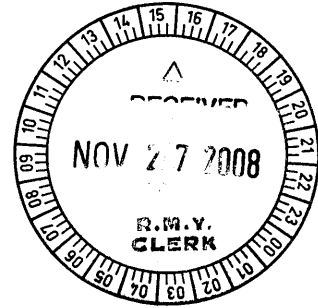




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Dear Minister:

On November 14th, 2008, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's (LSRCA) Board of Directors dealt with Staff Report No. 58-08-BOD entitled Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation - Funding Support and passed the following resolution:

Moved by: J. O'Donnell

Seconded by: E. Bull

BOD-08-121 RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) was created by the Province of Ontario in 2002 and at that time the Province provided the ORMF with \$15 million to its activities; and WHEREAS ORMF has provided the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority(LSRCA)with funding for watershed stewardship, restoration and education projects; and WHEREAS this funding has been a key factor in the success of these projects; and WHEREAS the ORMF has committed most of the initial Provincial funding to stakeholder projects and will not be able to continue to support projects on the Moriane without additional funding; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT LSRCA request the Province of Ontario renew its financial investment in the Oak Ridges Moraine by providing additional funding of \$30 million to the ORMF; and FURTHER THAT the Regions of Durham and York and the Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition be encouraged to support this request to the Province of Ontario for additional funding for ORMF.

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Attached is a copy of Staff Report No. 58-08-BOD for your information.

Yours truly,

Watershed

For

D. Gayle Wood, CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer

c: (see over)

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c: Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources
Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment
Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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K. Gavine, Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation
B. Kemp, Director, Conservation Lands, LSRCA

Attach.



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Agenda Item No. 10 BOD-10-08

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Brian R. Kemp - CMM II
Director, Conservation Lands

DATE: November 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation - Funding Support

RECOMMENDATION: WHEREAS the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) was created by the Province of Ontario in 2002 and at that time the Province provided the ORMF with \$15 million to its activities; and
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FURTHER THAT the Regions of Durham and York and the Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition be encouraged to support this request to the Province of Ontario for additional funding for ORMF.

Purpose of the Staff Report:

The purpose of this Staff Report is to provide an update on the success of the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation since its inception in 2002 and to request that the Authority's Board of Directors make a formal request to the Province of Ontario to continue its financial investment in the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Background:

The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) was created by the Province of Ontario in 2002 and was provided with \$15 million to support its activities. The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation was created to provide support and encouragement for activities that preserve, protect, and restore the environmental integrity of the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) as well as to support a trail along it. To date the Foundation has distributed \$13.02 million in grants. Working closely with its partners, the ORMF have leveraged \$33.57 million in partner funding, resulting in nearly \$47 million being invested in 148 new conservation and protection projects on the Moraine.

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has received close to \$112,000 from the ORMF for predominately stewardship projects along the Moraine within the Lake Simcoe watershed. Further, the Conservation Authority partnered on a \$700,000 grant that provides incentives to farmers to complete Best Management Practices on the Moraine.

Issues:

The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation has committed the majority of the initial Provincial funding to project partners and without additional funding support the ORMF will not be able to continue to support projects on the Moraine.

Relevance to Authority Policy:

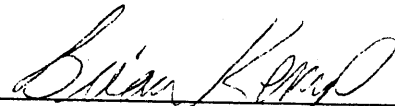
Partnering with agencies such as the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation is critical to our success in the restoration and protection of key natural heritage features along the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Impact on Authority Finances:

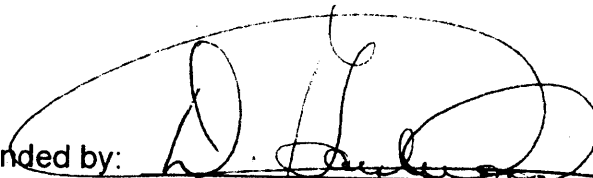
The Conservation Authority currently has access to funding through the ORMF and with a renewed financial investment by the Province in the Oak Ridges Moraine this funding will continue.

Summary and Recommendations:

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Prepared by: 

Brian R. Kemp, CMM IV
Director - Conservation Lands

Recommended by: 

D. Gayle Wood CMM III
Chief Administrative Officer