

In accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of Sections 11.1 of the City of Thorold's Procedural By-law, the City Clerk received from Councillor O'Hare a motion to be brought forward for consideration at the August 1, 2023 Council meeting respecting the Thorold Frog Pond.

WHEREAS the Thorold frog pond, located at Richmond and Decew Rd., is a cherished natural habitat, providing ecological benefits and promoting biodiversity;

WHEREAS the pond was re-designed and re-planted by the City to help restore it to a healthy habitat for the creatures that live there;

WHEREAS numerous concerned citizens and environmental groups have expressed growing apprehensions regarding the rapid loss of trees surrounding the Thorold frog pond, leading to the degradation of its overall ecosystem;

WHEREAS sustainable management and conservation of the Thorold frog pond are of paramount importance to protect our natural heritage and preserve the ecological balance for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the local government has a responsibility to act in the best interests of its residents and to prioritize environmental conservation efforts that safeguard our unique ecosystem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thorold hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to investigate and report back on the matter of tree loss around the Thorold frog pond and the deterioration of the pond itself, as well as potential corrective measures to address these concerns; and
2. That the Report **INCLUDE** the following information:
 - a. A plan to ensure that the protected frog pond thrives for future enjoyment and remains a protected healthy environment, highlighting the responsibilities and involvement of different departments and community groups; and
 - b. Propose measures for raising awareness and engaging the community in the conservation of the Thorold frog pond, emphasizing the importance of collective responsibility for its protection.