



PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda Item 10.a

Date: April 11, 2024

PLN- _____ **-11/04/24**

MOVED BY: Councillor Zavitz

SECONDED BY: Councillor Mazan

WHEREAS the Township of Muskoka Lakes has previously requested through Resolution Nos. C16-15/11/13, COW-11-18/02/14, C-29-15/04/16, C-34-13/04/17, C-3-13/11/19, C-23-15/02/9 and C-4-12/08/20, that the Province undertake a review of the Muskoka River Water Management Plan (MRWMP) operating parameters to assist in mitigating the severity of flood events;

AND WHEREAS the Interim Report of the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), dated June 2020, includes a recommendation (8a) to update the operating parameters of the Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan (MRWMP);

AND WHEREAS the Operational Adjustments and Scoping Study (December 2, 2022) identified a number of adjustments to the MRWMP that have the potential to mitigate the impacts of flooding:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Muskoka Lakes hereby requests the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to initiate the process to review and approve an amendment to the MRWMP respecting drawdown triggers and target spring operating levels based on the information contained within Operational Adjustments and Scoping Study (February 12, 2022).

AND THAT the District of Muskoka and all other Lower Tier Municipalities in the watershed continue to collaborate on advocacy to the Province requesting:

- iii. That it identify its intentions respecting legislative changes to assist with the implementation of Integrated Watershed Management to address the issues identified in the Muskoka River Watershed; and
- iv. A commitment to partnering with the District of Muskoka and other Lower Tier Municipalities on further exploring the structural flood mitigation measures outlined in the Flood Modifications Review Project (December 14, 2022).

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS
COUNCILLOR BOSOMWORTH	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR BURRY	☐	☐

COUNCILLOR EDWARDS	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR MOYER KENT	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR MAZAN	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR MCINTYRE	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR NISHIKAWA	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR ROBERTS	☐	☐
COUNCILLOR ZAVITZ	☐	☐
MAYOR KELLEY	☐	☐
TOTALS	_____	_____
Recorded Vote Requested by: _____		

DEFEATED ☐

CARRIED ☒


CHAIR