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April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Chief Administrative Officers  
NPCA Member Municipality

**RE: Nrcan Growing Canada's Forests 2 Billion Trees Funding Initiative - Request for Information**

Dear Partners Municipality CAOs:

Thank you for your valuable time in joining the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) briefing meeting hosted on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regarding the above initiative. We truly want to communicate to the federal government a strong local partnership aspiring to collaborate towards a large-scale tree planting program.

To capitalize on this exciting opportunity, NPCA is seeking your support to submit an initial Request for Information (RFI) by May 27<sup>th</sup> specific to the NPCA jurisdiction across our fifteen partner municipalities. Your support would go a long way toward strengthening our collaborative submission, enhancing our tree canopy/forest cover, and engaging residents in this significant climate change initiative. At this time specific values of In-kind and cash commitments will not be required but a letter of support is critical to show strong local partnership capacity this early stage.

As requested, we are pleased to provide supporting documentation for your consideration. Included with this package you will find:

- A) A sample template Letter of Support to submit back to NPCA preferably by May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- B) An updated background presentation from Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as the RFI guide and the associated form for more detail as to the request.
- C) A sample resolution that can be modified, as appropriate, for your Council consideration.

Additionally, we are requesting to designate a staff person to work with NPCA's restoration team to help identify restoration initiatives, restoration land availability, potential growers, and projected plantings.

Thank you for the support you have demonstrated thus far to bringing a significant federal investment to our jurisdiction. Please have your designated staff contact Geoff Verkade, Senior Manager Integrated Watershed Planning and Information Management at either [gverkade@npca.ca](mailto:gverkade@npca.ca) or extension 244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chandra', written over a horizontal line.

Chandra Sharma MCIP RPP  
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

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Geoff Verkade, Senior Manager, Integrated Watershed Planning & Information Management (NPCA)

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NPCA - 2 Billion Trees Letter of Support.docx

NPCA – 2 Billion Trees Sample Municipal Support Resolution.docx

2 Billion Trees - NRCAN - Future Participants Respondent Guide.pdf