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Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Green Lane Community Fund

The purpose of this fund is to insure that our relationships with other communities develop in the future in ways that are fully respectful of the breadth of Deshkan Ziibiing’s responsibilities to these watersheds, and protective of the full range of our rights. The rights that Deshkan Ziibiing exercises in relation to our ancestral lands, treaty lands, reserve lands, and addition to reserve lands, are inherent, grounded most basically in the Creator’s gift of lands, waters, and way of life to nindoodemag, “our clans.”

The Green Lane Community Fund will contribute to Deshkan Ziibiing’s:

- sustainable land and environmental management as per Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP)

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The Green Lane Community Fund will channel funds into major initiatives outlined in the CCP, and will support the following types of endeavours:

1. trained human resources to coordinate the delivery of a sustainable land and environment plan
2. reconciliation processes and approaches to meet rights-based decision-making
3. initiatives to support and enhance Anishinaabek principles of stewardship.

Adjudication and Administration

The responsibility for approving use of the funds from the Green Lane Community Trust Fund will be vetted through the Land and Environment Director, Environment Officer, and the Executive Administrator for recommendation to Chief and Council who will consider recommendations from the Environment Committee with member defined as per Environment Committee Terms of Reference.

Process

Requests must originate from community members, nation administration staff and/or Chief and Council within areas identified in the CCP.

Fund Administration

The Green Lane Community Fund will be held by Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in perpetuity. Earned income on the funds will be used each year to support the endeavours of the CCP and a sustainable land and environment plan. The fund administrator will be the Finance Director. Disbursements (amount to be expended each year) from the fund’s income will be determined by Chief

and Council in consultation with the Land and Environment Director, Environment Officer, and the Executive Administrator as per COTTFN budgeting and reporting cycle.

In the event that circumstances make the specified use of the Green Lane Community Fund no longer practicable or desirable, the Chief and Council is hereby authorized to make any changes it may deem necessary in the terms or use of the Green Lane Community Fund, such changes, however, to be in keeping as far as possible with the original spirit and general intent of the Green Lane Community Fund.

Review

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed bi-annually beginning September 2017 or sooner.

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