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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014
FROM:	J. M. FLEMING MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER
SUBJECT:	CONSERVATION MASTER PLAN for THE COVES ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner regarding the Coves Environmentally Significant Area Conservation Master Plan, the following actions **BE TAKEN**:

- a) the Conservation Master Plan for the Coves Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) attached as Appendix 'A', **BE ADOPTED** as a Conservation Master Plan in accordance with Section 15.3.8. of the Official Plan;
- b) Planning staff **BE DIRECTED** to initiate an Official Plan amendment to add the Master Plan as a Guideline Document under section 19.2.2. (ii) h) of the Official Plan, and to initiate an Official Plan amendment and related Zoning By-law amendment implement the recommended changes to the ESA boundary, including amendments to Schedule A – Land Use, and Schedule B-1 - Natural Heritage Features;
- c) Staff **BE REQUESTED** to provide a presentation of this Master Plan at a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee, and;
- d) The volunteer members of the Coves ESA Local Advisory Committee (LAC) **BE THANKED** for their work in the preparation of the document.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None

PURPOSE

Under Section 15.3.8 of the Official Plan, "Council may request the preparation of Conservation Master Plans for Environmentally Significant Areas and other natural heritage areas. Conservation Master Plans may be adopted by Council, and will function as guideline documents for the purposes of defining the boundaries and providing direction on the management of these areas."

The Conservation Master Plan (CMP) for the Coves Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) responds to a strong community vision and desire to protect and enhance the Coves ESA while permitting sustainable public access to nature in an established, urban neighbourhood in accordance with 15.4.1.4 of the Official Plan.