

# CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mission Statement

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

## **AGENDA**

## Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Member and Delegations Participation: Zoom Invite sent via e-mail

## **Public Participation:**

View meeting on the CCCA YouTube Page at (on YouTube.com, search "Catfish Creek Conservation Authority") https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCINApyJrr0YSNhR\_iPAa6Ew or via the short cut: https://bit.ly/3gzSWlf

1)	Welcome / Call to Order
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3)	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
4)	Introduction of:
	a) Members of the Board, Staff, & Special Guests Rick Cerna
5)	Chairperson's Remarks
6)	Adoption of Minutes of:
	a) Full Authority Meeting # FA 08/2021 (December 16, 2021) Full Authority
	b) Personnel / Finance Committee Meeting # PF 01/2022 (January 27, 2022) Full Authority
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8)	2021 Annual Report
9)	Presentation of 2021 Audited Financial Statements Jennifer Buchanan, Graham Scott Enns
10)	Adoption of 2021 Audited Financial Statements Full Authority
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	a) Chairperson c) Vice-Chairperson
	b) Chairperson's Address d) Vice-Chairperson's Address
12)	Appointment of Authority's Auditor, Financial Institution and Solicitor Full Authority
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16)	Student Scholarship Award Presentation Arthur Oslach
17)	Conservation Award Presentation
18)	Other Business
19)	Termination Full Authority

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to take this time to recognize that the land on which we gather is in the traditional territory shared between the Haudenosaunee (ho - din - oh - show - knee) confederacy, the Anishinabe (ah - nih - shih - nah - bai) nations, and the Attiwonderonk Neutrals. First Nations people have longstanding relationships to the land, water and Southwestern Ontario and we are thankful for the opportunity to live, learn and share with mutual respect and appreciation.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## Thursday, December 16, 2021

Meeting #08/2021

The December Meeting of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Full Authority was conducted at the Aylmer Legion to accommodate social distancing.

#### PRESENT:

Rick Cerna Chairperson Township of Malahide Lori Baldwin-Sands Vice-Chairperson City of St. Thomas Arthur Oslach Member Town of Aylmer

Sally Martyn Member Municipality of Central Elgin
Paul Buchner Member Township of South-West Oxford

#### STAFF:

Dusty Underhill Acting General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

Tony Difazio Planning Resource Coordinator Kelsey Oatman Program Support Assistant Gerrit Kremers Field Technician – Lands Austin Verbeek Field Technician – Water

#### PRESENT:

Brett Hueston Aylmer Express, Reporter

## **WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Cerna welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:16 a.m.). He congratulated the Acting General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer for completing Conservation University and graduating as valedictorian.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

The CCCA recognized that the land on which we gather is in the traditional territory shared between the Haudenosaunee confederacy, the Anishinabe nations, and the Attiwonderonk Neutrals.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion # 114/2021 S. Martyn L. Baldwin-Sands CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Full Authority meeting be adopted as circulated.

#### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

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 # 115/2021 L. Baldwin-Sands P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of Full Authority Meeting #07/2021 (November 19, 2021), be accepted as circulated.

Motion # 116/2021 P. Buchner S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, the Minutes of the Land Management Committee Meeting #LM02/2021 (November 25, 2021), be adopted as circulated.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Report FA 46/2021 – Springwater Conservation Area 2022 Camping Fees, was re-presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 117/2021 P. Buchner L. Baldwin-Sands CARRIED

THAT, overnight camping and seasonal camping fees for the 2022 camping season at the Springwater Conservation Area be increased by 6%.

#### **PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:**

None

#### **REPORTS**

Report FA 47/2021 – Monthly Staff Reports, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 118/2021 S. Martyn A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, Staff Reports for the month of November, 2021, be noted and filed.

Report FA 48/2021 – November Summary of Revenue and Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 119/2021 L. Baldwin-Sands P. Buchner CARRIED

THAT, Report FA 48/2021, be noted and filed.

Report FA 49/2021 – Accounts Paid, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 120/2021 A. Oslach S. Martyn CARRIED

THAT, Accounts Paid totaling \$125,767.12, be approved as presented in Report FA 49/2021.

Report FA 50/2021 – Municipal Plan Review, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 121/2021

P. Buchner

L. Baldwin-Sands

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Full Authority approve the Municipal Plan Review Report for the months of September, October, and November, 2021.

Report FA 51/2021 – Approved Section 28 Regulations Applications, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 122/2021

P. Buchner

A. Oslach

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Full Authority receive the staff approved Section 28 Regulations Application Report FA 51/2021, as information.

Report FA 52/2021 – 2022 Meeting Dates, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 123/2021

A. Oslach

P. Buchner

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Full Authority approve the 2022 Meeting Date Schedule as outlined in Report FA 52/2021, as presented.

Report FA 53/2021 – Revised Draft Budget 2022, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # 124/2021

L. Baldwin-Sands

P. Buchner

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Full Authority approve the 2022 Draft Budget as presented in FA 53/2021; and further,

THAT, the Budget and General Levies be circulated to member municipalities for the 30-day notice period in accordance with the Municipal Levy Regulation made under the Conservation Authorities Act.

#### **ACTING GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer provided members with the following updates:

## a) Springwater Conservation Area – Evans' Sisters Green Roof Stage:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer informed the Board of Directors that the winter erection had been completed. In the Spring the irrigation plumbing, electrical work, and the green roof installation are to be completed. At this time, the project is right on budget.

## b) CCCA Transition Plan:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer updated the Board of Directors that the CCCA Transition Plan had been sent out to member municipalities, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and posted on the CCCA website as of December 8, 2021.

## c) Clean Technology Employment Grant:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer updated the Board of Directors that he and the Field Technician had attended webinars regarding the Clean Technology Employment grant that the CCCA had received.

## d) British Columbia Flood Support:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer informed the Board of Directors that Conservation Ontario was approached by Emergency Management Ontario on behalf of the Province of British Columbia looking for resources related to flood response and monitoring given the recent and multiple atmospheric river events. There was a proposal to send some Conservation Authorities' staff to the province to assist with their flood event. In the end the proposal was no longer necessary.

## e) Conservation Authorities Act Review:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer informed the Board of Directors that the Conservation Authorities Working Group continue to meet every couple of weeks to discuss the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* changes especially regarding Phase 1. The working group was happy that some key recommendations made by the collective were of common interest in shaping effective policy related to changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* including an extension of the timelines for completion of MOUs/agreements and the inclusion of passive recreation as a mandatory program and service.

## f) Conservation University:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer informed the Board of Directors he had completed the final section of Conservation University and had officially graduated. The course provided great insight and networking opportunities.

## g) Source Water Protection:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer updated the Board of Directors that he was Currently working with Martin Keller and Emily Hayman of the Grand River Conservation Authority to update the Catfish Creek Source Water Protection Assessment Report. Authority staff compiled the requested data including water conditions, forest and wetland coverage and ground water quality information to add to the assessment report.

#### h) Section 28 Proposal:

The Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer informed the Board of Directors that the Conservation Ontario Regulatory Compliance Committee is proposing to issue a Request for Proposals in early 2022 for the creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These SOPs will be targeted to Conservation Authority staff designated as a Provincial Offences Officer under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Trespass to Property Act* to assist officers in fulfilling their responsibilities and requirements of their respective Authority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<b>3:</b>		
None			
CHAIRPERSON'S / BOA	RD MEMBER'S REPORT:		
None			
NOTICE OF MOTIONS /	NEW BUSINESS:		
None			
CORRESPONDENCE:			
a) Copied:			
- An email from the Launch Removal	e County of Elgin regarding th	e Port Bruce Temporary Br	idge & Boat
b) Not Copied:			
- Correspondence	Registers for November, 202	1.	
Motion # 125/2021	P. Buchner	A. Oslach	CARRIED
THAT, the Copied Corres noted and filed.	pondence and the Correspond	dence Registers for Novem	ber, 2021, be
CLOSED SESSION:			
Motion # 126/2021	A. Oslach	L. Baldwin-Sands	CARRIED
THAT, the Full Authority a	adjourn to Closed Session at (	10:56 a.m.).	
Motion # 127/2021	A. Oslach	P. Buchner	CARRIED
THAT, the Full Authority r	ise with report at (11:44 p.m.).		
Motion # 128/2021	P. Buchner	A. Oslach	CARRIED
THAT, the Minutes of the	Personnel/Finance Committee	e #PF02/202, be adopted a	s circulated.
Motion # 129/2021	P. Buchner	L. Baldwin-Sands	CARRIED
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Motion # 130/2021	P. Buchner	L. Baldwin-Sands	CARRIED	
Treasurer of the CCCA from	ppoint Dusty Underhill as Act m January 1, 2022 until char ddition, a bonus compensati onth basis.	nges occur or December :	31, 2022	
Motion # 131/2021	L. Baldwin-Sands	S. Martyn	CARRIED	
	pendent consultation review of deferred until the report is of		ns and wages,	
NEXT MEETING / TERMIN	NATION:			
	atfish Creek Conservation Au d on Thursday, February 17,	•		
Motion # 131/2021	L. Baldwin-Sands	A. Oslach	CARRIED	
THAT, the Full Authority be terminated at (11:46 a.m.).				
Acting General Manager / S	Secretary –Treasurer	Authority Chairperson		

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY PERSONNEL / FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 27th, 2022

Meeting #PF 01/2022

PRESENT:

Paul Buchner Committee Chairperson Township of South-West Oxford

Rick Cerna Authority Chairperson Township of Malahide

Arthur Oslach Committee Member Town of Aylmer

Sally Martyn Committee Member Municipality of Central Elgin

Lori Baldwin-Sands Committee Member City of St. Thomas

STAFF:

Dusty Underhill Acting General Manager / Secretary – Treasurer

Susan Simmons Financial Services Coordinator

## **WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER:**

The Committee Chairperson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at (10:00 a.m.).

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion # PF 01/2022 L. Baldwin-Sands A. Oslach CARRIED

THAT, the Agenda for the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Personnel / Finance Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

#### DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

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

## DISCLOSURE OF INTENTION TO AUDIO / VIDEO RECORD MEETING:

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

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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#### **PUBLIC / SPECIAL DELEGATIONS:**

## a) Jennifer Buchanan - Graham Scott Enns LLP Chartered Accountants

Ms. Buchanan presented the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2021. She informed the members that the statements presented include adjustments to reflect the Tangible Capital Assets inventory.

Committee Chairperson Buchner thanked Ms. Buchanan for taking the time to attend the meeting and giving the opportunity to ask questions regarding the 2021 Financial Statements.

## **REPORTS:**

Report PF 01/2022 – Draft Audited Financial Statements, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 02/2022

A. Oslach

R. Cerna

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee acknowledge receipt of the 2022 Draft Financial Statements as presented in Report PF 01/2022.

## Ms. Buchanan left the meeting at (10:20 a.m.).

Report PF 02/2022 – December Summary of Revenue & Expenditures, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 03/2022

L. Baldwin-Sands

S. Martyn

**CARRIED** 

THAT, Report PF 02/2022, be noted and filed.

Report PF 03/2022 – Appropriations To / From Reserves, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 04/2022

R. Cerna

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee recommend to the Full Authority that the appropriations to and from the various Reserve Accounts outlined in Report PF 03/2022, be approved as presented.

Report PF 04 / 2022 – Accounts Paid, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 05/2022

L. Baldwin-Sands

S. Martyn

**CARRIED** 

THAT, Accounts Paid totaling \$8,168.48, be approved as presented in Report PF 04/2022.

Report PF 04 / 2022 – Electricity Cost / Usage Analysis, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 06/2022

A. Oslach

R. Cerna

**CARRIED** 

THAT, Report PF 05/2022, be received as information at this time.

Report PF 06/2022 – Annual Review of Violence and Harassment Policy, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 07/2022

S. Martyn

A. Oslach

**CARRIED** 

THAT, Report PF 06/2022, be received as information.

Report PF 07/2022 – Appointment of Legal Counsel, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 08/2022

L. Baldwin-Sands

R. Cerna

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel/Finance Committee receive the Report PF 07/2022 as information.

Report PF 08/2022 – Conservation Award Nominations, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 09/2022

L. Baldwin-Sands

S. Martyn

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee select Henry Tenhoor and Henry Kielstra as the recipients of the 2021 CCCA Conservation Award.

Report PF 09/2022 – Conservation Scholarship Award, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 10/2022

R. Cerna

S. Martyn

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee select Ella Cattrysse recipient of the 2022 CCCA Conservation Scholarship Award.

Report PF 10/2022 – AGM Agenda, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 11/2022

A. Oslach

R. Cerna

CARRIED

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee approve the Annual General Meeting Agenda as amended in Report PF 10/2022.

Report PF 11/2022 – CCCA Administrative By-Law Update, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 12/2022

R. Cerna

A. Oslach

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Best Management Practices and Administrative By- Law approved by the Full Authority in Motion #SM01/2020 are hereby revoked; and further,

THAT, the new Administrative By-Law for the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority attached to Report PF 11/2022, be adopted as presented.

Report PF 12/2022 – CA Act Inventory of Programs & Services, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 13/2022

S. Martyn

A. Oslach

CARRIED

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority circulate the Inventory of Programs and Services Guide for your information be approved as presented; and further,

THAT, the Inventory of Programs and Services be circulated to Member Municipalities for a 14-day review period; and further,

THAT, after the 14-day period, the CCCA will provide a copy of the Inventory of Programs and Services to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), and will post it on the Authorities website by February 28, 2022.

Report PF 13/2022 – Letter of Support – CPRA Green Jobs Initiative, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Committee Chairperson Buchner suggested that the CCCA also send the Letter to the County of Oxford Member of Parliament, David MacKenzie. Staff agreed and will prepare the letter after the conclusion of the meeting.

Motion # PF 14/2022

R. Cerna

S. Martyn

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee send a letter in support of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Green Jobs initiative as presented in report PF 13/2022.

Report PF 14/2022 – Staff Reports, was presented, discussed, and resolved.

Motion # PF 15/2022

A. Oslach

S. Martyn

**CARRIED** 

That, Staff Reports for the month of December, 2021, be noted and filed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Copied:
  - None
- b) Not Copied:
  - Correspondence Register, December 1-31, 2021.

Motion # PF 16/2022

L. Baldwin-Sands

R. Cerna

**CARRIED** 

THAT, the Copied Correspondence and the Correspondence Register for December, 2021, be noted and filed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON / COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORT:**

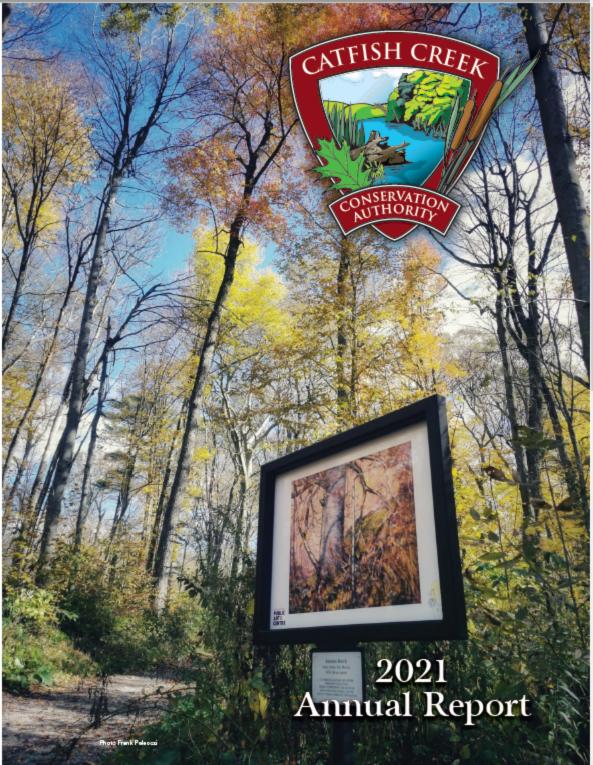
None

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS / NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEXT MEETING / TERMINATION:**

The next meeting of the Percommencing at (11:00 a.m.	ersonnel / Finance Committee n.).	will take place November 2	24 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Motion # PF 16/2022	L. Baldwin-Sands	A. Oslach	CARRIED
THAT, the Personnel / Finance Committee meeting be terminated at (11:07 a.m.).			
Acting General Manager /	Secretary – Treasurer	Committee Chairperson	



## Chairperson's Message

I cannot say enough how honoured I am to be the Chairperson to a collaborative, fiscally responsible not-for-profit organization such as the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA). I have acted as the Chairperson for several years now and have been witness to many changes in the Conservation Authority world. From funding cuts to newly mandated regulations, the CCCA stays progressive and is continually moving forward fulfilling its obligations to deliver mandated programs and services on behalf of our member municipalities since 1950.

It was inevitably another tough year for operation. The Authority Board and Staff took a general approach to the challenges presented by COVID-19 with a premise on putting health and safety first as we move forward to fulfill our mandates under modified operating requirements and the stressors that are associated with today's economic conditions.

Springwater Campground was able to open on time this year by adapting to the measures put into place by the Southwestern Public Health Unit. Due to the global pandemic and provincial restraints, all major attractions such as the Maple Syrup Festival, Vanfest, Paws-tively Elgin, and the Fred Eaglesmith Charty picnic were cancelled for yet another year. The Carolinian Forest Festival, Envirothon and Marsh Quest environmental education programs were offered virtually, to be utilized as environmental education classroom outreach tools to inspire and motivate the youth of tomorrow. Passive day use numbers saw more than 7,500 visitors, relatively more than average, as the community found solace in the outdoors during these trying times.

The brand-new Audrey's Place Pavilion was constructed in the Springwater Conservation Area funded from a donation by Mr. Ken McEwen, a local watershed resident. The Evans' Sister's stage broke ground in September 2021 and will be completed in the Spring of 2022. The Art Trees and Trais Initiative, delivered in conjunction with the St. Thomas-Eigin Public Art Centre, was completed in September of 2021. The outdated Springwater Conservation Area Gatehouse/Store was replaced in the spring of 2021 with an updated, more centrally located Visitor Centre with upgraded entrance lanes and electronic gates. A successful fundraising campaign for this project was well-received by local residents and the CCCA is humbled by the generous show of support. The Evans' Sister Stage will support a Green Roof which can help

sequester carbon and assist in the combat of today's major ofinatio crisis. These are a just few examples of new amenities our local watershed residents and guests from afar can utilize. It is collaborative adventures like this that can attest for the love and admiration our local watershed residents have for the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority.

Conservation Authorities have been mandated to continually address the Management of Natural Hazards, the Conservation and Management of Lands owned and operated by the Authority, and Other Programs and Services under municipal agreements, or that the Authority may determine to be Advisable on their behalf. While additional programs have been added to the mandated list of programs and services offered by Conservation Authorities, the basis of the mandate has not changed. What has changed with the introduction of these revised regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act are the complexities on how we deliver the programs to meet our watershed resident's expectations.

Finishing the 2021 term as Chairperson for the CCCA, I encountered a year filled with challenges and a multitude of successful activities established by our very small but very well complemented staff and volunteers. A longtime volunteer with the CCCA, Victor Herrington, was awarded one of 20 June Callwood Awards for 2021 which recognizes people and groups who have made outstanding contributions as volunteers in their communities. It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Catfish Creek Board of Director's to congratulate this team of staff and volunteers for another great year of progress.

To conclude my speech, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the partners and supporters who make our work possible, and in particular I'd like to acknowledge the commitment of our member municipalities who provide and support the work of the Cattish Creek Conservation Authority throughout the year.

Rick Cerna, CCCA Chairperson



## Corporate Services

The activities of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority are governed by a Board of Directors comprised of five (5) members appointed by the five (5) member municipalities of the Catfish Creek watershed.

Board Member	Municipality
Rick Cema (Chairperson)	Township of Malahide
Lori Baldwin-Sands	City of St. Thomas
(Vice-Chairperson)	
Sally Martyn	Municipality of Central Elgin
Arthur Oslach	Town of Aylmer
Paul Buchner	Township of South-West Oxford
Staff Member	Position
Dusty Underhill	Acting General Manager/Secretary- Treasurer (started September 2021) Conservation Areas Supervisor
Susan Simmons	'
Kelsey Oatman	Program Support Assistant
Tony Difazio	Resource Planning Coordinator
Peter Dragunas	Water Management Technician
Gerrit Kremers	Field Technician - Lands
Austin Verbeek	Field Technician - Water
Emily Febrey	Community Outreach Technician (until August 2021)
Christopher Wilkinson	General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

(until September 2021)

And our many seasonal staff and summer students

## 2021 Financial Report





Copies of the full 2021 Audited Financial Statements may be obtained by contacting the Authority Administration Centre.

#### In Memoriam

On June 20th, the CCCA was deeply saddened to learn of the sudden passing of one of its former Board Members, Mark Tinlin. Mark was the representative for the City of St. Thomas on the CCCA Board of Directors from 2014 until the beginning of 2021 when he stepped down. His great sense of humour and professionalism will always be remembered.

#### Conservation Lands

In 2021, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) focused its conservation lands efforts on the enhancement of the Springwater Conservation Area with new buildings and attractions. We could not have taken on these projects without generous donations from local supporters. To cap off the year, we were humbled that the Springwater Conservation Area was voted the 94.1 MyFM "Favourite Campground".

Throughout the watershed, improving ecological health, curating an appreciation for nature, and ensuring our lands are protected and enhanced is always at the forefront of our activities. Thanks to the generous and financial support from different local and private organizations, government agencies, and our many community partners, the following was undertaken in 2021.

- The completion of the new Visitor Center and gated entrance at the Springwater Conservation Area. This was made possible thanks to the generous support of the community through a local fundraising campaign.
- The construction of the new "The Evans' Sisters Stage" in the Springwater Day Use Area is slated for completion in the spring and will include an environmentally friendly Live Roof. Thanks to the Donna Vera Evans Bushell Estate for their donation that made this possible.
- The completion of the "Audrey's Place Pavition" located near the Springwater Maple Syrup Festival Area. This project was funded through a generous donation from Ken McEwen as he wished to honor the legacy of his family, who regularly enjoyed all that Springwater Conservation Area has to offer.
- In partnership with the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority and the St. Thomas Elevated Park, the "Arts, Trees, and Trails" project was

undertaken. The CCCA's deliverable was the installation of five (5) paintings with local connections from the St. Thomas-Elgin Art Centre permanent collection throughout the Springwater Forest. This was made possible through the donation received from the Donna Vera Evans Bushell Estate.

- The removal of all tree collars at Yarmouth Natural Heritage Area (YNHA)
  with the East Elgin Secondary School Environmental Leadership Program
  (ELP). The collars were put in place when the trees were planted in 2016.
  The trees have since grown to a suitable height and diameters that allows
  the collars to be removed without making them vulnerable to browse
  species (i.e. deer).
- Partnered with the East Elgin Secondary School Environmental Leadership Program to plant native trees and shrubs along the re-stabilized banks of Catflish Creek through Archie Coulter Conservation Area (ACCA) through funding from the Ministry of Erwironment, Conservation and Parks' "Great Lakes Local Action Fund".
- Completed various job placements through Canada Summer Jobs, Green Jobs, and the Ontario Job Creation Program, and began an internship with Caneer Launcher.
- Began the construction of a new parking lot located on the east section
  of the ACCA to provide a safe parking area for the growing number of
  visitors that visit.
- Entered into an agreement with MacKay Pay to offer contactless payment options to our ofients, and installed parking signs at the three (3) main Conservation Areas (Springwater Conservation Area, ACCA, and YNHA) to allow visitors to pay their trail fees or day passes using their payment cand(s).











## 2022 Special Events Calendar

OSTESHOLDS

Springwater Conservation Area traditionally hosts numerous special events throughout the operating season. Due to COVID-19, we were forced to cancel events during the last two seasons. Pending Provincial Regulations, we anticipate all events to resume this season. All events will be posted on the COCA website as well as our social media pages.

Phone: (519) 773-9037

Website: www.catfishcreek.ca

Facebook: Springfield Conservation Area & Catfish Creek Conservation Authority.

Instagram/Twitter: @catrishcreekca



Bank Stabilization – Environmental Leadership Program Students – Archie Coulter Conservation Area



## Stewardship Services

Over the course of the year Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) undertook environmental stewardship projects on nine (9) different private landowner properties. There were twelve (12) different projects undertaken consisting or wetland habitat, tall grass prairie habitat and erosion control. Nine (9) of the twelve (12) stewardship projects have completed as of the end of December 2021, with the remaining 3 projects still to be completed. The CCCA worked with Eigin Stewardship Council, Ducks Unlimited, ALUS Eigin, and the Eigin Clean Water Program on majority of these projects.

CCCA also completed streambank restoration work at Archie Coulter Conservation Area (ACCA). This project consisted of regrading and re-vegetating highly problematic erosion sites along Catfish Creek throughout the ACCA. CCCA partnered with East Eighn Secondary Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) to locate the various sites and assisted in the re-vegetating efforts. A variety of different native trees and shrubs were planted along the creek during this project.

## **Environmental Planning**

in 2021, the Province continued to approve amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, the main piece of legislation that guides a coalition of 36 Conservation Authorities (CA's) within jurisdictional watersheds in Ornario. As CA's pivot to the new Provincial Mandated Programs administrative framework, we also continued to define roles and responsibilities with member Municipalities to meet the needs of watershed residents as a local, environmental resource management agency.

One of The Catrish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA's) core mandates continues to be the delivery of programs and services to protect public safety and property damage in proximity to Natural Hazards such as flooding, erosion, shorelines and wetlands. The CCCA can draw upon 70 plus years of experience to help the public and Municipalities mitigate the effects of an ever-changing global climate on our day-to-day lives.

In 2022, it is anticipated the Province of Ontario will introduce Phase 2 of the Regulatory amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act. This may include changes to Section 28 which allow CA's to direct development away from hazardous lands or undertakings that may aggravate natural processes. Specifically, in 2021 CCCA staff reviewed and provided information on the following:

- Assisted Municipalities with the review of over 70 Planning Act applications such as Severances, Minor Variance & Zone Change Applications, Plans of Condominium/SubdMisions and Official Plan Amendments.
- Provided input on over 75 inquiries from landowners, consultants, real estate agents.
- Issued 35 Permits, authorizations or letters of opinion on Section 28 applications.







## Water Quality Monitoring

Several program partnerships with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks depend on water quality data collected by CCCA. The Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Program (PWQMN), and the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) support CCCA and our partners to monitor the changing watershed conditions and facilitate data-lead management of our water resources. 2021 sampling saw a delayed start, however CCCA collected surface water from four (4) PWQMN sites, and measured groundwater levels at two (2) PGMN wells.



## Water Management

Fresh water has always been a natural resource crucial to the environmental and economic well-being of the Cattish Creek Watershed. Water supports many familial livelihoods such as agriculture activities, industrial development, and recreation to mention a few. Historically, periods of extreme weather patterns were infrequent, and excessive water levels were unique. However, as demand for water increases and climate changes occur, severe water level fluctuations are becoming more common and are replacing lower historical normals with more frequent, elevated and intense surface water volume patterns through more recurring storms with unprecedented intensities.



The Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) is aiming to help mitigate the unsettled climate change variables through various science based environmental and biodiverse rehabilitation programs/projects coupled with a more comprehensive understanding of an improve local environmental biodiversity.

The CCCA understands the significance of watershed management and conservation strategies to enhance air and water quality and protect areas within the watershed susceptible to erosion. Reforestation efforts saw 10 acres of seedlings planted in 2021. The Authority in association with our member municipalities, landowners and special interest groups coordinate to provide direction for the enhancement of interior forest habitat and the extension of natural heritage corridors throughout the Catlish Creek Watershed.

The planned recovery of our local watershed blodiversity is intended to help moderate the impact of the aforementioned increased storm events. Through our reforestation and land reclamation programs the increased forest and associated ground cover will assist with increased water level induced enosion impacts from increased storm intensities/frequencies, lessen the number of flood related Watershed Condition Statements identifying flood related concerns issued by the Conservation Authority.

in 2021 the CCCA has issued thirteen (13) Watershed Condition Statements based on government agency concerns and local knowledge of environmental and physical conditions of the Cattlish Creek watershed.



#### Environmental Education

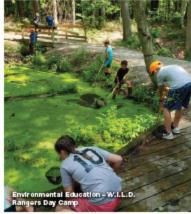
Again, this year due to COVID-19 the delivery of the Authority's Environmental Education Programs had to be shifted online. This created challenges, but also created content that can be utilized for years to come.

- With the help of the East Eighn Secondary School's Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) the second virtual Marsh Quest was filmed.
- Provided an internship placement for an Educational Assistant from Fanshawe College's Early Childhood Leadership Program.
- . Hosted the W.I.L.D. Rangers Summer Camp for two (2) weeks in August.
- Acquired the W.I.L.D. Rangers logo, designed by Paige Stirling.
- Acquired many new and exciting props for outdoor and indoor educational programs, thanks to grants from TD Friends of the Environment Fund and the Ayimer & Area Community Foundation.
- Updated all education material & programming to match the current Provincial curriculum.
- Assisted in the Western Lake Erie Student Summit with other Southwestern Conservation Authorities.













## Mission Statement

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

The CCCA is a non-profit organization that needs your financial support and volunteerism to ensure locally driven environmental initiatives continue in the future. All donations are used for programs and projects within the Catfish Creek watershed.

YES, I would like to demonstrate my devotion and vision for a he	ealthy environment by donating \$	in support of the following initiative(s):
□ Protection & Preservation of Conservation Lands □ Springwater Forest Preservation/Management	☐ Youth Environmental Education ☐ Commemorative Forest Program	□ Wildlife Habitat □ Wetlands Restoration
Official tax receipt will be issued for minimum donations of	of \$20.00. Commemorative gifts and lane	d donations graciously received.
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Address:	Postal Code:	

Payment in Cash, Visa, Masteroard, or Debit will gladly be accepted at the CCCA Office or please mail a cheque to: CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, 8079 Springwater Rd., R.R.#5, Aylmer, ON N5H 2R4



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**Financial Statements** 

**December 31, 2021** 

## **Financial Statements**

## For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Members of Catfish Creek Conservation Authority:

#### **Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of **Catfish Creek Conservation Authority**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus, statement of changes in net financial assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for public sector entities.

## **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many charitable organizations, the organization derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions and donations, revenues over expenditures, and cash flows for the year ending December 31, 2021 and year ending December 31, 2020, current assets as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, and net assets as at January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 for the 2021 year ended, as well as January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, for the 2020 year ended. Our audit on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for public sector entities, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

St. Thomas, Ontario January 27, 2022 Graham Scott Enns LLP

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Licensed Public Accountants

## Statement of Financial Position As At December 31, 2021

FINANCIAL ASSETS	2021 	2020 \$
Cash	693,036	763,738
Short term investments (Note 2)	321,031	319,945
Accounts receivable	<u>55,458</u>	66,228
	1,069,525	1,149,911
LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenues (Note 4)	81,378 504,149	50,541 466,971
TOTAL LIABILITIES	585,527	517,512
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	483,998	632,399
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS Prepaids Tangible capital assets (Pages 20 and 21)	21,528 1,993,913 2,015,441	1,690,828 1,690,828
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (NOTE 5)	2,499,439	2,323,227

## Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2021	2020
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	(Unaudited-Note 8)	Φ.	Ф
	\$	\$	
REVENUES			
Camping and day use - user fees	591,916	585,051	585,889
Municipal levies (Note 6)	390,906	391,252	382,538
Ontario and Federal works programs (Note 12)	50,378	179,429	157,276
Other provincial grants	16,685	114,213	11,390
Watershed stewardship - user fees and permits	57,597	95,994	43,559
Donations and sponsorships	53,775	53,141	73,876
Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry grants	41,215	41,215	41,215
Federal grants	18,035	3,928	14,034
Interest		1,087	3,831
	1,220,507	1,465,310	1,313,608
EXPENDITURES (NOTE 7)			
Camping and day use (Page 18)	617,319	587,796	567,878
Program expenditures-Mandated Programs (Page 17)	319,033	312,545	298,167
Administrative expenditures (Page 19)	141,195	157,174	164,226
Program expenditures-Watershed			
Stewardship (Page 17)	95,211	88,043	85,034
Special projects, surveys and studies (Page 18)	81,313	105,149	58,204
Amortization (Page 20 and 21)	40,731	40,731	36,010
Motor pool (Page 18)	4,405	(2,340)	(13,351)
	1,299,207	1,289,098	1,196,168
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SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(78,700</u> )	176,212	117,440
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,323,227	2,205,787
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR (NOTE 5	5)	2,499,439	2,323,227

## Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021 Budget (Unaudited-Note 8)	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
	\$	<u>\$</u>	\$
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(78,700)	176,212	117,440
Amortization of tangible capital assets	40,731	40,731	36,010
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(343,816)	(98,997)
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(4,000)	-
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	-	4,000	-
Acquisition of prepaids		<u>(21,528)</u>	
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	(37,969)	(148,401)	54,453
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	632,399	632,399	577,946
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	594,430	483,998	632,399

## Statement of Cash Flows For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021 <u>\$</u>	2020 
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year Items not affecting cash:	176,212	117,440
Amortization of tangible capital assets	40,730	36,010
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(4,000)	-
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(25,753)	<u>-</u>
•	187,189	153,450
Change in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	10,769	7,704
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	30,837	8,339
Deferred revenues	12,932	(3,493)
Prepaids	<u>(21,528</u> )	<del>_</del>
	220,199	166,000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds on sale of investments	319,945	317,263
Purchase of investments	(321,031)	(319,945)
Capital funding received	50,000	349,253
	48,914	346,571
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(343,815)	(98,997)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	<u>4,000</u>	<del>-</del>
	(339,815)	(98,997)
NET CHANGE IN CASH DURING THE YEAR	(70,702)	413,574
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>763,738</u>	350,164
CASH, END OF YEAR	693,036	763,738

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (the "organization") is established under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources, other than gas, oil, coal and minerals, for the watershed within its jurisdiction. This jurisdiction includes areas in the City of St. Thomas, the Municipality of Central Elgin, the Town of Aylmer, the Township of South-West Oxford and the Township of Malahide. The organization is also a registered charity and as such is exempt from income taxes under paragraph 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the organization are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for organizations operating in the local government sector as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of Chartered Professional Accountants - Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the organization are as follows:

## **Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for public sector entities requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the current period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to income as appropriate in the year they become known. There are no significant estimates.

## **Financial Instruments**

Measurement of financial instruments

The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions.

The organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for cash, which is measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of changes in net financial assets until they are realized, at which time they are recognized in surplus for the year.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include short term investments and accounts receivable.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## Financial Instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and deferred revenue.

## Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized as follows:

- Municipal levy revenue is recognized in full once the Municipalities approve the levied amount.
- Campground rental revenue is recognized when the campsite is used. For seasonal campground rentals the revenue is recognized over the camping season to which it relates.
- Grant revenue and government transfers are recognized authorized or the eligibility criteria has been met.
- Donation and sponsorship revenue is recognized when received, unless for specified purpose.
- Funds received, including capital grants and donations for a specified purpose, are amortized and brought into revenue in which the corresponding expense is incurred.

## Classification of Expenditures

Expenditures are reported in four main categories, which follow the classifications designated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for program grants. By following these guidelines, there will be consistency of reporting by the Conservation Authorities in Ontario. These are further explained as follows:

- General administration expenditures include those associated with head office functions other than technical staff and associated programs.
- Water and related land management expenditures include program administration, capital works for water related projects along with associated programs such as floodplain regulations, conservation services, dam operation and maintenance.
- Conservation and recreation land management expenditures include capital works for recreation related projects along with associated programs such as wildlife conservation services.
- Other operational expenditures include conservation areas, special employment projects, vehicles and equipment operations.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## **Tangible Capital Assets**

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value of the tangible capital asset, is amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life as follows:

Buildings	50 years
Dams	100 years
Bridges, boardwalks and other wood structures	30 years
Water services and wells	50 years
Equipment	30 years
Hydro services	50 years
Vehicles	8 years

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as deferred revenue and amortized over their useful life of the asset.

## Non-Financial Assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the annual surplus or deficit, provides the Change in Net Financial Assets for the year.

## Reserves

The organization sets up internal reserves for campground operations, capital replacement, legal and other items in order to ensure funds are available to finance shortfalls. These reserves are replenished from operating surplus as directed by the board of directors.

## **Contaminated Sites**

The organization may be exposed to litigation or other costs of remediation due to contaminated properties. A liability for remediation is recognized in the financial statements when an environmental standard exists, contamination exceeds the standard, the organization is directly responsible for the remediation and a reasonable estimate of the liability can be made. As at December 31, 2021 there were no properties that the organization was responsible to remedy and as such no liability has been accrued.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## 2. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	2021 	2020 \$
GIC, 0.35%, matures on June 30, 2022 GIC, 0.55%, matures on June 28, 2021	321,031	319,945
	321,031	319,945

#### 3. RESERVES

The organization has established a number of internal reserves in order to ensure that funds are available to support future activities. The following reserves have been established:

## Operational Reserve

The purpose of the operational reserve is to use any accumulated funds for the payment of expenditures that are not covered by government funding.

## Capital Acquisition Reserve

This fund has been established to support the acquisition of various tangible capital assets as they become due for replacement.

## Special Programs Reserve

This fund has been established to support funds designated by donors for special conservation projects to be carried out in the watershed.

## Land Acquisition Reserve

This fund has been established to support the acquisition of environmentally significant properties that would further the objectives of the organization.

## Conservation Areas Development Reserve

This fund has been established to support the development of environmentally significant properties that would further the objectives of the organization.

The reserve fund transfers for the year are outlined in the Schedule of Internal Reserves on page 16 of the financial statements.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements** For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

4.	DEFERRED REVENUES	2021	2020
		2021 \$	2020 \$
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Camping deposits	115,847	101,432
	Grant	14,802	16,286
	Capital donations	<u>373,500</u>	349,253
		504,149	466,971
5.	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
	The accumulated surplus balance consists of general fund, balances i tangible capital assets and is made up as follows:	n reserves and	l investment in
		2021	2020
			\$
	General fund	(4,294)	(12,369)
	Reserves funds:		
	Operational reserve	291,289	229,248
	Capital acquisition reserve	117,970	98,678
	Special programs reserve	225,823	195,447
	Land acquisition reserve	85,757	75,757
	Conservation areas development reserve	<u>74,874</u>	113,988
		<u>795,713</u>	<u>713,118</u>
	Invested in tangible capital assets	1,708,020	1,622,478
		2,499,439	2,323,227

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## 6. MUNICIPAL LEVIES

The municipalities that participate as members of CCCA and their corresponding financial levies are as follows:

	2021	2020
		\$
Township of Malahide	165,559	163,309
Municipality of Central Elgin	96,553	93,804
Town of Aylmer	94,017	91,304
City of St. Thomas	21,379	20,767
Township of South-West Oxford	13,744	13,354
	391,252	382,538

The municipal levy for the Township of Malahide noted above includes a special levy of \$28,315 (2020 - \$29,932) related to the ice management program in Port Bruce.

## 7. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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		2021	2020
			\$
	Current fund expenditures by object:		
	Amortization	40,732	36,010
	Insurance	51,838	43,179
	Municipal taxes	8,772	8,606
	Other program expenditures	417,868	401,488
	Salaries, wages and employee benefits	<u>769,888</u>	706,885
		1,289,098	1,196,168

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## 8. BUDGETED AMOUNTS

The budget figures presented in these financial statements are based upon the 2021 budget approved by the board. Adjustments to budgeted values were required to provide comparative budget values based on the full accrual basis of accounting. The chart below reconciles the approved budget with the budget figures presented in these financial statements. Budget amounts are unaudited.

	Approved Budget\$_	Adjustments	PSAB Budget \$_
REVENUES			
Camping and day use	591,916	-	591,916
Municipal levies	390,906	-	390,906
Ontario and Federal works programs	50,378	-	50,378
Donations and sponsorships	378,028	(324,253)	53,775
Watershed stewardship - user fees and permits	57,597	-	57,597
Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry Grants	41,215	-	41,215
Federal grants	18,035	-	18,035
Other provincial grants	16,685	-	16,685
Reserves	128,122	(128,122)	-
Prior year surplus	<u>594</u>	<u>(594</u> )	
	1,673,476	(452,969)	1,220,507
EXPENDITURES			
Camping and day use	617,319	-	617,319
Program expenditures	-		•
- Mandated Programs	319,033	-	319,033
- Watershed Stewardship	95,211	-	95,211
Administration	141,195	-	141,195
Special projects, surveys and studies	462,313	(381,000)	81,313
Motor pool	38,405	(34,000)	4,405
Amortization		40,731	40,731
	1,673,476	(374,269)	1,299,207
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(78,700</u> )	(78,700)

## Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

## 9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK

## Risks and Concentrations

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the organization's risk exposure and concentrations at the statement of financial position date.

## Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Management does not feel this risk is significant as no financial liabilities of the organization were in default during the period and the organization was not subject to any covenants during the period.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's main credit risk relates to its accounts receivable. Management does not feel this risk is significant.

It is management's opinion that the entity is not exposed to any significant market, interest rate, foreign currency or price risk.

There were changes in the risk assessments from the previous year.

## 10. DONATED SERVICES

Community members have volunteered their time and talents to the organization. Since these services are not normally purchased and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in these statements.

## 11. GROUP RRSP

The organization has established a Group RRSP plan for all regular full-time employees. Under the terms of the plan, the organization and the employee are required to make contributions equivalent to 5% of the employee's gross salary. The total cost of this plan for the year was approximately \$21,900 (2020 - \$18,600).

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## 12. CANADIAN EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY

During the year, the organization experienced a reduction in revenue that qualified the organization to recover a portion of its wages under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program. The organization received \$98,442 (2020 - \$72,631) for the CEWS program. These payments under the CEWS program of have been reported in the statement of operations as Ontario and Federal Works Programs.

## 13. SIGNIFICANT EVENT

During and subsequent to the year end, the organization was exposed to economic risks associated with the coronavirus pandemic. These risks are beyond the organization's control. The impact of these risks cannot be identified at this time but could impact the organization's operations, future net earnings, cash flows and financial condition. The organization is mitigating the impacts of any potential risks by utilizing all available government programs and modifying its service deliveries.

## 14. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures presented in the financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.

## Schedule of Internal Reserves For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Operational Reserve	<u> </u>	Ψ
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	229,248	188,183
Transfer from annual surplus Transfer to annual surplus	70,000 (7,959)	115,670 (74,605)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	291,289	229,248
Capital Acquisition Reserve		
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	98,678	80,928
Transfer from annual surplus Transfer to annual surplus	50,000 (30,708)	17,750
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	117,970	98,678
Special Programs Reserve		
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	195,447	169,956
Transfer from annual surplus Transfer to annual surplus	43,763 (13,387)	35,300 (9,809)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	225,823	195,447
Land Acquisition Reserve		
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	75,757	75,757
Transfer from annual surplus Transfer to annual surplus	10,000	<u>-</u>
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	85,757	75,757
Conservation Areas Development Reserve		
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	113,988	75,054
Transfer from annual surplus Transfer to annual surplus	50,000 (89,114)	80,000 (41,066)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	74,874	113,988

## Schedule of Program Expenditures For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	2021 <u>\$</u>	2020 \$
Mandated Programs		
Flood forecast and warning	199,973	180,668
Plan input	46,246	39,778
Ice management	30,815	34,932
Technical studies	16,172	15,570
Flood control structures	14,100	21,584
Watershed planning	5,239	5,635
Watawshad Stawardship Dragrams	312,545	298,167
Watershed Stewardship Programs  Conservation information and education	43,054	30,995
Watershed stewardship	19,359	21,905
Tree planting	18,181	16,716
Water management programs	6,255	12,205
Woodlot management	1,194	3,213
6	88,043	85,034
Total Program Expenditures	400,588	383,201

## Schedule of Other Expenditures For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

Camping and Day Use		
	2021 	2020 \$_
Campground wages Campground expenses	357,257 145,291	326,394 134,297
Utilities Maple syrup program	73,493 11,755	70,353 36,834
Special Projects, Surveys and Studies	587,796	567,878
<u></u>	2021 	2020 \$_
Other conservation lands Special projects - other Special projects - Springwater Conservation Area Special projects - contract services	78,850 16,360 9,619 320	40,006 2,618 14,420 1,160
	105,149	58,204
Motor Pool		
	2021 <u>\$</u>	2020 \$_
Insurance and licences Fuel Maintenance and general repairs	12,534 10,368 6,803	7,945 6,923 7,675
	29,705	22,543
Less: internal charges for usage	$\frac{(32,045)}{(2,340)}$	(35,894) (13,351)

# Schedule of Administrative Expenditures For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
WA CEC AND DENERIES		
WAGES AND BENEFITS	50 552	06.260
Administrative staff salaries	70,553	86,368
Employee benefits	15,053	20,831
	<u>85,606</u>	107,199
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Professional fees	26,685	9,255
Conservation Ontario Levy	19,400	19,797
Insurance and taxes	5,731	5,156
General expenses	2,008	3,704
Bank charges and interest	1,160	426
Built charges and interest	54,984	38,338
RENT AND UTILITY SERVICES		
Telephone	2,152	2,125
Light, heat, power and water	132	132
Office cleaning and maintenance	44	401
	2,328	2,658
TRAVEL EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCE		
Members allowances and expenses	5,892	5,625
Staff mileage and expenses	<u>951</u>	293
	6,843	5,918
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND RENTAL		
Equipment purchase and rental	3,436	4,659
Equipment maintenance	<u>2,203</u>	2,372
	5,639	7,031
MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES		
	1 721	1 426
Stationery and office supplies	1,731	1,426
Postage	<u>43</u> 1,774	1,656 3,082
		164,226
	157,174	104,220

## Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Cost Opening	Acquisitions	Disposals	Cost Ending	Accumulated Amortization Opening	Disposals	Amortization	Accumulated Amortization Ending	Net Book Value
ASSET TYPE									
Infrastructure Related									
Land	891,436	-	-	891,436	-	-	-	-	891,436
Buildings	667,515	188,966	-	856,481	299,918	-	15,261	315,179	541,302
Dams	216,100	-	-	216,100	105,773	-	2,161	107,934	108,166
Bridges, boardwalks and									
other wood structures	129,690	-	-	129,690	78,332	-	3,098	81,430	48,260
Water services and wells	78,926	-	-	78,926	34,839	-	1,579	36,418	42,508
Hydro services	44,510	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	44,510	6,675	<u>-</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>7,565</u>	<u>36,945</u>
	2,028,177	188,966	<u>-</u>	2,217,143	525,537	<u>-</u>	22,989	548,526	1,668,617
General Capital									
Equipment	105,842	_	_	105,842	53,965	_	2,921	56,886	48,956
Vehicles	197,974	41,454	24,557	214,871	160,660	24,557	14,821	150,924	63,947
	303,816	41,454	24,557	320,713	214,625	24,557	17,742	207,810	112,903
Work In Progress	98,997	168,295	54,899	212,393		=			212,393
Total Tangible Capital Assets	2,430,990	398,715	79,456	2,750,249	740,162	24,557	40,731	756,336	1,993,913

## Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Cost Opening	Acquisitions	Disposals	Cost Ending	Accumulated Amortization Opening	Disposals	Amortization	Accumulated Amortization Ending	Net Book Value
ASSET TYPE									
Infrastructure Related									
Land	891,436	-	-	891,436	-	-	-	-	891,436
Buildings	667,515	-	-	667,515	287,531	-	12,387	299,918	367,597
Dams	216,100	-	-	216,100	103,612	-	2,161	105,773	110,327
Bridges, boardwalks and									
other wood structures	129,690	-	-	129,690	74,646	-	3,686	78,332	51,358
Water services and wells	78,926	-	-	78,926	33,260	-	1,579	34,839	44,087
Hydro services	44,510	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	44,510	5,785	<u> </u>	<u>890</u>	6,675	<u>37,835</u>
	2,028,177	<del>-</del> -		2,028,177	504,834	<u> </u>	20,703	525,537	1,502,640
General Capital									
Equipment	105,842	-	-	105,842	50,888	-	3,077	53,965	51,877
Vehicles	<u>197,974</u>	<del>-</del>	<u> </u>	<u>197,974</u>	148,430	<del>_</del>	12,230	160,660	37,314
	303,816		<u>-</u>	303,816	199,318	<u>-</u>	15,307	214,625	89,191
Work In Progress		98,997		98,997		<del>-</del>			98,997
Total Tangible Capital Assets	2,331,993	98,997	<u>-</u>	2,430,990	704,152	<u>-</u>	36,010	740,162	1,690,828

# APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY'S AUDITOR, FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND SOLICITOR

THAT, the Full Authority appoint the firm Graham Scott Enns LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as the Authority's auditor until the next Annual General Meeting in February 2022; and further,

THAT, the Full Authority appoint the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Aylmer Branch as the Authority's financial institution until the next Annual General Meeting in February 2022; and further,

THAT, the Full Authority appoint Steve Gibson, Elgin County Solicitor as the Authority's solicitor to deal with matters of litigation until the next Annual General Meeting in February 2022; and further,

THAT, the Full Authority appoint Kim Bowsher of Bowsher + Bowsher as the authority's solicitor to deal with matters of real estate until the next Annual General Meeting in February 2022.

# ADOPTION OF BORROWING AND SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR PAYROLL AND UTILITIES

THAT, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority be authorized to borrow, on an interim basis, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$200,000 from the Authority's bank at the said bank's minimum lending rate established from time to time, until the Authority has received payment of levies from member municipalities; and further,

THAT, the Chair or Vice-Chair together with the General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority are hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Authority, a promissory note or notes for the sum to be borrowed pursuant to this Resolution and to affix thereto the corporate seal of the Authority; and further,

THAT, Susan Simmons, Financial Services Coordinator, be assigned with signing authority for payroll items and utility accounts.