

Senior Management Team

Development and Engineering Services - Update

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D&ES– Priorities



- Continued remote service delivery for plan review functions significant emphasis being placed on projects being identified as economic catalysts (eg Amazon fulfillment center and Walmart distribution center)
- PARES – SLT approved SOI. Working on RFP with a plan to retain a vendor in 2021.
- Finalizing Rockcliffe Flood mitigation SLA and kicking off the EA in October
- Managing Flood Infrastructure assets – Bolton Berm commencing now
- Communication of Floodplain mapping updates
- Etobicoke Creek Watershed Plan and ongoing monitoring and data collection in the Humber Watershed to support watershed planning in 2021
- Completing the State of Forest report for York Region in 2020 and starting the York Region Urban Forest Studies in 2021

D&ES– Challenges



- Managing small dams that provide mostly recreational benefits (i.e. Glen Haffy, Milne)
- Black Creek Rockcliffe Flood Mitigation project, accelerated timelines and messaging (river vs urban/basement flooding)
- Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) requests on several sites which are moderately to significantly constrained with tight timelines. SMT support required due to short turnaround times (days) from the Province.
- Restart of the LPAT will again require a significant amount of senior staff time. Uncertainty with respect to the number and timing of new, formal applications and the associated revenue to cover our services.
- It is challenging to be physically disconnected, but we are doing our best to support each other and host team virtual social events, workshops and “cameras on” meetings. Many have commented how lucky they are to work at TRCA and appreciate the corporate support.

D&ES– Required Cooperation



- Communicating Flood Plain Mapping updates with stakeholders (Policy Planning, Communications)
- Rockliffe EA (already working with Project Management Services)
- Development of new Flood Management tools such as ice jam monitoring (ITRM)
- Drawdown of Glenn Haffy reservoirs to protect dam structures (Property, Government and Community Relations, Parks and Culture)
- In partnership with York Region, we have drafted a best practice report for valuing York Regional forests (Need to work with Asset Management team to integrate this into our own Asset Management Planning)
- Need support from technical staff and corporate services to support the rapid pace of high profile and high priority files (Planning Policy, Property, Legal and Geomatics)

D&ES– Heads Up

- Updated climate projections for Durham Region and new climate projections for the rest of our jurisdiction coming shortly. Review of OCC and GIO.
- Pickering Ajax Dykes ESR has been filed
- Finalized the Highland Creek Greening Strategy for TRCA's Board of Directors this month.
- Published peer-review journal article on state of wildlife populations across TRCA jurisdiction in Journal of Great Lakes Research (based on report submitted to RAP in 2018).
- The Metrolinx SLA goes to the Board for approval on September 25th. This 3-year, \$4.5 million agreement includes plan input and review roles on all GO Expansion, LRT and Subway projects including provisions for natural heritage compensation, public and community realm benefits, and Flood modelling.
- Aquatic Habitat Toronto – Toronto Waterfront Aquatic Habitat Restoration Strategy update complete. Presentations at Lake Ontario Evening to RWA in the fall.



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