

CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Mission Statement

*"To communicate and deliver resource management services and programs
in order to achieve social and ecological harmony for the watershed"*

Meeting of the Full Authority is to be held in the CCCA Boardroom on
Thursday, May 2, 2019, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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12) Notice of Motions / New Business:

13) Correspondence:

a) Copied:

- An e-mail from Forests Ontario: "Cancellation of the 50 Million Tree Program"

b) Not Copied:

- none

14) Closed Session:

15) Next Meeting / Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Thursday, April 11th, 2019

Meeting #03/2019

PRESENT:

Rick Cerna	Chairperson	Township of Malahide
Arthur Oslach	Vice-Chairperson	Town of Aylmer
Sally Martyn	Member	Municipality of Central Elgin
Mark Tinlin	Member	City of St. Thomas
Paul Buchner	Member	Township of South - West Oxford

STAFF:

Christopher Wilkinson	General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer
Susan Simmons	Financial Services Coordinator
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator
Dusty Underhill	Conservation Areas Supervisor
Emily Febrey	Active Naturally Program Coordinator

ABSENT:

Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician
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OTHERS PRESENT:

None

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cerna welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:04 a.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

<u>Motion # 34/2019</u>	S. Martyn	P. Buchner	CARRIED
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THAT, the Agenda for the April 11th, 2019, Full Authority meeting be adopted as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No one had a pecuniary interest to disclose at this time.

DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO / VIDEO RECORD MEETING:

The Chairperson asked for disclosures of intentions to audio or video record the meeting. No one indicated any such intentions at this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion # 35/2019 S. Martyn P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority meeting # 02/2019 (March 21, 2019), be accepted as circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a) Insured Artwork:

There was some confusion regarding the Insurance Coverage provided by Hamilton Ward & Cathers Insurance Service Ltd. After some investigation the General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer concluded that it is general coverage for artefacts donated to the CCCA in 2012. The coverage will remain the same as we have the pieces still in our collection.

PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:

None

REPORTS:

Report FA 13/2019 – Monthly Staff Reports, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 36/2019 S. Martyn P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the month March, 2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 14/2019 – March Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 37/2019 S. Martyn P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 14/2019, be noted and filed.

Report FA 15/2019 – Accounts Payable, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 38/2019 M. Tinlin S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Payable totaling \$36,909.64, be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 15/2019.

Report FA 16/2019 – WECl Resolution of Support, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 39/2019 S. Martyn M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority contribute a portion of the 50% required funding to complete the Catfish Creek Emergency Spillway Maintenance, and further;

That, the Township of Malahide be requested to provide a Resolution of Support to contribute a portion of the 50% of the Catfish Creek Emergency Spillway Maintenance.

Report FA 17/2019 – Meeting Provincial Priorities for Reducing Regulatory Burden, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 40/2019 M. Tinlin S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority endorse the three (3) key best practices developed by the Conservation Ontario working group to improve client services and accountability, increase speed of approvals, and reduce “red tape” and regulatory burden, and further;

That, Staff be directed to work with Conservation Ontario and our clients to identify additional improvement, and further;

That, Staff be directed to implement these solutions as soon as possible.

Report FA 18/2019 – Provincial Offenses Office Appointment, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 41/2019 S. Martyn M. Tinlin CARRIED

THAT, Ronald D. Underhill be appointed as a Provincial Offenses Officer #102 under Sections 28(1)(d) and (e) of the Conservation Authorities Act.

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY - TREASURER’S REPORT:

a) CCCA Strategic Plan Update:

The General Manager / Secretary - Treasurer updated the Board that we have received 20 responses on the online survey thus far. He informed the Board that the Draft 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan will be brought forward for review in the June Full Authority Meeting (June 13th, 2019).

b) Grant Applications:

The General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer advised the Board that the CCCA was not successful in an Ontario Power Generation applications, and those CA’s that did receive funding received significantly less money this year. The General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer attended a TD Friends of the Environmental reception.

c) Springwater Community Room Project:

The General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer advised the Board that the final payment has been issued for the Springwater Community Room Project and that the project was extremely successful with great reviews, especially from those with disabilities such as the 30+ CMHA clients who attended.

d) Conservation Ontario Meeting:

The General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer and CCCA Chairperson attended the Conservation Ontario (CO) meeting at Black Creek Pioneer Village, in Toronto on April 1, 2019. He informed the Board that a new Board of Directors had been elected. The new CO Chairperson is Wayne Emmerson of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

The Chair and General Manager of CO scheduled a meeting with Honourable Rod Philips, Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks, and Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to discuss streamlining Conservation Authorities and will provide an update at the next meeting.

e) Modernizing the Conservation Authorities Act Webinar:

Senior staff attended a webinar regarding two EBR Postings related to the Modernizing Conservation Authorities Act.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

CHAIRPERSON'S / BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Member Tinlin informed Members that Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Finance, will be attending a meeting from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. held on April 23, 2019 at the Canada Southern Station (CASO Station) in St. Thomas.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Copied:

- County of Elgin – a letter notifying the CCCA that it had received the letter regarding the speed limit change for Springwater Road and a resolution will be provided when available.

a) Not Copied:

- Correspondence Register for March, 2019.

Motion # 42/2019 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Copied Correspondence and Correspondence Register for March, 2019, be noted and filed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Motion # 43/2019 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority adjourn to the Committee of the Whole to discuss one (1) property matter at (11:05 a.m.).

Motion # 44/2019 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Committee of the Whole rise and report at (11:15 a.m.).

Motion # 45/2019 S. Martyn P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority direct Staff to send a letter to the Town of Aylmer to express interest in acquiring the lands that have been declared surplus lands at the corner of Hacienda Road (north of the railway tracks).

NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, June 13th, 2019, commencing at (10:00 a.m.).

Motion # 46/2019 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Full Authority be adjourned at (11:16 a.m.).

General Manager / Secretary –Treasurer

Authority Chairperson

REPORT FA 19 / 2019 : To The Full Authority
 FROM: Susan Simmons, Financial Services Coordinator
 SUBJECT: April Summary of Revenue & Expenditures
 DATE: April 30, 2019

SUMMARY OF REVENUE
 for the period ending April 30, 2019

	2019 Budget	2019 To Date	Difference	2018 To Date
MNRF Provincial Grants	\$ 79,835.00	\$ -	\$ (79,835.00)	\$ -
Other Provincial Grants	\$ 71,415.49	\$ 28,543.16	\$ (42,872.33)	\$ 60,641.82
Federal Grants	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
General Levy	\$ 315,344.69	\$ -	\$ (315,344.69)	\$ 270,714.02
Special Benefiting Levy	\$ 30,861.50	\$ -	\$ (30,861.50)	\$ 7,900.00
Employment Program Grants	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (18,900.00)	\$ -
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 43,400.00	\$ 26,853.50	\$ (16,546.50)	\$ 19,504.20
Conservation Areas Revenue	\$ 523,197.35	\$ 106,590.73	\$ (416,606.62)	\$ 128,301.92
Maple Syrup Revenue	\$ 64,641.22	\$ 56,169.65	\$ (8,471.57)	\$ 65,142.65
Bank Interest Earned	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 988.28	\$ (5,711.72)	\$ 358.10
Information & Education	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 10.62	\$ (7,889.38)	\$ -
Legal Inquiries/Permit Applications	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 951.34	\$ (4,048.66)	\$ 336.28
Trees/Planting/Spraying	\$ 4,250.00	\$ -	\$ (4,250.00)	\$ -
Woodlot Management	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 840.71	\$ (159.29)	\$ 486.73
Watershed Stewardship Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Water Quality/Quantity Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue from Other C.A. Lands	\$ 12,270.00	\$ 11,953.18	\$ (316.82)	\$ 13,466.37
Other Revenue	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.06	\$ (499.94)	\$ -
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vehicle & Equipment Rental Recoveries	\$ 38,705.00	\$ 8,252.44	\$ (30,452.56)	\$ 6,935.03
Previous Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,387.50	\$ 1,387.50	\$ -	\$ 1,169.70
Income Appropriation from Special Reserves	\$ 21,072.76	\$ -	\$ (21,072.76)	\$ -
Income Appropriation from General Reserves	\$ 50,759.44	\$ -	\$ (50,759.44)	\$ -
	<u>\$ 1,301,979.96</u>	<u>\$ 247,381.17</u>	<u>\$ (1,054,598.78)</u>	<u>\$ 634,956.82</u>

DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS	2019 Budget	Received To Date	Difference
Fish Stocking	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Springwater Event Sponsorships	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Annual Report	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
Environmental Education	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 660.00
EESS ELP Sponsorships	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,484.80	\$ 1,984.80
Community Forest	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ (250.00)
Maple Syrup Program	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Springwater Forest Trails	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,434.55	\$ (6,565.45)
Archie Coulter C.A. Trails	\$ 900.00	\$ 324.15	\$ (575.85)
YNHA	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Wetland Restoration	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ (10,000.00)
Springwater C.A. Development	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (1,300.00)
Ontario Police College Path of Honour	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)
TOTAL Donations/Sponsorships	<u>\$ 43,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,853.50</u>	<u>\$ (16,546.50)</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

for the period ending April 30, 2019

	2019 Budget	2019 To Date	Difference	2018 To Date
ADMINISTRATION				
A-1 Wages & Benefits	\$ 95,466.74	\$ 32,669.89	\$ 62,796.85	\$ 34,558.84
A-2 Travel Exp. & Allow.	\$ 10,162.00	\$ 438.69	\$ 9,723.31	\$ 389.48
A-3 Equip. Purchase & Rental	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 3,571.22	\$ 5,653.78	\$ 4,145.19
A-4 Materials & Supplies	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 1,057.69	\$ 3,292.31	\$ 2,031.57
A-5 Rent & Utilities	\$ 15,274.64	\$ 2,911.14	\$ 12,363.50	\$ 2,930.65
A-6 General Expenses	\$ 41,344.00	\$ 24,979.30	\$ 16,364.70	\$ 24,645.55
TOTAL	\$ 175,822.38	\$ 65,627.93	\$ 110,194.45	\$ 68,701.28
FLOOD FORECASTING & WARNING				
F4-2 Flood Control Structures	\$ 10,887.89	\$ 4,783.15	\$ 6,104.74	\$ 3,737.77
F4-4 Flood Forecasting & Warning	\$ 155,380.30	\$ 56,503.92	\$ 98,876.38	\$ 60,557.86
F4-5 Ice Management	\$ 39,739.25	\$ 22,955.17	\$ 16,784.08	\$ 20,472.06
F4-6 Plan Input	\$ 36,439.13	\$ 13,567.70	\$ 22,871.43	\$ 14,330.91
F4-71 Watershed Planning	\$ 19,822.08	\$ 7,234.97	\$ 12,587.11	\$ 3,793.73
F4-72 Technical Studies (GIS)	\$ 7,314.83	\$ 2,143.67	\$ 5,171.16	\$ 10,106.80
TOTAL	\$ 269,583.48	\$ 107,188.58	\$ 162,394.90	\$ 112,999.13
OTHER PROGRAM AREAS				
B-1 Information & Education	\$ 41,322.25	\$ 6,251.61	\$ 35,070.64	\$ 3,317.18
E-1 Extension Services - Tree Planting Community Forest	\$ 31,540.32	\$ 6,563.97	\$ 24,976.35	\$ 7,586.75
E-1 Extension Services - Woodlot Management	\$ 6,652.01	\$ 2,036.28	\$ 4,615.73	\$ 1,968.73
E-1 Extension Services - Watershed Stewardship	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 1,119.36	\$ 2,720.64	\$ 4,486.51
E4-1 Fish & Wildlife Habitat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 83,354.58	\$ 15,971.22	\$ 67,383.36	\$ 17,359.17
CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS				
Water Management Programs	\$ 26,762.68	\$ 5,462.89	\$ 21,299.79	\$ 3,928.71
Springwater C.A. Development	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,009.50	\$ 5,990.50	\$ -
Special Projects	\$ 30,299.00	\$ 19,435.53	\$ 10,863.47	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 97,061.68	\$ 58,907.92	\$ 38,153.76	\$ 3,928.71
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY LANDS				
Springwater Operation & Maint	\$ 512,097.36	\$ 85,206.31	\$ 426,891.05	\$ 82,782.11
Vehicle & Equipment Pool Exp.	\$ 43,110.00	\$ 12,693.36	\$ 30,416.64	\$ 15,753.42
Maple Syrup	\$ 62,641.22	\$ 47,778.29	\$ 14,862.93	\$ 61,993.71
Other C.A. Lands	\$ 58,309.26	\$ 7,125.89	\$ 51,183.37	\$ 8,104.69
TOTAL	\$ 676,157.84	\$ 152,803.85	\$ 523,353.99	\$ 168,633.93
APPROPRIATION TO GENERAL RESERVES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
APPROPRIATION TO SPECIAL RESERVES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,301,979.96	\$ 400,499.50	\$ 901,480.46	\$ 371,622.22

Susan Simmons

Susan Simmons,
Financial Services Coordinator


REPORT FA 20 / 2019 : TO THE FULL AUTHORITY

FROM: Susan Simmons, Financial Services Coordinator
 SUBJECT: Accounts Payable
 DATE: April 25, 2019

VENDOR	CHQ #	TOTAL	EXPLANATION
Mimosa Springs Rainbow Trout Farm payroll April 15 (29083-29094)	29082	1,000.00	Rainbow Trout (stocking pond)
Eastlink	29095	1,170.51	phone, fax line, gauges, & internet
Hydro One	29096	732.79	campground
Telus Mobility	Cash	190.97	mobile phones
Hydro One	29097	305.66	schoolhouse and day use area
Langs Contracting payroll April 29 (29099-29108)	29098	3,000.00	installment 1 Springwater C.A. maintenance
Aylmer Express Limited	29109	323.74	advertising for Farm Edition and Maple Syrup
Aylmer Home Hardware	29110	120.07	campground supplies
Canadian Tire	29111	112.95	supplies for Active Naturally Initiative
Canon Canada Inc.	29112	499.73	photocopier lease
CBSC Capital Inc.	29113	701.54	photocopier maintenance agreement
Checkers Cleaning Supply	29114	1,040.96	campground supplies
Csoff, Joe	29115	1,243.00	supplies for Habitat Stewardship projects
Delta Power Equipment Ltd.	29116	71.25	equipment maintenance
Elgin Feeds Ltd.	29117	54.22	campground supplies
Francotyp-Postalia Canada	29118	198.32	postage metre rental
Glenbriar Bottled Water Co. Ltd.	29119	11.24	water cooler service
Hamilton, Ward, & Cathers Insurance	29120	11,528.04	installment 1 of 3 : insurance premiums
Higgs Construction Ltd.	29121	15,500.78	ice breaking services in Port Bruce
Integrity IT Services	29122	316.13	computer network support
Johan Reimer	29123	272.33	equipment maintenance
Mission Management Information Systems	29124	615.85	campground software annual fee
Molly Maid	29125	79.00	administration centre cleaning service
Purolator Courier	29126	23.19	courier fees
Waste Connections of Canada Inc.	29127	23.84	campground maintenance
		<u>\$ 39,136.11</u>	

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Accounts Payable totalling \$39,136.11 , be approved for payment as presented in Report FA 20 / 2019.



 Susan Simmons,
 Financial Services Coordinator

REPORT FA 21 / 2019: To The Full Authority

FROM: Christopher Wilkinson, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

DATE: April 23, 2019

Purpose:

Provide an overview of the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the proposed Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) response.

Discussion:

The Province posted the following two proposals related to the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act:

Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property (ERO #013-4992)

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is proposing to make amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, an Act introduced in 1946 that would, if passed:

- clearly define the core mandatory programs and services provided by conservation authorities to be, natural hazard protection and management, conservation and management of conservation authority lands, drinking water source protection (as prescribed under the *Clean Water Act*), and protection of the Lake Simcoe watershed (as prescribed under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*)

Comments:

- The Hamlet of Port Bruce has 200 residences in the floodplain at the mouth of the Catfish Creek and is almost annually subjected to incredible ice jams and flooding. Thanks to an incredible relationship between municipal partners and CCCA, there is an excellent public safety record in the CCCA watershed and in particular in Port Bruce. Continued recognition of the conservation authority (e.g. flood forecasting role, water flow expertise) will result in continued safety and security of our rural watershed residents during flooding events.
- CCCAs conservation of natural resources programs (stewardship, restoration and tree planting) are designed to mitigate the effects of flooding and erosion. As a result, we suggest keeping the scope of the proposed core mandatory programs as wide as possible to ensure our supporting programs based on our watershed knowledge and expertise can be still be financially leveraged to mitigate the effects of flooding.
- Page 48 of the Made-in-Ontario Environmental Plan describes the “mandate of conserving natural resources”. This is a critical component, and as a result conserving natural resources should be added to the core mandatory programs to:
 1. ensure consistency with the Made-in-Ontario Environmental Plan; and,
 2. ensure support for our supporting programs/services that mitigate the effects of flooding and erosion; and,

3. ensure we can continue to provide cost effective integrated services to our municipal partners.

- increase transparency in how conservation authorities levy municipalities for mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services. Update the *Conservation Authorities Act*, an Act introduced in 1946 to conform with modern transparency standards by ensuring that municipalities and conservation authorities review levies for non-core programs after a certain period of time (e.g., 4 to 8 years)

Comments:

- S.39 provincial grant or municipal levy money has never historically been applied to non mandated programs/services. As a result, this proposal will widen CCCA's program/services potentially funded by municipalities such as our outdoor education programs in which we provide outdoor and healthy life experiences for thousands of people annually.
 - Longer term levies of 4-8 years would tie in nicely with strategic and business planning cycles. As a result, CCCA is supportive of this proposed time frame.
- establish a transition period (e.g. 18 to 24 months) and process for conservation authorities and municipalities to enter into agreements for the delivery of non-mandatory programs and services and meet these transparency standards

Comments:

- Administratively, agreements could be discussed as part of the next annual O.Reg 139/96 municipal levy notice process. The proposed transition period is appropriate even if the agreement is not included in 2020 municipal budgets which begin consultation in August 2019.
- enable the Minister to appoint an investigator to investigate or undertake an audit and report on a conservation authority
 - clarify that the duty of conservation authority board members is to act in the best interest of the conservation authority, similar to not-for-profit organizations.

Comments:

- no comments - supportive

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is also proposing to proclaim un-proclaimed provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act* related to:

- fees for programs and services
- transparency and accountability
- approval of projects with provincial grants
- recovery of capital costs and operating expenses from municipalities (municipal levies)

- regulation of areas over which conservation authorities have jurisdiction (e.g., development permitting)
- enforcement and offences
- additional regulations.

Comments:

- no comments - supportive

Staff have addressed some of the above proposals in the attached is the draft response for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Modernizing conservation authority operations – Conservation Authorities Act (ERO #013-5018).

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing to create a regulation further defining the ability of a conservation authority to regulate prohibited development and other activities for impacts to the control of flooding and other natural hazards.

Consolidating and harmonizing the existing 36 individual conservation authority-approved regulations into 1 Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry approved regulation will help to ensure consistency in requirements across all conservation authorities while still allowing for local flexibility based on differences in risks posed by flooding and other natural hazards.

Comments:

- Catfish Creek Conservation Authority currently regulates development, interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses via Ontario Regulation 146/06. CCCA is supportive of a consistent approach to planning and support consolidation into one regulation. This will specifically assist our municipal partners in finding efficiencies in supporting municipal land use planning and development services across watershed boundaries.
- Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Regulations speak to lands Regulated by Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the Administrative process we follow to review applications relative to Natural Hazards. **As a result, our Regulations affect private landowner proposals for “Development” they wish to undertake on portions of their property that are impacted by Natural Hazards. This proposal will therefore mainly affect private landowners in the watershed as opposed to Local Governments or Municipal Land Use Planning decisions. As a result, please provide clarity regarding the approach to development applications across for landowners undertaking works in Regulated Areas.**

For the purposes of this regulation the Ministry is also proposing to:

- Exempt low-risk development activities from requiring a permit including certain alterations and repairs to existing municipal drains subject to the *Drainage Act* provided they are undertaken in accordance with the *Drainage Act* and *Conservation Authorities Act* Protocol;

Comments:

- CCCA exempts works under the Drainage Act by Municipalities, i.e. we do not issue "Permits" per se, however we review proposals and provide technical assistance to our Member Municipalities.
 - CCCA provides comments on impacts to Natural Hazards (and Fish Habitat in the past) through an "Authorization Letter".
 - These letters are turned around within 2 working days. As a result, we do not see the need to amend this section.
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- Require conservation authorities to develop, consult on, make publicly available and periodically review internal policies that guide permitting decisions;

Comments:

- We need to differentiate between our Plan Review Policies which guide our review of applications under the Planning Act versus our Policies relative to Section 28 (Generic Regulations.). As a result, you may wish to remove making mapping available for Official Plans in this section and just mention that Regulation Mapping and Polices are available to the public and are adopted by CA Boards in accordance with Provincial Standards/Protocols.
 - We currently make all internal policies for plan review available for anyone to see.
 - Floodplains are dynamic in nature and are changing over time. A large storm could alter a floodplain and therefore the use of a broader screening line with specific site surveys for development seems to be a workable and cost efficient solution that maximizes public safety. Mapping that becomes out of date as soon as it is published would seem to have the opposite effect.
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- Require conservation authorities to notify the public of changes to mapped regulated areas such as floodplains or wetland boundaries; and

Comments:

- The discussion of "Mapped Regulated Areas" is concerning since the current "generic regulation" is based on site surveys and investigations for elevations. We make a screening map available online. Proponents within the screening area are asked to speak with the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority staff. Our Regulations Officers or planning staff are available for proponents to specifically discuss their Section 28 proposals.
- The planner will visit the site to determine the specific flood elevation. Currently, staff use a series of benchmarks around the flood damage areas to identify flood elevations for flood proofing, new builds and renovations.
- The planner cannot complete this exercise from a desktop as there is insufficient vertical accuracy available from the air photos due to tree cover making it difficult for the sensors to pick up elevations. Since flood plains are typically forested areas, it makes it very difficult to determine the flood elevation from a desktop exercise using air photos and an elevation model.

- Update definitions for key regulatory terms to better align with other provincial policy, including: “wetland”, “watercourse” and “pollution”;
- Defining undefined terms including: “interference” and “conservation of land” as consistent with the natural hazard management intent of the regulation;
- Reduce regulatory restrictions between 30m and 120m of a wetland and where a hydrological connection has been severed;
- Allow conservation authorities to further exempt low-risk development activities from requiring a permit provided in accordance with conservation authority policies;
- Require conservation authorities to establish, monitor and report on service delivery standards including requirements and timelines for determination of complete applications and timelines for permit decisions.

Comments:

- No Comments

Recommendations:

THAT the members receive REPORT FA 21 / 2019 for information; and further,

THAT REPORT FA 21 / 2019 be submitted to the appropriate Environmental Registry consultations.

per 

Christopher Wilkinson,
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT FA 22 / 2019: To The Full Authority

FROM: Christopher Wilkinson, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Reduction in Provincial Transfer Payment

DATE: April 23, 2019

Purpose:

To provide the members of the board with information regarding the 50% reduction in Provincial Transfer Payment to the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority for flood forecasting and warning, dam operations, and watershed planning.

Discussion:

The April 11 provincial budget included a reduction of its transfer payment (provincial grant) to the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) by 50%. The Authority received an email from Monique Rolf von den Baumen, assistant deputy minister for the Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry indicating that the CCCA's transfer payment amount would be reduced to \$41,214.50. As the full \$79,835.00 was included in the 2019 budget, this results in a \$38,620.50 shortfall for 2019.

In 1993, the CCCA was receiving \$352,257.00 in provincial funding. The amount dropped steadily each year until it flat lined at \$79,835.00 from the year 2000 until recently.

The original intent of the *Conservation Authorities Act* was a 50% cost share for mandated programs shared between the Province and the Municipalities. With the latest reduction, this results in an approximately a \$200,000 shortfall in provincial funding to meet the Provincially mandated programs. Our member Municipalities make up the shortfall, mitigated by the Authority's self-generated revenue.

The Authority self-generates revenue from campground operations, donations, trail fees, rentals, sales, and special events. However most of the revenue is directed into reserve accounts based on our Reserve Policy (Approved 2018 Motion FA 57/2018). The reserves have specific purposes directed to conservation lands management and youth education, and cannot be used for flood forecasting and warning, dam operations, and watershed planning.

The CCCA functions with seven (7) incredibly talented full time staff, each of them with experience carrying out a broad range of duties. The Authority is required to continue our flood forecasting and warning role and wish to do so without passing down the cuts to our Municipal partners. There is a strong possibility funding may have to be pulled from other departments in order to fill this year's unanticipated shortfall.

Recommendations:

THAT staff report FA 22 / 2019 be received for information.



Per Christopher Wilkinson,
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

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April 12, 2019

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Subject: Notification of 2019-20 Transfer Payment Funding

Dear Christopher Wilkinson:

As you are aware, the government tabled its 2019 Budget that puts people first and ensures that vital public services have the sustainable funding they need now and for generations to come. The government set out the actions needed to return the Province to balance in a responsible and reasonable manner.

This year's budget reflects the outcomes of a comprehensive multi-year planning process that built on the findings of EY Canada's line-by-line review, and the ideas identified in the Planning for Prosperity Survey and the Big Bold Ideas Challenge. The government conducted a thorough review of all government programs in order to ensure investments are sustainable and modernized. The review is also meant to ensure that duplication is eliminated, and valuable programs and services are sustainable and delivering outcomes for the people of Ontario.

In addition to this review, all ministries were required to identify administrative savings. This was to be done by identifying opportunities to modernize services in order to reduce administrative costs and burden, while improving services across ministries, agencies and transfer-payment partners.

I am writing to let you know that Cattfish Creek Conservation Authority will receive \$41,214.50 in funding for the 2019-20 fiscal year, for Section 39 Eligible Natural Hazard Management Grant, subject to the terms of a transfer payment agreement that will be provided to you.

If you have any questions about your funding for 2019-20, please contact Kathy Woeller, A/Director Integration Branch at 705-755-1620.

Sincerely,

Monique Rolf von den Baumen
Assistant Deputy Minister

Chris Wilkinson

Subject: FW: Cancellation of 50 Million Tree Program

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Subject: Cancellation of 50 Million Tree Program

Dear Valued Partners,

With a heavy heart, I must inform you that Forests Ontario has received notice from the Ontario Government that the 50MTP agreement has been cancelled.

Fortunately, after initial discussions with MNRF staff late yesterday, it was decided that we will move forward with this spring's plant.

Also, Forests Ontario is developing a communications strategy to response to the government's decision and as such we respectfully ask that you do not make any public statements regarding the 50MTP cancellation – yet. We will inform you on this strategy and your hopeful engagement in the very near future.

We understand, along with the cancellation of the 50MTP, that other cuts have been made, and we are deeply saddened that these short-sighted decisions will bring hardship for all of us.

Please know that Forests Ontario will do whatever is in our power to work towards a future for tree planting in Ontario. This news does not negate the excellent work that has been completed under the 50MTP to date and all of your efforts.

If you have questions, or if you would like to speak about this matter further, please reach out to Forests Ontario's Director of Operations, Kerry McLaven, at 416-646-1193 ext. 233.

I am extremely grateful and have been very fortunate to have worked with so many dedicated partners over the years and look forward to continuing working with you in the future as new opportunities are developed.

All the best,
Rob

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Are you looking to plant trees this spring? The 50 Million Tree Program provides funding assistance for tree planting, allowing landowners to get more from their property while contributing to healthier communities & environments.