

November 3, 2022

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Linda White, Clerk
County of Bruce
30 Park Street
Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0

Dear Ms. White:

I am writing to request that the County of Bruce put forward the names of at least three individuals whom you wish to be considered for appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Niagara Escarpment Commission upon expiry of the appointment of your current representative, Laurie Golden, on December 31, 2022.

The submission of candidates' names, from municipalities that lie in whole or in part of the Niagara Escarpment Planning Area, is provided for under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*. The Act states that candidates for Commissioners from municipalities must be either elected officials or persons employed by such a municipality (region, county or lower tier).

The Niagara Escarpment Commission plays an integral role in the protection and maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment. I am confident that the list of submitted candidates will match the high standard of previous submissions from your municipality.

Niagara Escarpment Commissioners are entitled to a \$472 per diem for each meeting day and a further half-day per diem for meeting preparation. In addition, Commissioners are entitled to travel costs and normal out-of-pocket expenses as per the Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive 2020.

The new candidates on your list will have to be reviewed by and/or apply for appointment as a Commissioner through the Public Appointments Secretariat (email at PASinfo.MGS@ontario.ca or phone (416) 327-2640).

To ensure continuity of representation for your municipality on the Niagara Escarpment Commission, a response with the list of names and contact information for consideration would be appreciated as soon as possible to:

Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Whitney Block
6th Floor, Room 6630, 99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

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A copy should also be sent to:

Public Appointments Secretariat
Room 2440, Whitney Block
99 Wellesley St. West
Toronto, ON M7A 1W4

The Commission would also appreciate receiving a copy of the response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should there be questions, please contact Susan Cooper, Natural Heritage & Land Use Planning Advisor, Natural Heritage Section, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at 705-772-8754 or by e-mail to susan.cooper@ontario.ca.

The Minister's Office and/or the Public Appointments Secretariat may contact the Region and/or the candidates once the names have been provided to them.

Yours truly,



Rob Nicholson
Chair

- c. The Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Amanda Holmes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management & Information Div., MNRF
Public Appointments Secretariat
Amy Mouganel, Manager, Natural Heritage and Land Use Planning Section, MNRF
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Susan Cooper, Natural Heritage Section, MNRF