

The Corporation of the Township of Pelee
Regular Meeting of Council
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: November 14, 2023

Resolution 2023 – 240	
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Dayne Malloch	Seconded by: Councillor Dave DeLellis

WHEREAS, The Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada recently announced a collaboration with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to protect up to 30,000 hectares adjacent to existing Parks Canada Lands across Canada for a total investment of \$30 million.

AND WHEREAS this funding supports Canada’s progress in achieving its ambitious target of protecting biodiversity and conserving 30 percent of land and inland water and 30 percent of marine and coastal areas by the year 2030.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Pelee Island would like to congratulate the Minister of Environment and the NCC for implementing the stated conservation target of 30x30.

AND WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that The Township of Pelee is over 20% formally protected with 32% natural cover and over 215 species at risk - by far leading the conservation and biodiversity average in most of the province

AND WHEREAS, the residents of the Township of Pelee (Pelee Island) are proud stewards of the land and lake, however this comes at a great cost that is not clearly communicated within the 30x30 conservation target dialogue.

THEREFORE, We urge the Minister and the NCC to realize that Municipalities like ours who have accepted responsibility for conscientious conservation do so at a deficit and that lands moved to conservation status through formal protection or through the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program (CLIPT) has significantly reduced our tax base and the revenue we can derive from it; and further the bounty of biodiverse endangered species on our island requires added costs for special environmental assessments and studies before most Municipal work can ever be undertaken. In essence, Municipalities subsidize conservation efforts to the degree that the recoverable tax base is reduced or in some cases removed entirely and the added costs of protecting these species comes directly back to us.

WE THEREFORE humbly request to be part of any stakeholder consultations or working groups that might be formed around this newly announced initiative so that we can speak to barriers or resistance to these initiatives and what might be done to consider how to reward and incentivize Municipalities like ours for achievements towards the 30x30 goal.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Steven Guilbeault and The Nature Conservancy of Canada, with a copy to David Epp, Member of Parliament for Chatham-Kent-Leamington, Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh, Brian Masse, Member of Parliament for Windsor West, County of Essex Council and Caldwell First Nations requesting their support

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
X	CARRIED		YES NO
	DEFEATED		
	DEFERRED		
	REFERRED		
	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		
	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		
	WITHDRAWN		
MAYOR – CATHERINE MILLER		INTERIM CLERK – MARY MASSE	
<i>C. Miller</i>		<i>Mary Masse</i>	

The above is a certified to be true copy of resolution number 2023 –
Mary Masse
Township Interim Clerk