Support land use and infrastructure plan review through development of guidelines and tools – wetland water balance decision support tool (Q3), evaluate valley and stream crossing guideline (Report to SLT – Q4), Improve LID treatment train tool (Q4)
- Support Peel Climate Change Partnership – strategic planning, implementation and reporting of the Green Infrastructure Strategy (Q2- Q4)

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## **Strategy 9 Measure Performance**

- Undertake Business and Financial Planning for the Division including review and development of updated metrics and key performance indicators (KPI) Q4; provide timely divisional metric and performance information (e.g. financial, service delivery standards - planning ecology review, solicitor/realty inquiries) Q1 –Q4

## **Strategy 11 Invest in our staff**

- Set individual strategic and divisional objectives Q1, providing staff training (health and safety, specialized training), re-staff and build team capacity (Q1-Q4)

## **Strategy 12 Facilitate a region-wide approach to sustainability**

- Provide input to Municipal Comprehensive Reviews (MCRs) on technical/background studies, draft official plans/amendments – Upper tier conformity by July 2022; Lower-tier conformity July 2023; Q1- Q4



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