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September 15, 2009

Mr. David Szwarc
CAO
Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, Ontario L6T 4B9

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Dear Mr. Szwarc,

Re: Scattering of Ritual Offerings and Ashes of Cremation on Water

At its meeting of September 11, 2009, the CVC Board of Directors approved the following resolution #81/09 as follows:

WHEREAS while the Province of Ontario encourages practitioners of the scattering of ashes of cremation on water to do so in an 'environmentally responsible manner', the current guidelines offer insufficient clarity to ensure this will happen; and

WHEREAS ongoing public opposition to current scattering practices within the Credit River watershed and on the Lake Ontario waterfront suggests that recent provincial guidance is insufficient in finding the broadly acceptable accommodation that governments and others are seeking.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report entitled "Scattering of Ritual Offerings and Ashes of Cremation on Water" be received and appended to the minutes of this meeting as Schedule 'B'; and

THAT the CVC Board of Directors affirm that scattering of ashes and offerings on or from any CVC owned lands is not permitted; and

THAT the CVC Board of Directors affirms its support for finding a resolution to the issue of the scattering of ashes of cremation that accommodates the needs of faith communities while acknowledging shared rights and responsibilities in maintaining and enjoying a healthy natural environment; and

THAT the Board of Directors register its concerns with respect to the scattering 'guidelines' recently issued by the Province of Ontario through submission of a letter and accompanying questions attached as Appendices 5 and 4, respectively, to the Minister of Consumer Services with copies to the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Councils of CVC's watershed municipalities, and to the Greater Golden Horseshoe Conservation Authorities; and further

(Copy of the CVC report is available for viewing from the office of the Regional Clerk)

REFERRAL TO _____
RECOMMENDED _____
DIRECTION REQUIRED _____
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THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to CVC's watershed municipalities and to the Greater Golden Horseshoe Conservation Authorities.

Schedule 'B', September 11, 2009 is attached. Should you have any questions, please contact me at rhorst@creditvalleyca.ca or the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rae Horst'.

Rae Horst
Chief Executive Officer

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c: Jeff Payne, Acting Director and Deputy Regional Clerk