

Memo

To: Mayor and Council

From: William Tigert, Acting Director Community Planning and Development

Date: June 19th, 2024

RE: Project Update – Greenbelt Area Natural Asset Management Plan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Memo numbered #2024-0151 entitled Project Update – Greenbelt Area Natural Asset Management Plan, for information.

As per previous Council directive and with the support of a grant, the Town of Pelham has been working on the development of a Municipal Natural Asset Management Plan (MNAMP) to be included as part of the Town's Asset Management Strategy.

The natural asset survey will focus on Greenbelt areas within Pelham, providing a guide for the Town of Pelham to value and account for natural assets in both financial planning and asset management programs.

The project has been supported with a grant from the Greenbelt Foundation and undertaken in partnership with Natural Asset Initiative group.

The project was approved in 2023 as #PLN 02-23 and is now nearing completion.

The purpose of this memo is to advise of the progress of the project and alert Council to the final engagement workshop scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024.

The workshop will include participation from a number of stakeholders who have participated and contributed to the plan over the last year, the invitations are now being sent out. The meeting will be held virtually with



expectations that it will run for approximately 2 hours, from 2 pm through to 4 pm.

The plan itself is intended to identify natural assets in the Town of Pelham. Once identified, the Town of Pelham will be able to move forward with protecting and managing these sites in a holistic, evidence-based manner as part of the Town's asset management plans.

The plan will support priorities identified in the Town of Pelham strategic plan. As Council is aware the strategic plan included Environmental and Climate Adaptation as an area of emphasis to provide the foundation for a clean, safe, and sustainable environment for present and future generations.

Staff who have participated in the preparation of the plan are excited about the results that have been achieved. This has only been accomplished with the financial support received from Council and the Greenbelt Foundation.

Council should be pleased to know that the Town of Pelham is the first municipality in the Niagara Region to develop such a plan, and one of only a few across the entire country. This demonstrates the Town's commitment to environmental stewardship.

Those Council members that are available are welcome to observe the final workshop and will be provided a link to do so. The final plan will be presented to Council at a future meeting for adoption and incorporation into the Town's asset management program.

Please feel free to contact the Senior Planner or the Acting Director with any questions or to provide additional information required.