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**TO:** Regional and Local Municipalities  
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Public Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations  
Stakeholders

**FROM:** Lisa Grbinicek, Senior Strategic Advisor, Niagara Escarpment  
Commission

**RE:** **PROPOSED NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PC 178 09  
(Harmonization with the *Endangered Species Act*, 2007, and related  
housekeeping amendments)**

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Please be advised that the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), at its meeting of June 20, 2013, made the following resolutions:

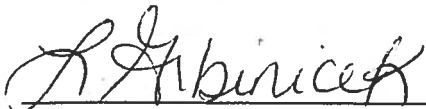
1. To direct staff to withdraw and close proposed Escarpment Plan with the *Endangered Species Act*, (ESA, 2007), and to inform partner ministries, municipalities, stakeholders and agencies that the NEC will no longer be pursuing the Amendment. To also inform the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) that a Hearing Officer and Hearing date is no longer required for NEPA PC 178 09, since the Amendment has been withdrawn.
2. To direct staff to initiate a new, more focused Amendment respecting the protection of Species at Risk in the NEP Area, taking into consideration recent new regulatory approaches to the ESA, the draft Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) revision, recent Joint Board decision policy interpretations, and overall ESA implementation challenges.

Once a new proposed Amendment is initiated and endorsed by the Commission, pursuant to Sections 7 and 10 (1) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* (NEPDA), the proposed Amendment will be circulated and comments invited.

Should you have any additional questions on this matter please contact the undersigned by telephone at (905) 877-2512 or by email [lisa.grbinicek@ontario.ca](mailto:lisa.grbinicek@ontario.ca).

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Yours truly,



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