

APPENDIX A



February 20, 2019

Maria Rizzo
Chair, Toronto Catholic District School Board

VIA EMAIL

Dear Chair Maria Rizzo,

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) would like to invite a Member of the Board of Trustees from Toronto Catholic District School Board to participate on the Toronto and Region Outdoor Education Task Force (the Task Force) for an eighteen (18) month term.

Governed by the *Conservation Authorities Act*, TRCA is one of 36 conservation authorities in Ontario with a mandate to conserve, restore and manage the natural resources within the nine watersheds and Lake Ontario Waterfront of the Toronto region (including City of Toronto and portions of York, Peel and Durham Regions and the municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio and Mono).

Conservation authorities are named in Section 197 of the *Education Act* as agencies which school boards may enter in to agreements with for the provision of out-of-class learning. Currently TRCA owns over 16,000 hectares (40,000 acres) of greenspace within the Toronto region and provides outdoor education programs for more than 150,000 students from thirteen school boards annually at five outdoor education centres and seven conservation areas, along with providing student access to natural spaces through land leases for six school board operated outdoor education centres.

Approved at Authority Meeting #16/2018, the Outdoor Education Task Force, as an Advisory Committee of the TRCA Board of Directors, is a multi-stakeholder body comprised of elected officials from the ten area school boards and TRCA's five member municipalities in the Toronto region. and is being convened to develop and make recommendations on how best to respond to future needs and trends within the education system that enhance student learning in the out of doors. (see attached Terms of Reference).

Membership is subject to approval by TRCA Board of Directors on May 24, 2019 and will be for an eighteen (18) month period beginning in September 2019. It is anticipated that the Task Force will meet six times, either in person or via teleconference, over this period and provide a report to participating school boards, municipalities and the Province of Ontario in February 2021. TRCA will provide staff support and secretariat function for the Task Force.

To confirm Trustee participation in the Task Force, please complete the attached Letter of Acceptance and email it to Darryl Gray, Director of Education, Training and Outreach at dgray@trca.on.ca by April 17, 2019, or you may call Darryl at (416) 791-0327 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Innis", is written over a white background.

Jennifer Innis
Chair, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Attachments (3)