



## Essex Region Conservation Authority

### Executive Committee

### Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Time: 3:30 pm

Location and Details: via Zoom Web-Conferencing

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None	
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A. Next Meeting	

The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing

**11. Adjournment**



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**Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer**



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EC03/22

From: Kevin Money, Director of Conservation Services

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022

**Subject: Tenders: Holiday Beach Conservation Area Trail and Hawk Tower Improvements**

Strategic Action: **8.1** Create Business Plans as required for largest Conservation Areas to identify infrastructure needs and investment in visitor services. Within these plans, incorporate Climate Change resiliency and leadership in green technology into Conservation Areas, facilities and operations.

**Recommendation: THAT Report EC03/22 be received for Members information.**

### Summary

- ERCA is receiving \$160,000 in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to improve infrastructure at Holiday Beach Conservation Area
- Upgrades to the Hawk Tower to improve accessibility, making it safer and refreshing the structure have been advertised for public tender
- Improvements to the trail infrastructure at Holiday Beach to widen and improve the accessibility of the walking trails have been advertised for public tender

### Discussion

In December 2021 ERCA was provided notice of a successful grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation to make improvement at Holiday Beach. The grant is valued at \$160,000 and no matching contributions from ERCA are required. The proposal focused on improving facilities that would make the site more accessible and provide visitors with the ability to distance themselves from each other by making our trails wider.

### Hawk Tower

Through past structural engineering inspections Administration was aware that some aspects of the original viewing tower no longer meet updated building code requirements or new accessibility standards. The works outlined in the tender documents include additional bollards to be installed, a new bottom and top platform and graspable handrails to improve the accessibility of the structure.

## Trail Improvements

In 2019, many parts of Holiday Beach sustained significant flooding due to high lake levels. This flooding damaged trail infrastructure and highlighted the need to raise the height of some of our trails to avoid future flooding. The works outlined in the tender documents include widening trails to 2 meters and elevating the trail in some areas that are susceptible to flooding. These works will allow for greater physical distancing for trail users and ensure the trail is accessible for all visitors, as the changes and upgrades would exceed Accessibility (AODA) Design of Public Spaces Standards.

### Approved By:



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Tim Byrne  
CAO/Secretary Treasurer

### Attachments:

None