

CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA ADDENDUM

AGENDA ITEM:

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS**

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- (1) Staff Report #5692-20
Re: Conservation Areas Re-Opening

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DATE: May 12, 2020
FILE: AHSA15
S.R.: 5692-20
MEMO TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
FROM: Chris Darling, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Conservation Areas Re- Opening**

APPROVED BY C.A.O. 

Our conservation areas have been closed since March 25 due to the CIVID-19 Pandemic. Since that time, we have developed corporate and land management specific Safety Operational Procedures and acquired personal protective equipment. All trail safety inspections have been completed. The province has recently started to lift COVID-19 restrictions including the re-opening of provincial parks and other conservation authorities are planning to re-open their Conservation Areas in the near future. All CLOCA trails have been inspected to ensure they remain safe. As a result, we are now preparing to re-open our conservation areas in a safe and responsible method on Wednesday May 20. We have consulted Durham Region Health who have indicated their support for the re-opening. The following provides a summary of our plan to open our conservation areas:

- ✓ Our website and social media will be updated to communicate the re-opening date of May 20
- ✓ Parking barriers will be removed May 19
- ✓ Signage will be placed at all conservation areas with the following messages:
 - All waste products, including latex gloves, wipes and pet waste, are to be taken home and disposed of properly.
 - Pay and Display program is not currently accepting coin. Visa, MasterCard and CLOCA Parking Pass ONLY
 - Parking is limited to the parking lot only, any illegal parking may be subject to enforcement.
 - Check out other conservation areas in your community www.cloca.com, if you cannot find parking here.
 - Limit visitor parking to 2 hours or less.
 - Washrooms are closed until further notice.
 - Please practice “Social Distancing” and stay a minimum of 2 metres (6 feet) apart at all times.
 - Dogs, as always must be on a 2 metres (6 foot) leash at all times.
 - Please follow current Provincial recommendations and Durham Region Health Department guidelines (i.e. groups of 5 people or less)

We are also removing all picnic tables until further notice and grass cutting will be scaled back for picnic areas. Staff will undertake daily disinfecting of surfaces that may be touched such as railings, pay and display machines, kiosk panels etc. All land management staff have been provided with the necessary personal protective equipment.

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An on-going challenge in the operation of some of our conservation areas is public access from non-permitted on street/road allowance parking. Support from municipal by-law enforcement will be needed to address on street parking adjacent to our conservation areas to help mitigate overcrowding and assist in ensuring safe visitor experience and physical distancing.

We will monitor the usage of our conservation areas and make any changes necessary to ensure the safety of our visitors and staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT staff Report #5692-20 be received for information

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