




**Agenda**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**Electronic Participation 1:00 PM**

- 9.1. Catchacoma Forest Stewardship Committee - Katie Krelove and Ted Spence  
 Re: Update and Request for Support

[Draft Letter of Support for Catchacoma Protection - Revised](#)  
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Ted Spence wanted to share with Council all the experiences that they have had since 2019 with respect of protecting the Catchacoma Forest . No support from MPP Smith Couldn't t meet with Spence whom he has called multiple times. Spence is member of Catchacoma Forest Advocacy Committee.

Krelove took over and wanted to update Council on where they are in the pursuit of protection. They have been doing this for three years. Her entire presentation is online on the agenda under Government. What follows are highlights that I felt had significance.

One year moratorium, on logging 2021- 2022. They expect to have another year of no logging.

Looking for Council to renew support for protection.

The entirety of 662 hectares of Catchacoma is within the logging license for sustainable forestry of Minden Logging Company.

If the protective status how would that influence the developmet of

trails in the forest? Such as in the removal of trees.

Krelove – These would obviously be low impact trails which may include building some simple bridges, .....

Spence – Involved with park planning after park established. What trails be established, what previous trails would be grandfathered....

There is only one trail on the west side.

### Highlights of letter

The Municipality of Trent Lakes wishes to renew our support for consideration of the Catchacoma Forest as a candidate protected area, as requested by the Catchacoma Forest Stewardship Committee (CFSC). Council previously submitted a letter of support to Minister Piccini dated November 3, 2021. In light of the recent response from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) dated November 25, 2022 rejecting the CFSC request without any explanation or rationale Council requests that you reconsider your decision and organize a meeting with the CFSC to review the rationale for your decision and to begin a reconsideration of that decision.

Council supports consideration of the annexation of the Catchacoma Forest to Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park with management for day-use and hiking trails. The accessible location of the Catchacoma Forest from County Road 507 with an existing parking lot has immense opportunities for expansion of local recreational use. Protection for this ecologically valuable forest could also advance the goals of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan to add to and enhance the province's network of protected areas

It is Council's understanding that leadership from our MPP and Environment Minister is required to open an application for crown land-use amendment with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, under the Public Lands Act. Council would actively engage in the ensuing consultation process

### Summary of Research in the Catchacoma Forest

One point of the summary which includes a great deal of information re the value of Canada's Largest Old Growth Hemlock Forest

Future potential research and education programs for the Catchacoma Forest are many and could include the following, to list just a few: • ecology and conservation of old-growth forests, • forest restoration and regeneration, • monitoring and managing for invasive pests (e.g., hemlock woolly adelgid), • values of a diverse landscape including forests, rock barrens, riparian zones, streams, wetlands, and lakes, and their interactions, • nutrient and energy interactions along the land-water interface, • importance and dynamics of above- and below-ground carbon sequestration and storage, • associations between species-at-risk (e.g., Algonquin wolf, Blanding's turtle) and their habitat, and • the value of the Catchacoma Forest to the region and beyond.

## CFSC Response to MECP

Sent by email to: Dan.duggan@ontario.ca cc'd jason.travers@ontario.ca paul.smith@ontario.ca mateline.carr@ontario.ca Terry Lamshead, [tlamshead@trentlakes.ca](mailto:tlamshead@trentlakes.ca)

Dear Dan Duggan, I'm writing on behalf of the Catchacoma Forest Stewardship Committee (CFSC) regarding your letter dated November 25th (attached), forwarded to me by Paul Smith, Park Superintendent of Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park. Your letter thanks the Catchacoma Forest Stewardship Committee for our request to meet with the Minister regarding support for our crown land use amendment proposal to grant protected status to the Catchacoma Forest. Your letter communicates that the Ministry will not be providing a letter of support for our proposal. The CFSC is obviously very disappointed with this news, but we are also dissatisfied with the response. We had expected to have an opportunity to meet with the Minister and key decision-makers regarding our many detailed submissions and to present our case. We feel that given the amount of research we have undertaken, information we submitted regarding the conservation values of Catchacoma Forest's mature and old growth hemlock ecosystem, and support we have garnered and shared from the public, the local municipality of Trent Lakes, the ratepayers and cottagers association as well as informally from MECP staff, that we deserve at the very least to be informed of the rationale for this decision and what factors were considered.

Cadigan moves that we send a letter to the parties indicated.

Armstrong suggests deferring letter to staff to wordsmith it. Then send.

Motion carried.

### 10.1.1. Chelsea Carpenter, Supervisor of Waste/Public Works Coordinator Re: 2022 Waste and Recycling Summary

#### [2022 Waste and Recycling Summary](#)

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Supervisor of Waste/Public Works Coordinator regarding the 2022 waste and recycling summary for their information.

Interesting data presented re what is collected under Agendas and Minutes on the Municipal website.

Armstrong – Highlights that actual garbage is down 5 % year over year. Received award for bringing in food cyclers at County meetings.

Braybrook asked about food cyclers. Chelsea's Answer - 400 food cyclers are out being utilized. There is a report coming to next meeting to buy additional units.

Armstrong – Motion to receive. Motion carried.

### 10.5.1. Donna Teggart, CAO/Treasurer Re: 2023 Budget

## 2023 Budget

Assessment for 2023 growth has gone up 0.57%

Budget 2023 \$23,087,084.16 up 4.3%

Budget 2022 \$22,118,088.52

\$968,995.64 Increase due to overall operational costs and Fire Department staffing/training

Total per \$100,000 of Residential Assessment

2023 \$396.58

2022 \$388.40 increase of \$8.18 per hundred thousand

There is a great deal of data re the budget on the presentation accessed on the municipal website under Government under Agenda and Minutes.

Armstrong congratulates CEO plus staff to keep increase at 2...% when other municipalities have been from 8-15%.

Braybrook – What is the cost of newly mandated firefighter training? Brockbank Previously at the College a course was \$65 and now it is \$450. (The College was closed.)

Any chance that we could recoup any training monies because it was mandated by the province?

Brockbank – To date there has been absolutely none provided.

Lambshead – there seems to be very little money to none to support municipalities our size.