



## **PARKS, FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES**

*Staff Report*

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REPORT NO: PFRS 2022-024

TO: Council

SUBMITTED BY: Sandy Jackson, Director Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services

PREPARED BY: Sandy Jackson, Director Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services

REVIEWED BY: Sharon Chambers, CAO; Patrick Kelly, Director Corporate Services

DATE: May 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Donation Agreement Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc.

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report PFRS 2022-024 be received for information purposes; and further,

THAT the Agreement between Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot be endorsed.

### SUMMARY:

This report seeks Council endorsement of an agreement between Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc. and the Township of Wilmot, attached as Appendix A. This agreement acknowledges and outlines terms for the donation of time and materials by Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc. to install Osprey, Eagle, and Heron nesting platforms within the Mike Schout Wetlands Preserve.

### BACKGROUND:

Staff reports DS 2019-023 Wilmot Carbon Sink Update, and DS 2021-014 Mike Schout Wetlands Preserve Concept Plan provided updates on the design and progress of this exciting project. This report provides follow up to a reference in staff report PFRS 2022-003, Mike

Schout Wetlands Preserve and Donation Agreement regarding a pending donation from Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc.

### REPORT:

Staff report PFRS 2022-003, referred to a donation from Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc. of four (4) 45-foot red cedar poles and metal brackets as well as staff time and equipment for installation. One platform was designed to attract Eagle's, one to attract Osprey, and two are Heron Rookeries. This generous donation to this unique project will garner significant public interest and tourism should the platforms be used by these treasured avian species.

In order to acknowledge this donation, this report recommends Council approval of a donation agreement attached as Appendix "A" between the Township and Kitchener Wilmot Hydro. The terms of the agreement state that the poles become the property of the Township upon receipt, and that the Township will recognize the generous donation by way of a plaque or other acknowledgement within the Wetlands. The photo below shows one of the installed nests located at the Wetlands Preserve.



### ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

This project incorporates four goals of the Strategic Plan by protecting and enhancing our natural environment, improving residents and visitors' quality of life, engaging the community in

implementation of the project and tree planting opportunities, and promoting a prosperous economy which balances with protection of the environment with economic growth.

#### ACTIONS TOWARDS UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:

Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being  
Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth  
Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure  
Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities  
Goal 13: Climate Action  
Goal 14: Life Below Water  
Goal 15: Life on Land  
Goal 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

#### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of the poles, metal brackets, delivery, and installation of the nests within the Mike Schout Wetlands Preserve are being funded by Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc. including in-kind engineering and design costs. Mr. Geoff Dubrick, Township of Wilmot Manager of Parks and Facilities personally donated \$300.00 towards the cost of the wood to construct the nests, and approximately \$300 was funded through the operating budget. In-kind staff time to assist with constructing the platforms and installing them was also part of the cost for this project.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: Donation Agreement between Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc. and the Township of Wilmot