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CAO APPROVAL

The Chief Administrative Officer approved the following recommendation:

Report Number: CAO 157/2026

Approved: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

- I. THAT **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to the granting of the following Consent to Enter:
- a) That the Consent to Enter is provided to the Essex County Field Naturalists Club and its employees, agents and contractors (collectively “**ECFNC**”), to enter City-owned lands within the Ojibway Prairie Complex (collectively “**OPC**”), as shown on the aerial diagram attached as Appendix A, and East Riverside Park (collectively “**ERP**”), as shown on the aerial diagram attached as Appendix B, at locations agreed upon by the City Naturalist & Supervisor, Natural Areas and ECFNC (the “**Consent Lands**”);
 - b) ECFNC will enter the Consent Lands for the purpose of cutting, and/or spading phragmites in various parts of the ERP and OPC including, but not limited to, Ojibway Park, Tallgrass Prairie Heritage Park, Spring Garden Natural Area and Blue Heron Lake, and narrow leaved cattail in Tallgrass Prairie Heritage Park (the “**Works**”). Prior to the commencement of any Works in the Consent Lands, ECFNC will contact the City Naturalist & Supervisor, Natural Areas at kaalexander@citywindsor.ca, so that they can discuss scope of work, exact location of work and determine any necessary landscape reparation and public notification requirements;
 - c) The term of the agreement shall be from October 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026 (the “**Term**”);
 - d) If ECFNC wishes to continue the Works on the Consent Lands beyond the Term, ECFNC will contact the City Naturalist to request an extension of the Term or a new Consent to Enter Agreement for a new term;

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- e) Access to the Consent Lands will be from Matchett Road for Ojibway Park; Titcombe Road for Tall Grass Prairie Heritage Park; Elgin Ave for Spring Garden Natural Area; Little River Blvd, Blue Heron Drive or Savannah Street for Blue Heron Lake, or as determined by the City Naturalist & Supervisor, Natural Areas working with ECFNC and its agents;
- f) ECFNC agrees that, upon the termination of this agreement, any disturbance of the Consent Lands resulting from the carrying out of the Works, will be restored by ECFNC at its own cost and to the satisfaction of the City's Senior Manager, Parks Operations or designate;
- g) ECFNC will be required to provide the City with indemnification and require proof of insurance with the following minimal coverage, satisfactory to the City:
 - \$5,000,000 Commercial General Liability in the City's standard form, such policy containing endorsements naming the City as an additional insured and including a cross-liability/separation of insureds clause, with a 30-day notice of cancellation provision, to be primary and non-contributing, and satisfactory in form and content, to the City;
 - The coverage must specifically acknowledge the Consent Lands are included on the proof of insurance.

The City reserves the right to amend, restate and/or supplement the above requirements as determined by the City's Risk and Insurance Department from time to time.

- h) ECFNC will be required to adhere to the following requirements of the City Naturalist & Supervisor, Natural Areas in order to protect Species at Risk in the area of the Consent Lands:
 - 1. All tools, waders, boots will be thoroughly disinfected between study sites to prevent cross-contamination and reduce the spread of invasive species;
 - 2. Vehicles must drive slowly through the area to allow slow-moving animals a chance to avoid being run over. Should a snake be found in the work area, ECFNC will phone the City's Species at Risk hotline (519-816-5352) and City staff will attend the site as quickly as possible to remove the

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- snake from harm. The same phone number shall be used to report any snakes or other animals found injured or dead;
3. Wherever possible cut native vegetation should be left in place to allow for natural decomposition and provide cover for wildlife in areas being cleared;
 4. Disturbance off-trail will be kept to a minimum to protect vegetation and ground-dwelling wildlife;
 5. Disturbance off-trail will be kept to a minimum to protect vegetation and ground-dwelling wildlife;
 6. A minimum of 48-hours' notice to the City Naturalist is required, by phone or email, along with site location, estimated start and end times and estimated number of volunteers.

II. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Clerk **EXECUTE** a Consent to Enter Agreement with ECFNC, approved as to form and content by the City Solicitor and content by the Executive Director of Parks and Facilities.

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Anna Ciacelli

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services
July 29, 2026

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