



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL**  
**GREENLANDS SECUREMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**GSSC-2011-1**

The Greenlands Securement Subcommittee met on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 8:35 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton.

Members Present: P. Foley; R. Paterak; R. Starr; A. Thompson; J. Tovey

Absent: E. Adams, due to a personal matter; E. Kolb, due to vacation; J. Sprovieri due to other municipal business.

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director, Legal and Risk Management; S. Banz, Manager, Rural/Environment Policy Development; J. Wong, Planner, Planning Policy and Research; C. Reid, Regional Clerk, H. West, Committee Clerk

*H. West, Committee Clerk presided.*

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

RECOMMENDATION GSSC-1-2011:

That Councillor Paterak be appointed Chair of the Greenlands Securement Subcommittee for the term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed by Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION GSSC-2-2011:

That Councillor Starr be appointed Vice-Chair of the Greenlands Securement Subcommittee for the term ending November 30, 2012, or until a successor is appointed by Regional Council.

*Councillor Paterak assumed the Chair.*

Councillor Paterak directed staff to prepare a memo for Members of Regional Council regarding whether lands acquired through the Greenlands Securement program are developable or non-developable. He asked that the memo include the cost per acre of lands.

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\* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

**2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil****3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**RECOMMENDATION GSSC-3-2011:

That the agenda for the February 17, 2011, Greenlands Securement Subcommittee meeting be approved.

**4. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - Nil****5. REPORTS****a) Greenlands Securement Program Update and 2011 Activities**

Presentation by Simone Banz, Manager, Planning Policy and Research, Regional Municipality of Peel

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Simone Banz, Manager, Planning Policy and Research provided an overview of the Greenlands Securement Program including the history, accomplishments and proposed 2011 activities. She introduced Conservation Partner staff from Credit Valley Conservation, Toronto and Region Conservation, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust and Bruce Trail Conservancy. A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

Councillor Thompson inquired where residents who are interested in donating land with respect to Conservation Legacy or the Eco Gift Program should be referred to, and suggested that staff develop a brochure with contact names. Simone Banz responded that members of Council will receive the Orland Conservation brochure with respect to the Conservation Legacy Program and the Ecological Gift Program.

Councillor Thompson recommended that the Greenlands Securement Subcommittee (GSSC) attend site visits on land acquisition projects being considered by GSSC. Simone Banz responded that staff will review opportunities with Members of the GSSC to attend site visits.

Councillor Starr inquired as to the nature of Orland Conservation. Simone Banz responded that Orland Conservation is a consulting firm with considerable background in Greenlands Securement, noting that the members of the firm have worked with Conservancy Canada. Their role is to serve as a liaison with land owners, informing them of the regulations and detailed information of what landowner options are. Simone Banz indicated that more information regarding Orland Conservation will be presented at the next GSSC meeting.

Councillor Starr requested clarification of the GSSC and the Region of Peel's role. Janet Wong, Planner, Policy and Research, responded that the Conservation Partners undertake negotiations with landowners to secure land. As part of the process, the Conservation Partners approach

Regional and area municipal staff to review the project as a potential acquisition for funding support. GSSC determines whether the project should receive funding support which is generally up to 50 per cent of the funding required. Councillor Starr inquired where the other 50 per cent of funding is derived. Janet Wong responded that funding can be obtained from the Province, Ducks Unlimited, various Foundations, and that the City of Toronto funds watershed acquisitions which drain through the City, such as the Humber Watershed.

Councillor Starr inquired if Greenlands Securement is a universal program in Ontario. Chair Paterak responded that Halton, York, Durham, GTA municipalities and the City of Toronto have similar programs.

Councillor Tovey inquired if a municipal address can be provided during presentations on prospective land acquisition projects as he would like to utilize Google Earth. Councillor Paterak directed staff to provide aerial photos with the digital mapping, as not all of the lands to be acquired will have a municipal address.

**Additonal Item:**

**Amendment to the Greenlands Securement Subcommittee Terms of Reference  
(Oral)**

Carol Reid, Regional Clerk stated that the Terms of Reference require a minor amendment to insert the words "at least" one member from each area municipality, as listed on page 26 of Appendix 1 of the Guidelines.

**RECOMMENDATION GSSC-4-2011:**

That Section 4b) of the Greenlands Securement Subcommittee Terms of Reference, approved by Resolution 2010-810 at the September 9, 2010 Regional Council Meeting, be amended to indicate that the Subcommittee be comprised of the Regional Chair (ex-officio), the Chair of the Management Section of Regional Council (ex-officio), at least one member from each area municipality, and one Peel Regional Council representative from each of the Conservation Authorities (Credit Valley Conservation and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority).

- b) **Revised Greenlands Securement Program Implementation Guidelines**  
Presentation by Janet Wong, Planner, Planning Policy and Research,  
Regional Municipality of Peel

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RECOMMENDATION GSSC-5-2011:

That the Peel Region Greenlands Securement Program Implementation Guidelines, 2011, attached as Appendix I to the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, dated December 17, 2010, titled "Revised Greenlands Securement Program Implementation Guidelines", be approved.

Janet Wong, Planner, Planning Policy and Research, provided an overview of the revisions made to the Greenlands Securement Program Implementation Guidelines. She outlined the roles and responsibilities of program partners and the GSSC. Janet Wong noted that the site specific funding request review process has been streamlined to provide efficient and clear direction between Regional Council, the landowner and Conservation Partners. A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) **Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)**, Letter dated November 9, 2010, Providing a Copy of the Report titled, "Greenlands Acquisition Project for 2011-2015"

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**7. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil****8. OTHER BUSINESS****9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Greenlands Securement Subcommittee is scheduled for May 12, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Helena West, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4697 or [helena.west@peelregion.ca](mailto:helena.west@peelregion.ca).

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.