

09-23-BOD Agenda - Amended

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Oct 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT to Oct 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM EDT

Agenda

1. Events

Tiffin Nature Program (for preschoolers)

Tiffin Nature Program will help preschoolers gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet. Children learn about risky play, and develop a better understanding of their relationship with the land.

Half Day Dates: Tuesdays September 5, 2023 – November 28, 2023

Full Day Dates: Thursdays September 7, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call to Order

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg. The Anishinaabeg include the Odawa, Saulteaux, Anishinaabeg, Mississauga and Algonquin who spoke several languages including Anishinaabemowin and Potawatomi. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

5. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #09-23-BOD dated on October 27, 2023 be approved.

6. Announcements

7. Presentations

Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education will conduct a presentation regarding NVCA's Environmental Education Program.

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the presentation regarding NVCA's Environmental Education Program be received.

8. Deputations

There are no deputations at this time.

9. Hearings

There are no hearings at this time.

10. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Board members are requested to identify items from the Consent List that they wish to have considered for separate discussion.

11. Adoption of Consent List and Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 12.3.3 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #12; and

FURTHER THAT: all Consent List Agenda Items not referred for separate discussion be adopted as submitted to the board and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same; and

FURTHER THAT: any items in the Consent List not referred for separate discussion, and for which conflict has been declared, are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

12. Consent List

12.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 08-23-BOD dated on September 22, 2023 be approved.

12.2. Correspondence

Letter from Annie Theroux, Deputy Director, Ministerial Correspondence and Briefings Division on behalf of the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: Correspondence not specifically dealt with be placed on file.

12.3. Staff Reports

12.3.1. Staff Report No. 41-09-23-BOD from Hendrik Amo, Manager, Info Services & Technology

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 41-09-23-BOD regarding consulting services for the Upper Mad River Flood Study be received.

12.3.2. Staff Report No. 42-09-23-BOD from Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 42-09-23-BOD regarding a short-term agricultural lease renewal with Bernie Mayer for Mayer's Marsh be approved as presented.

12.3.3. Staff Report No. 43-09-23-BOD from Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits and Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 43-09-23-BOD regarding proposed changes to planning and permitting review fees.

12.3.4. Staff Report No. 44-09-23-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 44-09-23-BOD regarding the 2023 third quarter financials; and

FURTHER THAT: staff continue to monitor budget activities.

12.3.5. Staff Report No. 45-09-23-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 45-09-23-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – *September 9, 2023 – October 13, 2023*, be received.

13. Other Business

14. In-Camera

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 09-23-BOD move into closed session at _____ to address matters pertaining to:

- a) Litigation, or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the authority, and;
- b) Personal information regarding an identifiable individual, including authority staff, and;

FURTHER THAT: the CAO, Director, Corporate Services, Director, Conservation Services, Director, Watershed Management Services, Manager, Development Planning & Permits, Planning Ecologist, and Administrative Assistant be in attendance.

15. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at _____ and report progress.

15.1. 2.1. Closed Session Voting

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive the discussion as information.

16. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at _____ to meet again on November 24, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.



Environmental Education Program

Naomi Saunders | Environmental Education | October 27, 2023

Program Objectives

- » Connection to Nature
- » Education for Sustainability
- » Environmental Awareness
- » Physical and Mental Health
- » Local Ecosystem Understanding



Services Provided

- » Education for public, Catholic and private schools JK-Gr. 12
- » Camp Tiffin
- » Homeschool
- » Public Programming



Services Provided

- » Nature School (ages 2.5-6)
- » Seniors
- » Birthday parties
- » Corporate engagements
- » Outreach



Simcoe District School Board Services

- » Multiple touch points
- » Focused on grade 4 students
- » At Tiffin and learning about nature in their backyards (school yard)
- » Beaver and Climate Change



Student Connections

- » Over 130,000 student connections in the past 10 years



Value to Watershed Residents

- » Community Health and Well-being
- » Environmental Stewardship
- » Community Engagement
- » Cost Savings
- » Long-term Sustainability



Financial Impact

- » NVCA's Environmental Education Program is a "Category 3" activity
 - "Eligible to be funded wholly or partially by levy, if provided for through a cost apportioning agreement"



Cost to Watershed Residents

- » The cost to operate NVCA's Environmental Education Program is **\$0.08** per Watershed Residence per year.
- » All other program costs are generated through user fees, partnerships and grants.



Value for Dollar

- » Funding partners include;
- » Georgian Bay Forever (GBF)
- » Rotary Club of Barrie
- » Nature Canada via Nature Barrie
- » Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO)



Program Challenges

- » Securing and training staff
- » Developing and maintaining current and culturally sensitive program content
- » Expanding services
- » Ensuring watershed reach



Looking Forward

- » Developed Climate Change programming for Elementary students and developing high school and Eco-School
- » Engage all age demographic (seniors' programming, all abilities).
- » Investigate opportunities for business expansion (daycare services?)
- » SHSM High Skills Major program development
- » Pre-school, Nature School





Questions?

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08-23-BOD Minutes (**Draft**)
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Sep 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT
8195 8th Line, Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

Attendance

Present:

Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, Clearview (Township); Mayor Janet Horner, Mulmur (Township); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); Cllr. June Porter, The Bule Mountains (Town); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township)-*arrived at 9:20am*

NVCA Staff:

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits; Tyler Mulhall, Regulations Technician (*departed at 10:08am*); Taryn Arsenault, Flood Operations Field Specialist (*departed at 10:15am*); Christine Knapp, General Accountant; Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Vacant, Springwater (Township); Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services

1. Events

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Full Day Dates: Thursdays September 7, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Festival at Fort Willow

The Festival at Fort Willow is an annual event where visitors will experience what life was like in the early 1800s.

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10:00AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area

PA/PD Day Camp Tiffin

Camp Tiffin encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability.

Date: Friday, September 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call to Order

Chair Little called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg. The Anishinaabeg include the Odawa, Saulteaux, Anishinaabeg, Mississauga and Algonquin who spoke several languages including Anishinaabemowin and Potawatomi. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

5. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Recommendation:

RES: 51-23

Moved by: Mayor Janet Horner

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #08-23-BOD dated on September 22, 2023 be approved.

Carried;

6. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

7. Presentations

Director, Corporate Services, Sheryl Flannagan conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's 2024 Draft Budget.

****The resolution and voting is located in agenda item #12.2.4****

8. Deputations

There were no deputations at this time.

9. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

10. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Board Members are requested to identify items from the Consent List that they wish to have considered for separate discussion.

11. Adoption of Consent List and Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Recommendation:

RES: 52-23

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 12.1.1, 12.2.2 and 12.2.4 were identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #12; and

FURTHER THAT: all Consent List Agenda Items not referred for separate discussion be adopted as submitted to the board and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same; and

FURTHER THAT: any items in the Consent List not referred for separate discussion, and for which conflict has been declared, are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

Carried;

12. Consent List

12.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Mayor Darren White

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 07-23-BOD dated on August 25, 2023 be approved.

12.1.1. Adoption of Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

RES: 53-23

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting 02-23-AAC dated on June 29, 2023 be approved.

Carried;

12.2. Staff Reports

12.2.1. Staff Report No. 35-08-23-BOD from Tyler Mulhall, Regulations Technician

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Mayor Darren White

Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 35-08-23-BOD regarding the formal adoption of the Hydro One MOU and Protocol between Hydro One and CO.

12.2.2. Staff Report No. 36-08-23-BOD from Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation:

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Rick Schell

RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 36-08-23-BOD, update on Memorandums of Understanding and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's (NVCA) progress report, be received; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approves this progress report in fulfillment of O.Reg. 687/21 to be submitted to the Province's MNR by October 1, 2023 as updated by the CAO and at the approval of the Chair; as required for meeting the needs of the Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services under Section 21.1.2 of the Act.

Friendly amendment as requested by Cllr. Joe Belanger and approved by mover and seconder: Recommendation:

RES: 54-23

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Rick Schell

RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 36-08-23-BOD, update on Memorandums of Understanding and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's (NVCA) progress report, be received; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approves this progress report in fulfillment of O.Reg. 687/21 to be submitted to the Province's MNR by October 1, 2023 as updated by the CAO and at the approval of the Chair; as required for meeting the needs of the Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services under Section 21.1.2 of the Act.

Carried;

see attachment #1 for revised reports

12.2.3. Staff Report No. 37-08-23-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 37-08-23-BOD regarding the NVCA's Apportionment Method be approved.

12.2.4. Staff Report No. 38-08-23-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services

Recommendation:

RES: 55-23

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 38-08-23-BOD regarding the NVCA's 2024 Draft Budget be approved; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors receive the 2024 draft budget for consideration; and

FURTHER THAT: staff be directed to distribute the 2024 Draft Budget booklet to municipalities for the consultation period.

Carried;

12.2.5. Staff Report No. 39-07-23-BOD from Taryn Arsenault, Flood Operations Field Specialist

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 39-08-23-BOD for information; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve a contract with Wind Whistle Landscaping, replacing Jim Collis, for an upset limit of \$99,755.00.

12.2.6. Staff Report No. 40-08-23-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Cllr. Rick Schell

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 40-08-23-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – *August 12, 2023 – September 8, 2023*, be received.

13. Notice of Motion

Vice-Chair Scott's Motion regarding "Right to Repair" from his Notice of Motion at June 23, 2023 meeting

Recommendation:

RES:56-23

Moved by: Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

RESOLVED THAT: "right-to-repair" movement seeks to ensure consumers of electronic products, including mobile phones and computers, as well as agricultural equipment, are able to make routine fixes to damaged products without having to rely on the manufacturer and to affordably make such repairs; and

WHEREAS: this movement and efforts against "planned obsolescence" seeks to ensure affordability for consumers and to protect our environment by reducing electronic waste; and

WHEREAS: the agricultural sector has unique needs related to specialized electronic farm equipment and the ability to make repairs in a timely and affordable manner, especially during the growing season; and

FURTHER THAT: a commitment in the 2023 federal budget that "the government will work to implement a right to repair, with the aim of introducing a targeted framework for home appliances and electronics in 2024. The government will launch consultations this summer, including on the right to repair and the interoperability of farming equipment, and work closely with provinces and territories to advance the implementation of a right to repair" (p. 38); and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board endorses the right-to-repair movement through a letter from the Chair and Vice-Chair to call on the federal government to expedite the promised consultations to enshrine this principle in consumer-protection law, with specific consultations and measures related to supporting the agricultural sector undertaken; and

FURTHER THAT: a copy of this resolution and accompanying letter be shared with the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development; the Minister of Agriculture; the Members of Parliament in the Nottawasaga watershed; and to Conservations Ontario and Ontario's conservation authorities, with a request for their endorsement of same.

Carried;

14. Other Business

Mulmur Mayor, Janet Horner spoke about the tour she had with Credit Valley Conservation Authority last week where she saw some of the restoration work completed in partnership with the NGO ALUS. Mayor Horner asked if the NVCA has tried to get similar projects with ALUS working in our watershed. CAO, Doug Hevenor informed the Board that the NVCA has had ALUS staff come and speak to our Agriculture Advisory Committee but no ALUS project work arose from the meeting in our watershed.

15. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 57-23

Moved by: Mayor Janet Horner

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 10:45am to meet again on October 27, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;



Staff 36-08-23-BOD - **Attachment #1**

Date: 22/09/2023

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Doug Hevenor
CAO/Secretary Treasurer

SUBJECT: October 1st 2023 MOU/Inventory of Programs and Services Update for Submission to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 36-08-23-BOD, update on Memorandums of Understanding and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's (NVCA) progress report, be received; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approves this progress report in fulfillment of O.Reg. 687/21 to be submitted to the Province's MNR by October 1, 2023 as updated by the CAO and at the approval of the Chair; as required for meeting the needs of the Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services under Section 21.1.2 of the Act.

Purpose of the Report

This Report provides the MNR and the NVCA Board with an update on the MOUs relating to the Inventory of Programs and Services (IP&S).

Key Issue

To provide an update to the Board of Directors on work underway to update and develop new Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and other agreements with participating and partner municipalities in the context of the updated *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act) and regulations, and to obtain Board approval of the second progress report on this work, as required under O.Reg. 687/21, Transition

Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act under the Conservation Authorities Act ("Transition Regulation") and to be submitted to the Province.

Background

The Conservation Authorities Act recent regulatory changes require the NVCA to prepare Transition Plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an IP&S and for the development and execution of funding agreements with participating municipalities.

On December 5, 2020 the Conservation Authorities Act was amended. This was followed by three new regulations on October 1, 2021. These changes require Conservation Authorities (CAs) to:

- Complete a Transition Plan by December 31, 2021
- Complete a Program Inventory by February 28, 2022
- Complete Cost Apportioning Agreements by January 1, 2024

On August 30, 2022, NVCA was advised that through new Orders-In-Council made pursuant to the *Executive Council Act*, the MNRF has been designated as the Ministry responsible for administering the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Moving forward, MECP no longer has duties, functions or responsibilities under the CA Act. MECP, which led the legislative and regulatory changes since 2018, will support MNRF during the transition period. Staff will continue to apprise the Board on any further details regarding this change and will continue to circulate this report to MECP to assist with this transition.

Transition Plans require conservation authorities to:

- Outline the timeline and steps they will follow to prepare a program inventory and enter into cost apportioning agreements with participating municipalities Program

Inventories then require conservation authorities to:

List their current programs and services

- Categorize their programs and services into three categories
 - o Category 1 – prescribed as mandatory by the province
 - o Category 2 – delivered on behalf of municipalities
 - o Category 3 – those that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources
- Identify the cost of delivering each program and service
- Identify the revenue source(s) of each program and service Cost- Apportioning

Agreements then require conservation authorities to:

- Enter into agreements with participating municipalities for any category 2 or 3 programs that are support by municipal levy.

July MOU Activity

- Not much activity in July as many councils recessed for a summer break.
- Met with 36 Ontario CAs GM/CAOs and Conservation Ontario GM to discuss MOUs.
- Met with CAO and Senior Staff of Oro-Medonte to discuss the MOU.
- Provided Oro-Medonte with requested information form our meeting.
- Deputation to Springwater changed from July 5, 2023 to September 20, 2023.
- Reached out to all Municipalities that have not signed MOUs.
- Bradford West Gwillimbury, New Tecumseth, Wasaga Beach, Oro-Medonte, Mulmur, Innisfil, and Essa indicated MOU staff reports to be brought forward in fall of 2023.

August MOU Activity

- Contacted Barrie concerning MOU, CAO is reviewing and will contact us in September/October.
- Provided Clearview CAO, John Ferguson with financial information for category 2 and 3 programs and services.
- Clearview doesn't anticipate a staff report to Council until fall 2023.
- Provided Springwater CAO, Jeff Schmidt with responses to his questions concerning finances for Category 3 programs and services.
- Received feedback from Mulmur CAO on MOU Staff Report, NVCA still supplying further information concerning programs and services back to CAO.
- Followed up with CAO of Essa who indicated she would be bringing a staff report forward in the fall of 2023.

September MOU Activity

- Updated NVCA senior management team of the progress of the MOUs.
- All 36 GMs/CAOs meeting to continue to discuss MOU development.
- Provided Deputation to Mulmur Council on September 6, 2023. They discussed MOU in closed session awaiting their decision on how they will move forward.
- Submitted additional information to Mulmur CAO Tracey Atkinson after the Council meeting.
- Met with New Tecumseth Staff to discuss MOU.

- Waiting to hear back from Barrie CAO on how to proceed as no indication of when a staff report will be brought forward to Barrie Council has been provided.
- Provided New Tecumseth with additional Cat 3 information. They indicated a staff report was coming late October supporting the MOU.
- All other CAOs have suggested that staff reports on MOUs will be presented this fall to their respective Councils.

Comments or feedback provided by municipalities

Update on the progress of negotiations of cost apportioning agreements with participating municipalities.

We have received very positive feedback from most of the partners we have spoken to concerning MOUs and have completed five signed MOUs (Adjala-Tosorontio, Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono and Shelburne and have three additional Municipalities, including Collingwood, Grey-Highlands, and Town of the Blue Mountains where Council's have approved MOUs and supported our suggested programs and services.

Any difficulties experienced that may impact the ability to enter into cost apportioning agreements by the transition date.

Discussions on specifics have remained very open and no issues have been targeted by Municipal Partners at the staff level. To date, three Municipalities have indicated that they will be selective in Category 3 support for programs and services and 18 of 18 partners have been engaged so the MOU process has started with all partners.

We are still finding timing delays in setting up meetings with Councils, which may be problematic. However, I still remain confident our negotiations will be forthcoming and productive.

We continue to work developing Land Strategy for Inventory and Strategy for Disposition of Land, Ice Control Strategy, and the Watershed Resource Management Strategy.

Since we only have 8 MOUs out of 18 MOUs formally approved in Council the NVCA is asking for an extension to the December 31, 2023 deadline. The NVCA goal remains to negotiate and consult towards administrative MOU compliance for 2024 but in order to comply we feel it is best to ask for the extension by the October 1, 2023 deadline for extension requests.

Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

The NVCA currently has Planning Agreements with 13 of our 18 Municipal partners as well with Simcoe County, MNDMNRF, Town of Caledon and the Region of Peel. These agreements are available to review on our NVCA website under Agreements and MOUs at <https://www.nvca.on.ca/planning-permits/planning-guidelines/>.

The NVCA's goal is to continue to negotiate and consult towards administrative MOU compliance for 2024.

Impact on Authority Finances

At this time we see no changes to our proposed 2024 budget resulting from recent regulations changes to the CA Act resulting from Bill 23. Our budget format for 2024 will align with the identification and costs associated with:

- Category 1 – prescribed as mandatory by the province
- Category 2 – delivered on behalf of municipalities
- Category 3 – those that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources

Climate Change Implications

This staff report does not result in an increase in green house gases, temperature or precipitation exposure.

Approved for submission *and Signed by:*

Doug Hevenor
CAO/Secretary Treasurer



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

September 22, 2023

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Honourable Minister Graydon Smith
Whitney Block, 99 Wellesley St. W.
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Smith,

We are writing on behalf of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) to formally request an extension from the December 31, 2023 deadline to complete our MOU/cost apportioning agreement for Category 3 items with the remaining ten of our Municipal partners. This is for the purposes of meeting subsections 25 (1.3) and 27 (1.3) of the Act.

We have received very positive feedback from most of the partners we have spoken to concerning MOUs and have completed five signed MOUs including Adjala-Tosorontio, Amaranth, Melancthon, Mono and Shelburne. We also have three additional Municipalities, Collingwood, Grey-Highlands, and Town of the Blue Mountains where Council Committees have approved MOUs and supported our suggested programs and services, and we are just awaiting signed MOUs. At this date we have eight approved MOUs identifying programs and services to be provided by the NVCA.

Since it has taken almost two-years to get to this stage and not one of the remaining ten municipalities have formally identified agreement to the MOU or formally identified the Category 3 items they wish to support, we see the need to request an extension from the December 31, 2023 deadline.

Discussions on specifics have remained very open and Municipal partners at the staff level have targeted no significant issues. To date three of the ten remaining Municipalities have indicated that they may be selective in Category 3 support for some programs and services and 18 of 18 partners have been engaged, so the MOU process has successfully started with all partners.

We are still finding timing delays in setting up meetings with Councils, which do to the short timeline left for completion of the MOU and apportioning agreements this will become problematic. However, we remain confident that our negotiations will be forthcoming and productive.

In our two previous quarterly reports we indicated that we might seek an extension and since we only have eight out of a total of eighteen MOUs formally approved in Council or

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A member of Conservation Ontario

Committee, the NVCA is asking for an extension from the December 31, 2023 deadline. Our goal remains to negotiate and consult towards administrative MOU compliance for 2024 but in order to meet the goal of the legislation we feel it is best to ask for the extension by the October 1, 2023 deadline for extension requests.

Please find attached the approved Staff Report from the NVCA's Board of Directors.

We are requesting that the extension shall be moved to March 31, 2024 as described under subsection 25 (1.3) or 27 (1.3) of the Act.

Sincerely,

Doug Hevenor
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

&

Gail Little
Chair, Board of Directors

Attachment: Board approved Staff Report, September 22, 2023



October 6, 2023

Quote: 281528

Gail Little
Chair Jonathan
Scott Vice-
Chair
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
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Dear Gail Little and Jonathan Scott:

On behalf of the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, I wish to thank you for your letter and the attached copy of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's motion to endorse the right to repair movement.

Minister MacAulay appreciates receiving this information and your efforts to keep him informed of the views of your organization.

Again, thank you for forwarding this information to him.

Sincerely,

Annie Thérroux
Deputy Director, Ministerial Correspondence and Briefings Division



Staff Report: 41-09-23-BOD

Date: 27/10/2023

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Hendrik Amo
Manager, Information Services and Technology

**SUBJECT: Request for Quote – Consulting Services
Upper Mad River Flood Study**

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 41-09-23-BOD regarding consulting services for the Upper Mad River Flood Study be received.

Purpose of the Staff Report

The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the Board regarding the results of a recent Request for Quote (RFQ) to select consultants to provide the Upper Mad River Flood Study.

Background

Through FHIMP (Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program) funding and partnership with the Township of Clearview, the Upper Mad River sub-Watershed hydrology and hydraulics models are to be updated, ultimately producing new floodplain mapping for the Village of Creemore.

This study is broken down to two main components, 1) Hydrology modelling and 2) Hydraulics/Flood Plain Mapping. The former, hydrology, component was carried out by the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP).

To complete the second component, a RFQ was posted on Biddingo and advertised on our website for the second component. NVCA received a total of three quotes.

Issues/Analysis

NVCA's Director Watershed Management Services, Director Corporate Services, Manager GIS/IT, and Water Resources Engineer all participated in the review and evaluation of the quotes. The results of the review and the preferred quotes was reported to the Chief Administrative Officer.

The successful proposal was received from Aquafor Beech Ltd. with a quote of \$55,684.40. It was determined through staff's review that this firm provided the best product value and was the lowest price. The following outlines some of the key benefits that made Aquafor Beech Ltd.'s quote the preferred:

- They will conduct a peer review of the hydrology model produced by the ORMGP.
- They will complete 1D modelling, in addition to apply 2D modelling for the study area (if deemed appropriate), which will increase accuracy of floodplain mapping.
- They will be completing a bathymetric survey/profile of the Mad River to fill in missing low flow channel data. The bathymetric survey will add some accuracy to our mapped floodplain, especially for smaller events, which are important in annual damage calculations and flood emergency response.
- They appear to have the best understanding of behavior of flow for the requirements in the area. This firm previously produced similar modelling and flood plain mapping for neighbouring conservation authorities.

Aquafor Beech Ltd. will be producing two HEC-HMS models – one suited for flood flows and one for flood forecasting/continuous simulation. This firm also has a very good understanding of the watershed and experience working with other hydrology models in the area, which increases the chances of a better product.

Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

Flood Hazard identification for the safety and protection of life and property for the residences of NVCA’s jurisdiction.

Section 20 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* defines our mandate. The province has delegated responsibilities to conservation authorities for Flood Forecasting and Warning as well as ensuring that development is protected from flooding under Section 28 of the *Act*. NVCA’s Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025 addresses the Goal to “Protect, Restore and Enhance” our watershed. Specifically, Promote resiliency and capacity in the face of dynamic conditions with the watershed”. The NVCA Business Plan – 2021 to 2025 further addresses several strategies to be completed over the duration of the Plan including objective 3, continue to advance flood monitoring and warning systems combined with establishing updated floodplain mapping to increase accuracy, timeliness, and understanding of flood risk. In addition, a core NVCA mandate is flood hazard identification for the safety and protection of life and property for the residences of NVCA’s jurisdiction.

Impact on Authority Finances

This project has been funded through the federal government’s FHIMP and the Township of Clearview.

Climate Change Implications

This report has no climate change implications. However, the subsequent climate change modelling will be utilized in potential decisions.

Reviewed by:
Original Signed by
Chris Hibberd,
Director, Watershed Management Services

Approved for submission by:
Original Signed by
Doug Hevenor
Chief Administrative Officer



Staff Report: 42-09-23-BOD

Date: 27/10/2023

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services

SUBJECT: 5-year Agricultural Lease Renewal – Mayer’s Marsh

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 42-09-23-BOD regarding a short-term agricultural lease renewal with Bernie Mayer for Mayer’s Marsh be approved as presented.

Purpose of the Staff Report

The purpose of this report is to seek support from Board of Directors to enter into a 5-year lease agreement with Bernie Mayer for the portion of the Mayer’s Marsh property, located at the West part of lot 10, Concession 8 (Roll#: 434101000504350), in the Township of Springwater, as outlined in the lease (Attachment A).

Background

Mayer’s Marsh (36ha) is considered part of the Minesing Wetlands Conservation Area landholdings. The property is transected by the TransCanada Trail and supports a small loop trail along the edge of the Willow Creek. The southern edge of the property is bordered by a Hydro corridor. The portion of the property that is under lease is located along the northern, upland portion of the property. The agricultural lease extends the arable portion of the adjacent property.

The 5-year lease agreement with Bernie Mayer outlines details of the rental agreement, including the ability to sublet the property, permitted/restricted activities, process for disagreement resolution, etc.

Issues/Analysis

This agricultural lease is mutually beneficial between the lease holder and NVCA and has been free of issues. The lease holder has a family connection to the donor of the property.

Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

Section 21(c) of the Conservation Authorities Act gives Conservation Authorities the power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of land.

Impact on Authority Finances

The annual rent per acre is \$60.00 + HST, to be paid annually on January 1st.

All rental monies from the Mayer’s Marsh agricultural lease support management activities on other NVCA conservation lands.

This agricultural lease is considered a “Category 3” activity based on the *Conservation Authorities Act*, however revenues from the lease support “Category 1” activities.

(Category 1: Must be funded by participating municipality levy; Category 3: Eligible to be funded wholly or partially by levy, if provided through a cost apportioning agreement.)

Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications related to this report.

Reviewed by:
Original Signed by
Kyra Howes
Director, Conservation Services

Approved for submission by:
Original Signed by
Doug Hevenor
Chief Administrative Officer

THIS LEASE is entered into as of _____, 2023.

BETWEEN:

NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

(hereinafter called the Lessor)

of the First Part

- and -

BERNARD K. MAYER and KATHERINE MAYER

(hereinafter called the Lessee)

of the Second Part

WHEREAS NVCA (Lessor) is the registered owner of floodplain and conservation lands known as Mayer's Marsh, located at the West part of lot 10, Concession 8 (Roll#: 434101000504350), in the Township of Springwater, lying west of the lands conveyed to the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario by Instrument No.212794;

AND WHEREAS the Lessee wishes to lease part of the aforesaid lands, being approximately 3.5 hectares (9 acres) as shown more particularly on Schedule A attached hereto, for agricultural purposes (the Leased Premises);

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. Leased Premises

The Lessor rents and leases to the Lessee, to occupy and to use for agricultural purposes only, the Leased Premises, commonly known as Mayer's Marsh and consisting of approximately 3.5 ha (9 acres).

2. Term

The term of this lease shall be five (5) years, commencing on the ____ day of _____ and ending on the 31st day of December, 2027. If the Lessee wishes to renew this lease the Lessee must notify the Lessor in writing not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiry date of the lease of the Lessee's desire to renew. If such a notice is delivered, then the Lessor and Lessee shall seek agreement on the terms of such renewal which must be agreed to within thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the then

current term of the lease failing which this lease shall terminate on the date set for expiration and the Lessee shall give up possession of the Leased Premises.

3. Rent

The annual cash rent per acre shall be SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00).
HST will be added to the rental amounts.

The rent shall be payable as follows:

Yearly installments of FIVE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$540.00) plus HST on or before the **1st** day of **January**, in each year of the lease.

If rent is not paid when due, the Lessee agrees to pay interest on the amount of unpaid rent at the rate of **eight percent (8%) per annum** from the due date until paid.

4. General

Right to Sublet or Assign - The Lessee shall have the right to sublet or assign this lease provided the Lessee obtains the written consent of the Lessor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Amendments and Alterations - Amendments and alterations to this lease shall be in writing and shall be signed by both the Lessor and Lessee.

No Partnership Intended - It is particularly understood and agreed that this lease shall not be deemed to be, and is not intended to give rise to, a partnership relation.

Binding on Heirs - This lease shall be binding upon the Lessor and Lessee and their respective personal representatives, trustees, successors and assigns.

Lessor Liability - The Lessee takes possession of the Leased Premises subject to the hazards of operating a farm, and assumes all risk of accidents personally as well as for family, employees, or agents in pursuance of farming operations, or in performing repairs on buildings, fences, tile, and other improvements except for any liability arising out of the gross negligence of the Lessor.

Quiet Possession - The Lessor agrees to give quiet possession of the Leased Premises.

5. Right of Inspection and Removal of Crops

Lessor's right to enter property - The Lessor reserves the right personally or by agents, employees, or assigns to enter upon the premises at any reasonable time to view them, to work or make repairs or improvements thereon, to develop mineral resources or, after constructive notice has been given that the lease may not be extended, and following severance of crops, to plow and prepare a seed bed, make

seedings, apply fertilizers, and any other operation necessary to good farming by the succeeding operator, these operations not to interfere with the Lessee carrying out the regular farming operations.

Tenant's Compensation on Termination of Lease for Default - The Lessor agrees to reimburse the Lessee at the termination of this lease for field work done and for other crop costs incurred for crops to be harvested during the following year. Unless otherwise agreed, current custom rates for the operations involved will be used as a basis of settlement.

6. Transfer of Property

Lease Terminated on the Sale of the Property - In case the Lessor should desire to sell the Leased Premises during the term of the lease, the lease may be terminated at any time by giving **one hundred and twenty (120) days** notice to the Lessee. The Lessee shall, at the expiration of the notice period, peaceably and quietly give up possession of the leased premises to the Lessor. The Lessor shall, after the Lessee has delivered up possession in manner aforesaid, and paid to the Lessor the full proportion of rent up to the beginning of the notice period, will compensate the Lessee for the value of the crops sown and then growing, or of the field work done on the Leased Premises in preparing for a crop, the amount of such compensation to be determined by arbitration if the parties cannot agree thereon.

7. Termination of Lease for Default

Grounds for Termination of Lease - If either party fails to carry out substantially the terms of this lease in due and proper time, the lease may be terminated by the other party by serving a written notice citing the instance(s) of default and specifying a termination date of **sixty (60) days** from the date of such notice. Settlement shall then be made in accordance with the provisions under the Right of Inspection and Removal of Crops section of this lease and any amendments to this lease.

8. The Use of the Leased Premises

The Lessee further agrees to perform and carry out the stipulations below:

A. Activities required

Condition of Leased Premises at the end of the lease - The Lessee agrees to leave the Leased Premises in the same condition as at the beginning of the lease.

Compensation to Lessor for Damages - The Lessee agrees when he leaves the Leased Premises, to pay the Lessor reasonable compensation for any damages to the Leased Premises for which he, the Lessee, is responsible.

Good Stewardship - To cultivate the Leased Premises faithfully and in a timely, thorough, and business-like manner and in accordance with normal farm practices.

Weed Control - To prevent noxious weeds from going to seed on the Leased Premises and to destroy the same and keep the weeds and grass cut.

Soil Erosion - To control soil erosion as completely as reasonably possible; keep in good repair all terraces, open ditches, inlets and outlets of tile drains; preserve all established watercourses or ditches including grassed waterways; and refrain from any operation or practice that will injure such structures.

Repair - To keep the fences and other improvements in as good repair and condition as they are when the Lessee takes possession or in as good repair and condition as they may be put by the Lessor during the term of the lease, ordinary wear, loss by fire, or unavoidable destruction excepted.

B. Activities restricted

The Lessee further agrees, unless the written consent of the Lessor has been obtained:

No Alterations - Not to remove, alter or change the style or position of any building or fence on the Leased Premises.

No Other Activities - Not to permit, encourage, or invite other persons to use any part or all of the Leased Premises for any purpose or activity not directly related to its use for agricultural production.

No Signage - Not to erect or permit to be erected any commercial advertising signs on the Leased Premises.

No Mineral Rights - Nothing in this lease shall confer upon the Lessee any right to minerals underlying the Leased Premises. Such mineral rights are hereby reserved by the Lessor together with the full right to enter upon the Leased Premises and to bore, search, excavate, work, and remove the minerals, to deposit excavated rubbish, to pass over the Leased Premises with vehicles, and to lay down and work any railroad track or tracks, tanks, pipelines, power lines, and structures as may be necessary or convenient for the above purpose. The Lessor agrees to reimburse the Lessee for any actual damage the Lessee may suffer for crops destroyed by these activities and to release the Lessee from obligation to continue farming this property when development of mineral resources interferes materially with the Lessee's opportunity to make a satisfactory return.

9. Environmental Matters

The parties hereto hereby acknowledge that the Lessee intends to use the Leased Premises described in this lease for agricultural purposes and that such use of the land may have an environmental impact; accordingly, the parties agree as follows:

Use of Normal Farm Practices - The Lessee shall conduct its operations on the Leased Premises in accordance with normal farm practices including, but not limited to, the application of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides and shall only engage licensed applicators of such substances or shall ensure that the Lessee is appropriately licensed for such applications.

Manure and Nutrients - To haul and spread manure only on appropriate fields at times and in quantities consistent with sound manure management practices and in accordance with the guidelines and regulations of the *Nutrient Management Act, 2002, S.O. 2002 c:4* and amendments thereto (the Nutrient Management Act). Where a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) is in place the Lessee shall apply manure and other nutrients in accordance to the rates, manner and separation distances from neighbours, wells and watercourses and any other guideline as stated in the NMP. The Lessee shall also keep a record of nutrient applications and will produce them at the request of the Lessor. The Lessee shall also notify the Lessor in writing if the Lessee is submitting nutrient information to a municipal or regional government as part of an official nutrient management tracking system.

Municipal Sludge - The Lessee shall not, without the written consent of the Lessor, apply or give permission to have applied, any municipal waste or sludge on the Leased Premises. Where the Lessor has granted permission, any municipal sludge or waste shall be applied in accordance with the *Nutrient Management Act*.

Chemical Spills - The Lessee shall immediately report any spill or misuse of chemicals to the Lessor and to comply generally with all environmental laws including the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act (Ontario)* including the requirement to attend to the immediate clean-up of any such spill at the sole cost of the Lessee.

Chemical Storage - The Lessee shall insure that no chemicals will be stored on the property for longer than is required for the application or use in the current year and in no greater amounts than is required for the Leased Premises. The Lessee shall ensure that any chemicals are stored in a secure dry location away from all wells and watercourses in closed, tight containers above ground and clearly marked. No chemicals or chemical containers will be disposed of on the Leased Premises.

Noise - The Lessee shall ensure that no undue noise or other nuisance emanates from the Leased Premises or from the operations of the Lessee on the Leased Premises.

Spill Insurance - The Lessee shall be required to obtain and maintain during the currency of this lease adequate policies of insurance, the content and policy limits thereof to be satisfactory to the Landlord acting reasonably, naming the Landlord as an additional insured party for the risks attendant with any environmental matter

including, but not limited to, the improper disposal of wastes or the application or misapplication of toxic substances. In setting the policy limits the Lessor shall act reasonably having regard to the potential risks associated with such a spill.

Lessor Not Responsible for Costs - For separate consideration, the Lessee hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Lessor from any costs incurred by the Lessee arising directly or indirectly from the breach by the Lessee of the provisions relating to Environmental Matters as set out herein.

Lessee Must Carry Insurance - For the term of the lease, the Lessee shall maintain a policy of comprehensive insurance in an amount acceptable to the Lessor, acting reasonably, insuring the Lessee while farming on the Leased Premises. The Lessee shall furnish a Certificate of Insurance at the Lessor's request and agrees that all applicable insurance policies name the Lessor as an additional insured and to receive notice of termination of coverage.

10. Resolving Differences

Disagreements Will Be Submitted to an Arbitrator(s) - Any differences between the parties as to their rights or obligations under this lease and to the affairs of the Leased Premises that are not settled by mutual agreement after thorough discussion, shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator, if the parties hereto agree upon one; otherwise to three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party and a third to be chosen by the first two named before they enter upon the business of arbitration. The award and determination of such arbitrator or arbitrators, or any two of such three arbitrators, shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

11. Production Practices and Management Decisions

Cropping Plans - The Lessee shall make all decisions with respect to growing of crops on the land unless stated otherwise in this lease. The Lessee shall prior to the beginning of each lease year, provide a plan of operation for the Lessor's information.

Pesticides - The Lessee and Lessor will jointly make all decisions with respect to which pesticides can be used on the land.

12. Income Support Payments, Subsidies and Reimbursements

Lessee Receives Government Payments for Crops - In the event that any payment, subsidy or other reimbursement is made under any government agency or any marketing agency in connection with income support to the actual producer of crops grown on the Leased Premises during the term of this lease the amount paid in respect of the Leased Premises shall be paid to the Lessee.

13. Compensation for Repairs to Buildings, Fences, and Improvements

Lessee Responsible for Normal Repairs - The Lessee shall not make major improvements, other than what is considered normal repair and maintenance, to the Leased Premises or any other assets identified in this agreement without written permission of the Lessor.

Lessor Responsible for Major Improvements - Major improvements, which without restricting the generality of the term, shall include: water development, erosion control, fencing and building construction. Title to all improvements shall vest in the Landlord and no improvements shall be sold, removed, disposed of or encumbered without the written consent of the Lessor.

14. Compensation for Crop and Property Damages, Oil and Gas, Utilities, Roads, and Rights-of-Way

Compensation for reasons such as, but not limited to, property damage and inconvenience from oil and gas exploration, pipeline development, power and telephone line installations, or road construction, shall accrue to the Lessor.

15. Notice

(1) Any notice required or permitted to be given by one party to the other pursuant to the terms of this lease may be given

To the Lessor at: John Hix Conservation Administration Centre 8195 Concession 8,
Utopia, Ontario L0M 1T0

To the Lessee at the Leased Premises or at: 2011 Mayer Rd, Minesing ON, L0L 1Y2

(2) The above addresses may be changed at any time by giving **ten (10) days** written notice.

(3) Any notice given by one party to the other in accordance with the provisions of this lease shall be deemed conclusively to have been received on the date delivered if the notice is served personally or **seventy-two (72) hours** after mailing if the notice is mailed.

16. Registration

The Lessee shall not at any time register notice of or a copy of this Lease on title to the property of which the Leased Premises form part without consent of the Lessor.

17. Interpretation

(1) The words importing the singular number only shall include the plural, and vice versa, and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender, and words importing persons shall include firms and corporations and vice versa.

(2) When there are two or more Tenants bound by the same covenants herein contained, their obligations shall be joint and several.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)
In the presence of

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

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) **Bernard K. Mayer**

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) **Katherine Mayer**



Mayer's Marsh Agricultural Lease Location



12-Oct-2023



Legend

- NVCA Properties
- Lease Location

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Staff Report: 43-09-23-BOD

Date: 27/10/2023

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits
Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services

SUBJECT: 2024 Fees for Planning and Permit Applications

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 43-09-23-BOD regarding proposed changes to planning and permitting review fees.

Purpose of the Staff Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of changes to the planning and permitting review fees, and next steps.

Background

In 2022 the NVCA Board of Directors approved the current "[Fee Policy & Fee Schedules](#)". When developing the policy and fees, NVCA included input from key partners and stakeholders, such as municipalities, development sector, the agricultural community, and the aggregate industry. The 2022 Fee Policy & Fee Schedules also includes a Policy Review and Public Notification section noting that the policy shall be evaluated from time to time to evaluate its effectiveness and fairness.

On December 28, 2022, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry directed conservation authorities to not to change the amount of the fees it charges, or the way conservation authorities determine how fees are charged. This direction is

effective from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. This relates to reviewing and commenting on planning and development related proposals or land use planning policies, or for permits issued by conservation authorities.

Issues/Analysis

The Minister's "list of classes of programs and services in respect of which conservation authorities may charge a fee" identifies the types of fees that can be charged by conservation authorities. This policy document also identifies a user-pay principle, enabling authorities to charge a fee for programs and services to generate revenue. This may reduce an authority's reliance on municipal levy and cover program costs.

In June 2023, staff presented a comprehensive review of NVCA's planning and regulation program rates and fees to the Board of Directors. The review was completed by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

In the review, Watson provided recommendations on updates to program rates and fees to ensure costs can be fully recovered. This was the result of reviewing NVCA's current planning and development costs, while considering legislative changes and impacts of current legislation and provincial guidelines.

All fee recommendations were made with regard to legislative authority and aims to recover the full costs of delivering plan review and permitting services on a program basis, applicant affordability and completeness, and industry best practices and uniformity of fees. [A copy of the Watson report can be found on NVCA's website.](#)

Specifically, Watson's report recommends increasing review fees for site-specific Official Plan and Zoning By-law Applications, Minor Variance, Consents, and NEC applications. The report also suggests maintaining existing subdivision, residential Site Plans and Aggregate proposals. In addition, permit fees are proposed to be increased to full cost recovery levels while maintaining competitiveness with other Conservation Authorities.

In August 2023, NVCA staff shared Watson's recommended fee changes and additional housekeeping changes with our municipal partners and stakeholders and requested input by September 8, 2023. It was also noted that any new or updated fees would be implemented after the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry's freeze on conservation authority fees expires.

For the fees not addressed in the Watson report and as noted in the August stakeholder circulation, we are proposing to adjust them based on cost of living (approx. 4.8 % for 2024 - NVCA uses a 12-month average).

The results of the stakeholder engagement primarily focused on phasing the recommended Watson fees over a 2-year time period. The attached draft schedule is intended to address the input that we have received to date.

The next steps in the fee development includes posting the draft fees for 30 days on NVCA’s website for input by the public, municipalities, and stakeholders. Staff would then address any comments provided through the circulation process as appropriate and present the final draft to the Board for approval.

Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

Conservation Authorities (CA) are permitted to charge fees for a program or service that is included in the Minister’s list of classes of programs and services (“Minister’s Fee Classes Policy”) pursuant Section 21.2 of the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act). CAs must develop a written fee policy and fee schedule for all chargeable programs and services. The policy and fee must include principles and practices regarding fees charged under Section 21.2 of the CA Act. NVCA staff has prepared this fee policy to satisfy this requirement, as well as to identify the principles and practices regarding fees charged under Section 21.2 of the CA Act.

Impact on Authority Finances

The approval of the suggested changes will aid in achieving the projected 2024 budget revenues for planning services.

Climate Change Implications

The NVCA assesses climate implications in all staff reports using the Clean Air Partnership’s ‘[Municipal Climate Lens Tool](#)’ to consider climate impacts or benefits associated with any project, program, or initiative. The following is a summary of the results.

Municipal Climate Lens Tool	Results
Mitigation	Project will not result in the production of green house gases
Temperature	Project can not be affected by temperature

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Municipal Climate Lens Tool	Results
Precipitation	Project can not be affected by precipitation

Reviewed and approved for submission by:

Original Signed by

Doug Hevenor

Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment: Proposed 2024 Planning and Permitting fees

Appendix A: NVCA Planning Services Fee Schedule (2024 Draft)

Official Plans and Zonings	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Official Plans and Secondary Plans	General Levy	General Levy	General Levy
Comprehensive Zoning By-law	General Levy	General Levy	General Levy
Site Specific Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments	\$530	\$795	\$1,300
Additional fee for technical study review	\$796	This fee is proposed to be separated into Additional fee for scoped technical study review and Additional fee for full technical study review (including flood plain study). See updated fees below	This fee is proposed to be separated into Additional fee for scoped technical study review and Additional fee for full technical study review (including flood plain study). See updated fees below
Additional fee for scoped technical study review		\$1250	\$2,500
Additional fee for full technical study review (including flood plain study)		\$2500	\$5,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200	\$200
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium (Residential, Commercial, and Industrial)	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Minimum Fee	\$13,260	\$13,900	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Maximum Fee (See Note 1)	\$106,080	\$111,200	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Lot/Unit fee and Net hectare fee	\$3,425 per hectare	\$3,590	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Design Resubmission surcharge for subdivisions and residential/mixed use site plans	3 rd Submission – 25% of original fee (maximum charge of \$13,260) 4 th and subsequent submissions – 50% of original fee (maximum fee of \$13,260)	3 rd Submission – 25% of original fee (maximum charge of \$13,900) 4 th and subsequent submissions – 50% of original fee (maximum fee of \$13,900)	Increase based on 2024 COLA

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Clearance Fee for Additional Subdivision Phases		\$3,290 within one year of original clearance	\$6,275 with new technical information or beyond one year of original clearance
Redline Revisions	Minor (Design Change) 25% of original fee (maximum fee of \$13,770)	Minor (Design Change) 25% of original fee (maximum fee of \$13,900)	Increase based on 2024 COLA
	Major (Change to Limits of Development) 75% of original fee (not to exceed maximum fee \$106,080)	Major (Change to Limits of Development) 75% of original fee (not to exceed maximum fee \$111,200)	
Site Plans	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Letter of Approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$556	\$830	\$1,100
Minor: Site Plan Area less than 2 ha	\$1,591	\$3,300	\$5,000
Intermediate: Site Plan Area more than 2 ha, less than 4 ha	\$5,824	\$7,912	\$10,000
Major: Site Plan Area more than 4 ha (Additional \$1,250/ha fee charge for sites over 10 ha.)	\$14,285	\$14,971	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Site Plan: Residential (multi-unit and/or mixed use)	Use Residential Subdivision Fees		
Design Resubmission surcharge for non-residential site plans	3rd Submission - 25% of original fee	3rd Submission - 25% of original fee	3rd Submission - 25% of original fee
	4th and subsequent submissions - 50% of original fee	4th and subsequent submissions - 50% of original fee	4th and subsequent submissions - 50% of original fee
Golf Courses	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
New Golf Courses	\$15,912	\$16,680	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Aggregate Proposals	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Minimum fee for Below Water Table	\$13,260	\$13,900	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Maximum fee for Below Water Table	\$106,080	\$111,200	Increase based on 2024 COLA

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Net hectare fee for Below Water Table	\$1,352/ha	\$1,420	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Above water table proposals or expanded extraction within a licensed area	\$13,260	\$13,900	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Consents	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Base Fee	\$321	\$460	\$600
Additional fee for technical study review (e.g., SWM Report or EIS)	\$530	\$770	\$1,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200	\$200
Minor Variances	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Base Fee	\$214	\$250	\$250
Additional fee for technical study review (e.g., SWM Report or EIS)	\$530	\$770	\$1,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200	\$200
Niagara Escarpment Commission Applications	Fee		
Base Fee	\$321	\$475	\$600
Additional fee for technical study review, for example EIS	\$530	\$770	\$1,000
Letter of approval (no technical review or site inspection required)	\$107	\$200	\$200
Conservation Authorities Act	Fee		
Letter of Approval (site inspection not required)	\$102	\$200	\$200
Permit Application Minor Works	\$255	\$375	\$500
Permit Application Intermediate Works	\$561	\$780	\$1,000
Permit Application Major Works	\$1,591	\$2440	\$3,300
Permit Application Major Works – complex	\$3,182	\$4090	\$5,000
Agricultural Permit Applications (separated in 2016)			
Letter of Approval (site inspection not required)	\$102	\$150	\$200

Appendix A: NVCA Planning Services Fee Schedule (2024 Draft)

Minor works or works located in regulated adjacent lands	\$255	\$375	\$500
Works located within flood and/or erosion hazard	\$561	\$750	\$1,000
Unauthorized works	2 X permit fee	2 X permit fee	2 X permit fee
Permit application large fill projects: 250 – 1,000 m ³ (Permit application for large fill projects - See procedural guidelines for more detail.)	\$530 plus \$0.82/m ³	\$555 PLUS \$0.86/m ³	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Permit application large fill projects: more than 1000 m ³	\$1,591 plus \$0.82/m ³	\$1670 plus \$0.86/m ³	Increase based on 2024 COLA
Permit – amendment	50% of original fee	50% of original fee	50% of original fee
Additional fee for significant technical review	Varies	Varies	Varies
Other	Current Fee	Proposed 2024 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Legal/Real Estate Inquiries	\$214	\$280	\$350
Legal/Consultant Peer Review Costs (charged on the basis of cost recovery)	Varies	Varies	Varies
Provision of Individual Property Information	\$77	\$90	\$90
Pre-consultations Fee	\$561 (without site visit) \$1,591 (analysis by one planner and one technical discipline) \$3,182 (analysis by one planner and more than one technical discipline)	\$580 (without site visit) \$1,670 (analysis by one planner and one technical discipline) \$3,335 (analysis by one planner and more than one technical discipline)	Increase based on 2024 COLA

Notes:

Fee Schedule Notes:

1. The maximum review fee for plans of subdivision/condominium is \$111,200 (Increase based on COLA).
2. Plans of subdivision/condominium fees may be phased as outlined in NVCA’s policy for charging fees if the total fee meets the minimum threshold of \$50,000.00.
3. The NVCA reserves the right to not allow the phasing of fees for development subject to a Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO) issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
4. When processing and reviewing consolidated planning applications (e.g. OPA/ZBA/Subdivisions), the higher fee is applicable (including MZOs).
5. Plans of subdivision/condominium and site plan fees include permitting fees under the NVCA’s Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 172/06.

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6. Notwithstanding note # 5, permit issuance for works occurring two years after the date of the last NVCA comments on a file will be subject to the relevant permit fee for the scale of the works.
7. A net hectare refers to the total area of land available for development. It excludes lands outside of the development limit (e.g., natural hazard, natural heritage areas and buffers).
8. NVCA reserves the right to reassess the review fee after 5 years of receipt of the application based on timing and receipt of technical information.
9. The applicant will be responsible for any external peer review costs necessary to review submitted technical submissions. This can include expedited review of submission is subject to availability of peer reviewers and approval of the Director, Watershed Management or Manager, Development Planning and Permits. The applicant will be responsible for any external peer review costs necessary to review submitted technical submissions.
10. Alterations or expansions to existing golf courses not requiring Planning Act approvals and within a regulated area will be addressed through the Conservation Authorities Act approval fees.
11. Permit approval will not be required from the NVCA for certain small-scale projects as outlined in NVCA's Policy for Charging Fees.
12. Please see NVCA's Policy for Charging Fees for further an explanation of the minor, intermediate and major permit fee categories, as well as other matters (e.g., fee exemptions, appeal process, etc.). This document is available at www.nvca.on.ca under Planning & Permits – Policies & Guidelines.



Staff Report: 44-09-23-BOD

Date: 27/10/2023

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Sheryl Flannagan
Director, Corporate Services

SUBJECT: 2023 Third Quarter Budget Report

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 44-09-23-BOD regarding the 2023 third quarter financials; and

FURTHER THAT: staff continue to monitor budget activities.

Purpose of the Staff Report

The purpose of this Staff Report is to provide quarterly information to the Board regarding the status of the budget activities.

Background

On March 24, 2023 the Board approved the NVCA's 2023 budget. Quarterly reports are given to the Board to update on the status of the budget activities and any variations expected.

Issues/Analysis

The following are the highlights for the first 9 months of operations of the NVCA:

- Expenditures to date are tracking on schedule, with 83.17% of the budgeted expenses (75% of budget year completed). As that is including the CEWS repayment amount of \$740,879, expenditures are actually trending normally.
- Revenues are tracking well, with 80.24% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 6 months of the general municipal levy of \$2,054,821.
- Currently, the NVCA is sitting in a deficit position, due to the CEWS repayment the Board was notified about on the 1st quarter report. If we remove that, we would currently be sitting in a slight surplus situation.

Individual Program Updates

Conservation Services:

Forestry 110

- Forests Ontario has confirmed that the 50 Million Tree Program will be available for 2024-2025. The formal agreement from Forests Ontario is expected in the coming weeks.
- Site visits for 2024 planting are well underway. Survival assessments and site preparation for 2024 sites are also underway.
- All expenses are on track and staff anticipate a balanced budget for 2023.

Conservation Lands – 150

- Visitor trends have been consistent throughout much of Q2 and Q3. NVCA is working with RTO7 to develop a better understanding of visitor usage using EnviroNics Data.
- NVCA staff are currently implementing Healthy Communities grant deliverables on the construction of a new parking lot and washroom at the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area. Expenses incurred under this project are reflected in the Q3 budget but will be reimbursed upon project completion (by year-end).
- The education day and public day for the Festival at Fort Willow were a success. There were approximately 1,500 visitors to the festival this year.
- Staff anticipate a balanced budget by year-end.

Tiffin CA – 661

- The Tiffin Centre is booked with events for almost every weekend between now and the end of the year.
- Capital purchases are all underway and projected to be within or slightly under budget.
- Program expenditures will continue to be monitored to ensure a balanced budget for 2023.

Corporate Workshop-Vehicle and equipment – 650

- Staff are still working through issues with the fleet but anticipate a fully operational and safely vehicle pool within the next few weeks.
- Because of significant, unanticipated repair costs, a deficit is anticipated for this program. Staff are prioritizing all expenditures and will be extending life on equipment to limit budget deficit for this program.

Healthy Waters – 120

- Stewardship staff recently received confirmation of funding support from EcoAction (\$100,000), TD FEF, Bruce Trail Association, Grasslands Ontario (\$15,100), and Bass Pro Shops/Cabelas, which will bolster staff revenues for the third quarter of 2023.
- Stewardship staff recently received confirmation of staff support from the Midhurst Landowners group for time spent preparing for phosphorus offsetting projects on Willow Creek, to be implemented in 2024.
- Staff are projecting a balanced Healthy Waters budget for 2023 contingent on confirmation of an additional \$10,000 in staffing revenue in the 4th quarter of 2023, based on 2 new funding applications that have already been submitted.

Tiffin Education – 630

- All programming has totalled 8,569 students to this point.
- Summer Camp was a big success seeing 496 campers over 8 weeks, which is up 8 children and \$2400 over 2022.
- All camps (summer, Newcomer, Junior leadership, March Break and PD Day) have brought in \$126,500 to date.
- Seniors' Programming has seen two more program deliveries with one more to be delivered before the end of 2023.
- Summer jobs/career placement brought in \$14,819. This covered the wages for camp councillors.
- Preschool Nature Program continues with half day Tuesdays and full day Thursdays.
- Homeschool Programming has kicked off for the year. Programming will be available for homeschoolers 1 day per month.

Watershed Management:

Planning – 310

- Planning Services user fee revenues as of September 30th are approximately \$931,397 (excluding levy, federal funds, and reserve use).
- Based on the revenues received to date, the user fee revenues for subdivisions are currently trending slightly lower than anticipated for the third quarter.
- Revenues for legal inquiries and consents/minor variances are currently trending as anticipated for the year end.

- Section 28 permits are currently trending slightly higher than anticipated for the third quarter and are expected to trend slightly lower in the fourth quarter.
- The program expenditures are currently lower than budgeted; however, the fourth quarter is expected to trend higher due to on-going enforcement activity, peer review costs and legal fees.
- Staff anticipates a balanced budget for the end of the year.

Engineering- 400

- The Engineering cost center is used to track engineering special projects. The NVCA has been awarded a five-year contract (2021-2025) with the City of Barrie to maintain their rain gauge network. In the 3rd Quarter, the City of Barrie announced they would be adding two rain gauges to their network.

Watershed Science - 420

- This program incorporates Source Water Protection, Risk Management Office, and Environmental Monitoring.
- Overall, the program is running a surplus, with projections to exceed revenue targets and have lower expenses on the year.
- Source Water Protection revenue will exceed budget projections.
- Delivery of the Risk Management Official program projects to have a slight deficit in revenue by the end of the year.
- Additional program revenue from Environmental Monitoring is expected through the completion of a special benefitting projects with the Town of Collingwood and the Town of New Tecumseth as well as projects with Credit Valley Conservation, North-Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority and monitoring associated with the NVCA Net Gains Guidelines.

Flood Program - 430-440

- Flood has issued 7 flood messages this year to date (5 Watershed Conditions Statement Water Safety; 1 Spring Safety (March 9th) and 1 Watershed Conditions Statement Flood Outlook).
- Actual year to date expenses are tracking below budget but are expected to match budget year to date by year end.

Corporate Services: GIS/IT 410/Governance 670/Admin 660/680

GIS/Tech support - 410

- Current revenues and expenditures are tracking as anticipated.
- A slight surplus is anticipated at this time.

Governance 670

- Expenses are tracking as anticipated.

Corporate Admin 660 & 680

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- Staff and administrative expenditures are tracking above anticipated values due to the CEWS payback as mentioned above.
- A deficit is anticipated currently due to CEWS, however a balanced budget is anticipated other than that.

Impact on Authority Finances

The 2023 Approved Budget totals \$5,961,289 in revenue as compared to the 2022 approved budget of \$5,095,130. Additionally, staff time to prepare this report is addressed in the 2022 budget.

Climate Change Implications

This report has no climate change implications.

Reviewed by:
Original Signed by
Sheryl Flannagan
Director, Corporate Services

Approved for submission by:
Original Signed by
Doug Hevenor
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

1. September 30, 2023 Statement of Operations

SUMMARY OF NVCA BUDGETED PROGRAM ACTIVITY, September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

	PROPOSED OPERATIONS BUDGET	Program Expense	Cost Recovery	Capital Asset Purchases	Total Expense	Expense vs Budget	Program Levv	Other Program Revenues	Use of Reserves	Donated Land	Total Revenue	Total Revenue vs Budget	Surplus / Deficit	
LAND & WATER & STEWARDSHIP SERVICES														
110	Reforestation	421,469.43	268,947.70	22,752.98	291,700.68	69.21%	59,602.08	280,472.59			340,074.67	80.69%	48,373.99	
120	Healthy Waters	696,085.86	548,495.34	31,474.90	579,970.24	83.32%	127,564.38	498,528.05			626,092.43	89.94%	46,122.19	
150	Conservation Lands	215,264.84	129,970.33	31,057.83	161,028.16	74.80%	113,343.63	100,101.97			213,445.60	99.15%	52,417.44	
PLANNING														
310	Planning	1,578,111.44	939,435.67	80,781.45	1,020,217.12	64.65%	346,958.58	941,247.92	12,226.16		1,300,432.66	81.63%	280,215.54	
ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES														
443	Engineering - Special Projects	27,800.00	25,266.89		25,266.89			8,791.52			8,791.52		-16,475.37	
420	Watershed Science	579,113.13	256,935.01	38,312.34	49,569.86	344,817.21	59.54%	181,959.84	200,071.56	49,569.86	431,601.26	65.97%	86,784.05	
430-442	Flood Control	424,930.42	197,265.50	19,848.60	217,114.10	51.09%	169,217.55	97,307.00			266,524.55	62.72%	49,410.45	
TIFFIN CENTRE														
630	Tiffin Education	233,777.72	259,253.89	15,723.47	274,977.36	117.62%	6,583.29	271,672.43			278,255.72	119.03%	3,278.36	
661	Tiffin CA - Infrastructure	425,380.77	257,378.39	24,328.00	281,706.39	66.22%	160,335.57	113,946.24	2,095.23		276,377.04	64.48%	-5,329.35	
COST RECOVERY CENTRES														
410	GIS / IT Support	409,150.32	275,117.17		26,077.43	301,194.60		273,637.74	28,761.07	20,366.66	322,765.47		21,570.87	
650	Workshop Vehicle & Equip	37,500.00	117,415.36	-104,121.65	13,293.71			0.00	13,293.71		13,293.71		0.00	
660	Occupancy Costs		98,293.57	-98,293.57	0.00			0.00			0.00		0.00	
670	Governance	345,067.33	300,048.50	-41,248.01	258,800.49		227,390.13	0.00	31,410.36		258,800.49		0.00	
680	Corporate Admin Support	567,637.98	1,208,515.52	-20,616.34	1,187,899.18		388,228.50	58,791.65			447,020.15	78.75%	-740,879.03	
Total Operations		5,961,289.24	4,882,338.84	0.00	75,647.29	4,957,986.13	83.17%	2,054,821.29	2,599,692.00	128,961.98	0.00	4,783,475.27	80.24%	-174,510.86
Add Back: Transfer to Reserves														
Net to be distributed to Reserves													-174,510.86	

	Budgeted Capital Expenditure	Approved Draw From Reserve*	Actual Use of Reserve	Actual Capital Expenditure
110 Reforestation				
120 Healthy Waters				
150 Conservation Lands	-9,800.00	-9,800.00		
310 Planning Services				
BOD Mtg 06-22-BOD, Agenda 12.2.4		40,000.00	12,226.16	
400 Engineering - Special Projects				
BOD Mtg 05-22-BOD, Agenda 12.2.7		40,000.00		
410 GIS / IT Support	31,800.00	31,800.00	20,366.66	26,077.43
420 Watershed Science	99,500.00	99,500.00	49,569.86	49,569.86
430 Flood	100,000.00	100,000.00		
630 Education				
650 Workshop Vehicle & Equip	37,500.00	37,500.00		
BOD Mtg 07-23-BOD, Agenda 12.2.1		15,000.00	13,293.71	
660 Occupancy Costs				
661 Tiffin CA - Infrastructure	9,500.00	9,500.00	2,095.23	
670 Governance	41,880.49	41,880.49	31,410.36	
680 Corporate Admin Support				
	310,380.49	405,380.49	128,961.98	75,647.29

*Approved Draw from Reserve--Budgeted and Board Approval

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From Division 110 Reforestation - Category 2 & 3
 To Division 110 Reforestation - Category 2 & 3

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	19,867.36	19,867.36	59,602.08	59,602.08	-	79,469.43
Municipal Grants	14,250.00	-	14,250.00	3,000.00	11,250.00	13,000.00
Contributions	233,705.00	255,000.00	234,107.00	255,000.00	(20,893.00)	255,000.00
Federal Sources	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
User Fees	15,311.00	16,000.00	27,115.59	69,000.00	(41,884.41)	69,000.00
E	<u>288,133.36</u>	<u>295,867.36</u>	<u>340,074.67</u>	<u>391,602.08</u>	<u>(51,527.41)</u>	<u>421,469.43</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	36,478.43	33,924.99	95,962.22	101,774.97	(5,812.75)	135,699.98
TOTAL REVENU	<u>36,478.43</u>	<u>33,924.99</u>	<u>95,962.22</u>	<u>101,774.97</u>	<u>(5,812.75)</u>	<u>135,699.98</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	6,560.35	9,779.86	22,752.98	29,339.58	(6,586.60)	39,119.45
	<u>6,560.35</u>	<u>9,779.86</u>	<u>22,752.98</u>	<u>29,339.58</u>	<u>(6,586.60)</u>	<u>39,119.45</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 110	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
Memberships Prof.Dues 110	-	-	945.83	450.00	495.83	750.00
Material&Supply 110	216.16	3,000.00	2,850.23	6,000.00	(3,149.77)	6,000.00
Cost of Trees 110	-	-	69,820.22	110,000.00	(40,179.78)	114,000.00
Equipment Costs 110 Reforestation	52.39	-	234.15	-	234.15	500.00
Consultant Fees 110 Outsource Cont	-	-	99,135.05	125,000.00	(25,864.95)	125,000.00
Uniform & Special Clothing Expense	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
	<u>268.55</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>172,985.48</u>	<u>241,450.00</u>	<u>(68,464.52)</u>	<u>246,650.00</u>
	<u>43,307.33</u>	<u>46,704.85</u>	<u>291,700.68</u>	<u>372,564.55</u>	<u>(80,863.87)</u>	<u>421,469.43</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>244,826.03</u>	<u>249,162.51</u>	<u>48,373.99</u>	<u>19,037.53</u>	<u>29,336.46</u>	<u>-</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

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From Division 120 Stewardship - Category 1
To Division 120 Stewardship - Category 1

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	45,521.46	44,521.46	130,564.38	134,564.38	(4,000.00)	180,085.86
Provincial Grants	15,063.40	-	80,452.52	30,000.00	50,452.52	30,000.00
Municipal Grants	110.00	6,000.00	9,497.50	13,000.00	(3,502.50)	20,000.00
Contributions	101,653.45	134,012.50	333,104.53	270,037.50	63,067.03	350,000.00
Federal Sources	34,920.00	30,000.00	72,473.50	86,000.00	(13,526.50)	96,000.00
User Fees	-	4,000.00	-	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	20,000.00
E	<u>197,268.31</u>	<u>218,533.96</u>	<u>626,092.43</u>	<u>548,601.88</u>	<u>77,490.55</u>	<u>696,085.86</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	115,870.67	95,335.02	303,805.48	286,005.06	17,800.42	381,340.09
TOTAL REVENU	<u>115,870.67</u>	<u>95,335.02</u>	<u>303,805.48</u>	<u>286,005.06</u>	<u>17,800.42</u>	<u>381,340.09</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	8,517.33	17,048.94	31,474.90	51,146.82	(19,671.92)	68,195.77
	<u>8,517.33</u>	<u>17,048.94</u>	<u>31,474.90</u>	<u>51,146.82</u>	<u>(19,671.92)</u>	<u>68,195.77</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 120 Healthy Waters	366.21	200.00	628.47	600.00	28.47	800.00
Material&Supply 120	74,726.55	105,500.00	243,628.50	209,500.00	34,128.50	244,000.00
Uniform & Special Clothing Expense	-	50.00	-	150.00	(150.00)	150.00
Advertisement 120	-	400.00	432.89	1,200.00	(767.11)	1,600.00
	<u>75,092.76</u>	<u>106,150.00</u>	<u>244,689.86</u>	<u>211,450.00</u>	<u>33,239.86</u>	<u>246,550.00</u>
	<u>199,480.76</u>	<u>218,533.96</u>	<u>579,970.24</u>	<u>548,601.88</u>	<u>31,368.36</u>	<u>696,085.86</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(2,212.45)</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>46,122.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,122.19</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 150 Conservation Lands - Category 1
To Division 150 Conservation Lands - Category 1

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	37,781.21	37,781.21	113,343.63	113,343.63	-	151,124.84
Provincial Grants	-	-	-	-	-	2,500.00
Contributions	3,391.91	1,550.00	5,492.38	3,200.00	2,292.38	5,000.00
Federal Sources	27,005.17	-	27,005.17	-	27,005.17	-
User Fees	12,239.29	8,640.00	67,604.42	59,740.00	7,864.42	66,440.00
Use of Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	(9,800.00)
E	<u>80,417.58</u>	<u>47,971.21</u>	<u>213,445.60</u>	<u>176,283.63</u>	<u>37,161.97</u>	<u>215,264.84</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	41,638.52	29,484.63	66,507.44	88,453.89	(21,946.45)	117,938.53
TOTAL REVENU	<u>41,638.52</u>	<u>29,484.63</u>	<u>66,507.44</u>	<u>88,453.89</u>	<u>(21,946.45)</u>	<u>117,938.53</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	9,063.10	12,666.58	31,057.83	37,999.74	(6,941.91)	50,666.31
	<u>9,063.10</u>	<u>12,666.58</u>	<u>31,057.83</u>	<u>37,999.74</u>	<u>(6,941.91)</u>	<u>50,666.31</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 150 Conservation Lan	-	-	-	200.00	(200.00)	400.00
Material&Supply	23,412.31	3,000.00	35,140.67	8,000.00	27,140.67	10,000.00
Legal Costs 150	-	-	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,000.00
Insurance 150	-	-	11,901.81	12,000.00	(98.19)	12,000.00
Taxes	3,075.42	8,030.00	12,281.74	16,060.00	(3,778.26)	16,060.00
Hydro 150	67.75	50.00	181.88	150.00	31.88	200.00
Interest & Bank Chgs Lands	2,120.67	875.00	3,936.45	2,625.00	1,311.45	3,500.00
Maintenance Supplies 150	-	500.00	20.34	1,250.00	(1,229.66)	1,500.00
Advertisement 150	-	1,000.00	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	2,000.00
	<u>28,676.15</u>	<u>13,455.00</u>	<u>63,462.89</u>	<u>43,285.00</u>	<u>20,177.89</u>	<u>46,660.00</u>
	<u>79,377.77</u>	<u>55,606.21</u>	<u>161,028.16</u>	<u>169,738.63</u>	<u>(8,710.47)</u>	<u>215,264.84</u>

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From Division 310 Planning - Category 1
 To Division 310 Planning - Category 1

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	115,652.86	115,652.86	346,958.58	346,958.58	-	462,611.44
Federal Sources	4,850.00	-	9,850.00	-	9,850.00	-
User Fees	277,126.40	292,750.00	931,397.92	856,250.00	75,147.92	1,115,500.00
Use of Reserves	-	-	12,226.16	-	12,226.16	-
E	<u>397,629.26</u>	<u>408,402.86</u>	<u>1,300,432.66</u>	<u>1,203,208.58</u>	<u>97,224.08</u>	<u>1,578,111.44</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	302,689.12	324,937.45	837,793.59	974,812.35	(137,018.76)	1,299,749.81
	<u>302,689.12</u>	<u>324,937.45</u>	<u>837,793.59</u>	<u>974,812.35</u>	<u>(137,018.76)</u>	<u>1,299,749.81</u>
TOTAL REVENU						
Other Interpro gram Charges Cost Recovery	21,197.08	47,940.41	80,781.45	143,821.23	(63,039.78)	191,761.63
	<u>21,197.08</u>	<u>47,940.41</u>	<u>80,781.45</u>	<u>143,821.23</u>	<u>(63,039.78)</u>	<u>191,761.63</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 310	125.66	125.00	445.75	375.00	70.75	500.00
Memberships Prof.Dues 310	424.62	-	5,589.47	4,600.00	989.47	4,600.00
Material&Supply 310	-	100.00	-	300.00	(300.00)	500.00
Legal Costs	1,972.11	5,750.00	12,931.46	17,250.00	(4,318.54)	20,000.00
Consultant Fees 310	12,993.94	625.00	22,391.99	1,875.00	20,516.99	2,500.00
Insurance 310 E&OLiability Premiurr	-	-	60,283.41	57,500.00	2,783.41	57,500.00
Office Expenses	-	125.00	-	375.00	(375.00)	500.00
Bad Debt Expense 310 Planning	-	125.00	-	375.00	(375.00)	500.00
	<u>15,516.33</u>	<u>6,850.00</u>	<u>101,642.08</u>	<u>82,650.00</u>	<u>18,992.08</u>	<u>86,600.00</u>
	<u>339,402.53</u>	<u>379,727.86</u>	<u>1,020,217.12</u>	<u>1,201,283.58</u>	<u>(181,066.46)</u>	<u>1,578,111.44</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>58,226.73</u>	<u>28,675.00</u>	<u>280,215.54</u>	<u>1,925.00</u>	<u>278,290.54</u>	<u>-</u>

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From Division 410 GIS/Tech Support - Category 1
 To Division 410 GIS/Tech Support - Category 1

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	91,212.58	91,212.58	273,637.74	273,637.74	-	364,850.32
User Fees	6,637.17	3,125.00	28,761.07	9,375.00	19,386.07	12,500.00
Use of Reserves	-	5,000.00	20,366.66	30,000.00	(9,633.34)	31,800.00
E	<u>97,849.75</u>	<u>99,337.58</u>	<u>322,765.47</u>	<u>313,012.74</u>	<u>9,752.73</u>	<u>409,150.32</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	100,612.36	91,212.58	261,176.31	273,637.74	(12,461.43)	364,850.32
TOTAL REVENU	<u>100,612.36</u>	<u>91,212.58</u>	<u>261,176.31</u>	<u>273,637.74</u>	<u>(12,461.43)</u>	<u>364,850.32</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	-	(2,400.00)	-	(4,200.00)	4,200.00	(10,600.00)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,400.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,200.00)</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>	<u>(10,600.00)</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 410 GIS	64.86	25.00	260.24	75.00	185.24	100.00
Memberships Prof.Dues 410	-	-	74.80	-	74.80	-
Material&Supply 410	1,502.04	5,500.00	13,125.00	18,500.00	(5,375.00)	27,000.00
Consultant Fees 410	480.82	-	480.82	-	480.82	1,000.00
Capital Asset Purchases	1,133.48	5,000.00	26,077.43	25,000.00	1,077.43	26,800.00
	<u>3,181.20</u>	<u>10,525.00</u>	<u>40,018.29</u>	<u>43,575.00</u>	<u>(3,556.71)</u>	<u>54,900.00</u>
	<u>103,793.56</u>	<u>99,337.58</u>	<u>301,194.60</u>	<u>313,012.74</u>	<u>(11,818.14)</u>	<u>409,150.32</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(5,943.81)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,570.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,570.87</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 420 Watershed Science - Category 1
 To Division 420 Watershed Science - Category 1

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	60,653.28	60,653.28	181,959.84	181,959.84	-	242,613.13
Provincial Grants	105,515.91	48,750.00	181,582.45	146,250.00	35,332.45	195,000.00
Municipal Grants	-	9,000.00	15,559.11	27,000.00	(11,440.89)	41,000.00
User Fees	-	-	2,930.00	1,000.00	1,930.00	1,000.00
Use of Reserves	49,569.86	53,500.00	49,569.86	71,500.00	(21,930.14)	99,500.00
E	<u>215,739.05</u>	<u>171,903.28</u>	<u>431,601.26</u>	<u>427,709.84</u>	<u>3,891.42</u>	<u>579,113.13</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	99,006.22	96,699.63	245,045.44	290,098.89	(45,053.45)	386,798.51
TOTAL REVENU	<u>99,006.22</u>	<u>96,699.63</u>	<u>245,045.44</u>	<u>290,098.89</u>	<u>(45,053.45)</u>	<u>386,798.51</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	10,648.68	18,978.66	38,312.34	56,935.98	(18,623.64)	75,914.62
	<u>10,648.68</u>	<u>18,978.66</u>	<u>38,312.34</u>	<u>56,935.98</u>	<u>(18,623.64)</u>	<u>75,914.62</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 420	346.30	700.00	1,556.75	1,800.00	(243.25)	2,500.00
Memberships Prof.Dues 420	-	1,000.00	857.33	1,000.00	(142.67)	1,000.00
Material&Supply 420	1,257.33	2,500.00	7,586.68	5,500.00	2,086.68	6,500.00
Consultant Fees 420	-	1,666.67	-	3,333.33	(3,333.33)	5,000.00
Insurance 420 Water Source Prot Er	-	-	1,888.81	1,900.00	(11.19)	1,900.00
Maintenance Supplies 420 Equipmer	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00
Capital Asset Purchases	49,569.86	53,500.00	49,569.86	71,500.00	(21,930.14)	96,500.00
	<u>51,173.49</u>	<u>59,366.67</u>	<u>61,459.43</u>	<u>85,033.33</u>	<u>(23,573.90)</u>	<u>116,400.00</u>
	<u>160,828.39</u>	<u>175,044.96</u>	<u>344,817.21</u>	<u>432,068.20</u>	<u>(87,250.99)</u>	<u>579,113.13</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>54,910.66</u>	<u>(3,141.68)</u>	<u>86,784.05</u>	<u>(4,358.36)</u>	<u>91,142.41</u>	<u>-</u>

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From Division 430 Flood Control Structures - Categ
To Division 442 4.8 Administration

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	32,079.10	32,079.10	96,237.30	96,237.30	-	128,316.42
Matching Municipal Levy (Flood)	24,326.75	24,326.75	72,980.25	72,980.25	-	97,307.00
Provincial Grants	-	97,307.00	97,307.00	97,307.00	-	97,307.00
Municipal Grants	-	-	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	2,000.00
Use of Reserves	-	47,500.00	-	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	100,000.00
E	<u>56,405.85</u>	<u>201,212.85</u>	<u>266,524.55</u>	<u>338,524.55</u>	<u>(72,000.00)</u>	<u>424,930.42</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	60,659.35	61,551.24	167,837.11	184,653.72	(16,816.61)	246,204.97
TOTAL REVENU	<u>60,659.35</u>	<u>61,551.24</u>	<u>167,837.11</u>	<u>184,653.72</u>	<u>(16,816.61)</u>	<u>246,204.97</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	3,178.92	8,191.29	12,560.08	24,573.87	(12,013.79)	32,765.17
	<u>3,178.92</u>	<u>8,191.29</u>	<u>12,560.08</u>	<u>24,573.87</u>	<u>(12,013.79)</u>	<u>32,765.17</u>
Other Expenses						
Material&Supply	10,449.00	50,500.00	15,942.89	79,000.00	(63,057.11)	107,000.00
Corp Fleet Charge 437	2,195.42	2,540.07	7,288.52	7,620.21	(331.69)	10,160.28
Insurance	-	-	12,600.00	12,600.00	-	12,600.00
Taxes	453.64	600.00	885.50	1,200.00	(314.50)	1,200.00
Capital Asset Purchases	-	7,500.00	-	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	15,000.00
	<u>13,098.06</u>	<u>61,140.07</u>	<u>36,716.91</u>	<u>115,420.21</u>	<u>(78,703.30)</u>	<u>145,960.28</u>
	<u>76,936.33</u>	<u>130,882.60</u>	<u>217,114.10</u>	<u>324,647.80</u>	<u>(107,533.70)</u>	<u>424,930.42</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(20,530.48)</u>	<u>70,330.25</u>	<u>49,410.45</u>	<u>13,876.75</u>	<u>35,533.70</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 443 Engineering Projects - Category 2
 To Division 443 Engineering Projects - Category 2

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Provincial Grants	2,696.64	-	2,812.65	-	2,812.65	-
Municipal Grants	5,108.85	6,950.00	5,978.87	20,850.00	(14,871.13)	27,800.00
E	7,805.49	6,950.00	8,791.52	20,850.00	(12,058.48)	27,800.00
EXPENSES:						
Wages and Interprogram Charges	5,491.79	5,491.79	16,475.37	16,475.37	-	21,967.16
TOTAL REVENU	5,491.79	5,491.79	16,475.37	16,475.37	-	21,967.16
Other Interprogram Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses Material & Supply 443	7,805.49	1,458.21	8,791.52	4,374.63	4,416.89	5,832.84
	7,805.49	1,458.21	8,791.52	4,374.63	4,416.89	5,832.84
	13,297.28	6,950.00	25,266.89	20,850.00	4,416.89	27,800.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(5,491.79)	-	(16,475.37)	-	(16,475.37)	-
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 630 Tiffin Education - Category 2 & 3
 To Division 630 Tiffin Education - Category 2 & 3

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	2,194.43	2,194.43	6,583.29	6,583.29	-	8,777.72
Contributions	2,060.92	2,250.00	7,694.94	6,750.00	944.94	8,000.00
Federal Sources	14,819.50	3,000.00	14,819.50	3,000.00	11,819.50	3,000.00
User Fees	12,171.77	22,500.00	249,157.99	176,834.00	72,323.99	214,000.00
E	<u>31,246.62</u>	<u>29,944.43</u>	<u>278,255.72</u>	<u>193,167.29</u>	<u>85,088.43</u>	<u>233,777.72</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	121,691.21	47,447.44	250,546.24	142,342.32	108,203.92	189,789.76
TOTAL REVENU	<u>121,691.21</u>	<u>47,447.44</u>	<u>250,546.24</u>	<u>142,342.32</u>	<u>108,203.92</u>	<u>189,789.76</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges Cost Recovery	4,079.77	9,621.99	15,723.47	28,865.97	(13,142.50)	38,487.96
	<u>4,079.77</u>	<u>9,621.99</u>	<u>15,723.47</u>	<u>28,865.97</u>	<u>(13,142.50)</u>	<u>38,487.96</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 630 Education	-	-	64.79	-	64.79	-
Memberships Prof.Dues 630	-	-	200.00	500.00	(300.00)	500.00
Staff Education/Training	-	-	2,047.93	-	2,047.93	-
Material&Supply 630	3,151.38	1,100.00	6,394.93	3,900.00	2,494.93	5,000.00
	<u>3,151.38</u>	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>8,707.65</u>	<u>4,400.00</u>	<u>4,307.65</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
	<u>128,922.36</u>	<u>58,169.43</u>	<u>274,977.36</u>	<u>175,608.29</u>	<u>99,369.07</u>	<u>233,777.72</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(97,675.74)</u>	<u>(28,225.00)</u>	<u>3,278.36</u>	<u>17,559.00</u>	<u>(14,280.64)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 650 Workshop,Vehicle&Equip - Catego
To Division 650 Workshop,Vehicle&Equip - Catego

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Use of Reserves	13,293.71	2,500.00	13,293.71	2,500.00	10,793.71	37,500.00
E	13,293.71	2,500.00	13,293.71	2,500.00	10,793.71	37,500.00
EXPENSES:						
Wages and Interprogram Charges	21,211.68	21,211.68	63,635.04	63,635.04	-	84,846.73
TOTAL REVENU	21,211.68	21,211.68	63,635.04	63,635.04	-	84,846.73
Other Interpro gram Charges Cost Recovery	(31,363.11)	(34,011.68)	(104,121.65)	(113,135.04)	9,013.39	(145,146.73)
	(31,363.11)	(34,011.68)	(104,121.65)	(113,135.04)	9,013.39	(145,146.73)
Other Expenses						
Material&Supply 650 Wkshp	261.45	250.00	774.24	750.00	24.24	1,000.00
Equipment Costs 650	-	-	532.25	300.00	232.25	500.00
Insurance Corp 650	-	-	8,688.51	10,800.00	(2,111.49)	10,800.00
Hydro 650 Workshop	595.96	500.00	1,468.02	1,800.00	(331.98)	2,300.00
Fuel Oil Heating Propane Wksp	-	-	772.62	1,000.00	(227.38)	2,500.00
Maintenance Supplies 650	17,528.81	4,500.00	28,445.63	15,700.00	12,745.63	20,750.00
Uniform & Special Clothing Exp 650	-	250.00	-	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Gas & Oil 650	5,058.92	7,300.00	13,099.05	18,900.00	(5,800.95)	22,200.00
Capital Asset Purchases	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	37,500.00
	23,445.14	15,300.00	53,780.32	52,000.00	1,780.32	97,800.00
	13,293.71	2,500.00	13,293.71	2,500.00	10,793.71	37,500.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	-	(0.00)	(0.00)	-	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 660 Office Infrastructure - Category 1
 To Division 660 Office Infrastructure - Category 1

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
E	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENSES:						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE						
Other Interpro gram Charges Cost Recovery	(13,388.94)	(22,725.00)	(98,293.57)	(123,775.00)	25,481.43	(146,400.00)
	(13,388.94)	(22,725.00)	(98,293.57)	(123,775.00)	25,481.43	(146,400.00)
Other Expenses						
Material & Supply 660	-	-	2,457.50	2,500.00	(42.50)	3,000.00
Equipment Costs 660 Office	-	1,750.00	-	5,250.00	(5,250.00)	7,000.00
Insurance 660 Office	334.15	-	49,483.66	53,800.00	(4,316.34)	53,800.00
Taxes Corp Office	522.40	600.00	985.65	1,100.00	(114.35)	1,100.00
Hydro 660	3,992.29	6,250.00	17,890.72	18,750.00	(859.28)	25,000.00
Telephone 660 Corp Office	3,557.64	4,500.00	9,366.79	13,500.00	(4,133.21)	18,000.00
Office Expenses	3,550.64	3,875.00	10,665.11	11,625.00	(959.89)	15,500.00
Maintenance Supplies 660 Interior	308.64	1,500.00	1,975.77	4,500.00	(2,524.23)	6,000.00
Leases 660 Equipment	214.96	3,000.00	2,743.75	9,000.00	(6,256.25)	12,000.00
Internet Access 680 SCAN	908.22	1,250.00	2,724.62	3,750.00	(1,025.38)	5,000.00
	13,388.94	22,725.00	98,293.57	123,775.00	(25,481.43)	146,400.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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From Division 661 Tiffin CA & Maintenance - Catego
To Division 661 Tiffin CA & Maintenance - Catego

	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	53,445.19	53,445.19	160,335.57	160,335.57	-	213,780.77
Contributions	-	6,375.00	6,000.00	19,125.00	(13,125.00)	25,500.00
User Fees	51,572.90	61,500.00	107,946.24	110,600.00	(2,653.76)	176,600.00
Use of Reserves	-	3,000.00	2,095.23	9,500.00	(7,404.77)	9,500.00
E	<u>105,018.09</u>	<u>124,320.19</u>	<u>276,377.04</u>	<u>299,560.57</u>	<u>(23,183.53)</u>	<u>425,380.77</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	79,980.06	79,051.31	233,852.49	237,153.93	(3,301.44)	316,205.23
TOTAL REVENU	<u>79,980.06</u>	<u>79,051.31</u>	<u>233,852.49</u>	<u>237,153.93</u>	<u>(3,301.44)</u>	<u>316,205.23</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	6,457.95	13,968.88	24,328.00	41,906.64	(17,578.64)	55,875.54
	<u>6,457.95</u>	<u>13,968.88</u>	<u>24,328.00</u>	<u>41,906.64</u>	<u>(17,578.64)</u>	<u>55,875.54</u>
Other Expenses						
Material&Supply	933.86	3,375.00	13,287.85	19,925.00	(6,637.15)	23,000.00
Equipment Costs 661	-	500.00	-	500.00	(500.00)	1,000.00
Insurance 661 Tiffin Conservation A	-	-	1,236.48	1,300.00	(63.52)	1,300.00
Taxes Tiffin Conservation Area	-	-	-	200.00	(200.00)	500.00
Maintenance Supplies 661	1,711.92	5,900.00	6,418.06	16,600.00	(10,181.94)	20,700.00
Advertisement 661 Tiffin CA	-	-	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,000.00
Waste Services 661	676.97	750.00	2,583.51	2,050.00	533.51	2,800.00
Capital Asset Purchases	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00
	<u>3,322.75</u>	<u>13,525.00</u>	<u>23,525.90</u>	<u>44,575.00</u>	<u>(21,049.10)</u>	<u>53,300.00</u>
	<u>89,760.76</u>	<u>106,545.19</u>	<u>281,706.39</u>	<u>323,635.57</u>	<u>(41,929.18)</u>	<u>425,380.77</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>15,257.33</u>	<u>17,775.00</u>	<u>(5,329.35)</u>	<u>(24,075.00)</u>	<u>18,745.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>

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	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	75,796.71	75,796.71	227,390.13	227,390.13	-	303,186.84
Use of Reserves	10,470.12	10,470.12	31,410.36	31,410.36	-	41,880.49
E	<u>86,266.83</u>	<u>86,266.83</u>	<u>258,800.49</u>	<u>258,800.49</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>345,067.33</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	89,235.38	93,016.83	257,970.04	262,175.49	(4,205.45)	349,567.33
TOTAL REVENU	<u>89,235.38</u>	<u>93,016.83</u>	<u>257,970.04</u>	<u>262,175.49</u>	<u>(4,205.45)</u>	<u>349,567.33</u>
Other Interpro gram Charges Cost Recovery	(6,530.21)	(10,000.00)	(41,248.01)	(56,425.00)	15,176.99	(60,800.00)
	<u>(6,530.21)</u>	<u>(10,000.00)</u>	<u>(41,248.01)</u>	<u>(56,425.00)</u>	<u>15,176.99</u>	<u>(60,800.00)</u>
Other Expenses						
Memberships Prof.Dues 670	-	-	31,432.00	38,500.00	(7,068.00)	38,500.00
Member Education/Training	-	625.00	590.00	1,875.00	(1,285.00)	2,500.00
Material&Supply 670	1,252.38	875.00	2,746.59	2,625.00	121.59	3,500.00
Transportation 670 Municipal Officer	2,309.28	1,750.00	3,968.62	5,250.00	(1,281.38)	7,000.00
Insurance 670 Directors Liab	-	-	3,341.25	4,800.00	(1,458.75)	4,800.00
	<u>3,561.66</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>42,078.46</u>	<u>53,050.00</u>	<u>(10,971.54)</u>	<u>56,300.00</u>
	<u>86,266.83</u>	<u>86,266.83</u>	<u>258,800.49</u>	<u>258,800.49</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>345,067.33</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES						

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	CURRENT QTR ACTUALS	CURRENT QTR BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER (UNDER) YTD BUDGET	BUDGET 2023
REVENUE:						
Municipal Levy Non Match	129,409.50	129,409.50	388,228.50	388,228.50	-	517,637.98
Contributions	4.91	-	85.69	-	85.69	-
Investment Income	18,652.43	12,500.00	57,926.24	37,500.00	20,426.24	50,000.00
User Fees	51.88	-	348.72	-	348.72	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	267.50	-	431.00	-	431.00	-
E	<u>148,386.22</u>	<u>141,909.50</u>	<u>447,020.15</u>	<u>425,728.50</u>	<u>21,291.65</u>	<u>567,637.98</u>
EXPENSES:						
Wa ges and Interprogram Charges	172,813.69	129,409.50	402,462.48	388,228.50	14,233.98	517,637.98
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TOTAL REVENU						
Other Interpro gram Charges						
Cost Recovery	(20,616.34)	(10,375.00)	(20,616.34)	(49,208.00)	28,591.66	(200,000.00)
	<u>(20,616.34)</u>	<u>(10,375.00)</u>	<u>(20,616.34)</u>	<u>(49,208.00)</u>	<u>28,591.66</u>	<u>(200,000.00)</u>
Other Expenses						
Staff Expense 680 Staff	1,392.79	1,500.00	2,508.13	4,500.00	(1,991.87)	6,000.00
Memberships Prof.Dues 680 Admin :	-	500.00	2,303.46	4,000.00	(1,696.54)	4,000.00
Staff Education/Training	3,983.16	5,750.00	10,496.41	22,750.00	(12,253.59)	29,000.00
Material&Supply	2,926.60	1,750.00	751,938.41	15,333.00	736,605.41	17,500.00
Legal Costs	-	250.00	-	750.00	(750.00)	1,000.00
Consultant Fees	-	500.00	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	2,000.00
Audit Fees	-	-	1,984.32	-	1,984.32	20,000.00
Interest & Bank Chgs 680	5,271.41	7,500.00	21,002.81	22,500.00	(1,497.19)	30,000.00
Uniform & Special Clothing Expense	1,859.87	1,500.00	3,491.05	4,500.00	(1,008.95)	6,000.00
Advertisement 680	502.39	3,625.00	12,328.15	10,875.00	1,453.15	14,500.00
Bad Debt Expense 680 Write Off Sul	-	-	0.30	-	0.30	-
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	120,000.00
	<u>15,936.22</u>	<u>22,875.00</u>	<u>806,053.04</u>	<u>86,708.00</u>	<u>719,345.04</u>	<u>250,000.00</u>

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	168,133.57	141,909.50	1,187,899.18		762,170.68	567,637.98
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(19,747.35)	-	(740,879.03)	-	(740,879.03)	-

TOTAL EXPENSES

425,728.50



Staff Report: 45-09-23-BOD
Date: 27/10/2023
To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
From: Maria Leung
Senior Communications Specialist

SUBJECT: Communications Report – September 9, 2023 – October 13, 2023

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 45-09-23-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – September 9, 2023 – October 13, 2023, be received.

Purpose of the Staff Report

This staff report presents a summary of NVCA media coverage and public outreach during the period of September 9, 2023 – October 13, 2023.

The following outlines the communications and media coverage during the period.

1. Flood Messages

No flood messages were issued in this reporting period.

2. Media coverage of NVCA news releases

Column: Turning eco-anxiety into motivation, positive action for change, issued on September 15, 2023

Communications Report – September 9, 2023 – October 13, 2023
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Title	Media Outlet	Date	Reference
COLUMN: Turning eco-anxiety into education, action	Innisfil Today	September 20, 2023	Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education
COLUMN: Turning eco-anxiety into education, action	Barrie Today	September 20, 2023	Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education
COLUMN: Turning eco-anxiety into education, action	Bradford Today	September 20, 2023	Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education
COLUMN: Turning eco-anxiety into education, action	Innisfil Today	September 20, 2023	Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education
COLUMN: Turning eco-anxiety into education, action	Midland Today	September 20, 2023	Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education
COLUMN: Turning eco-anxiety into education, action	Orillia Matters	September 20, 2023	Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education

Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area comes to life this Saturday, issued on September 27, 2023

Title	Media Outlet	Date	Reference
Festival at Fort Willow returns this weekend with a bang	Barrie Today	September 28, 2023	Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services
Festival at Fort Willow returns this weekend with a bang	Bradford Today	September 29, 2023	Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services

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Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area comes to life	FM 101 Milton	September 28, 2023	Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services
Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area comes to life	FM92 South Simcoe	September 28, 2023	Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services
Festival at Fort Willow returns this weekend with a bang	Innisfil Today	September 29, 2023	Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services

Plant trees with NVCA next spring, issued on October 3, 2023

Title	Media Outlet	Date	Reference
NVCA looking for landowners to plant trees in the spring	Barrie Today	October 3, 2023	Rick Grillmayer, Manager, Forestry
NVCA looking for landowners to plant trees in the spring	Bradford Today	October 3, 2023	Rick Grillmayer, Manager, Forestry
NVCA looking for landowners to plant trees in the spring	Collingwood Today	October 3, 2023	
NVCA looking for landowners to plant trees in spring	Innisfil Today	October 3, 2023	
Conservation authority seeks landowners to plant trees in spring	Orillia Matters	October 3, 2023	
Live in the Nottawasaga Watershed? Have Property? Want Trees?	FM 92 South Simcoe	October 13, 2023	

Residents reminded to stay away from Pretty River Dike maintenance work issued on October 5, 2023

Title	Media Outlet	Date	Reference
Collingwood residents reminded to stay away from Pretty River Dike maintenance work	Collingwood Connection	October 6, 2023	Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services
Stay clear of Pretty River dike while maintenance resumes today	Collingwood Today	October 9, 2023	

All other media releases can be found on [NVCA website under "News."](#)

3. Other Media Coverage

Title	Media Outlet	Date	Reference
See the Salmon Run Event Sat. Sept. 30th in Collingwood / Town of Blue Mountains	Mycollingwood.ca	September 13, 2023	
See the salmon run this fall along Silver Creek	Creemore Echo	September 15, 2023	
Nature hike, giant inflatable salmon and Collingwood Brewery: Blue Mountain Watershed Trust hosts salmon run Sept. 30	Collingwood Connection	September 21, 2023	
Get creek-side views of the salmon run at area event	Barrie Today	September 23, 2023	
Waste facility has 'many more regulatory hoops to jump through'	Barrie Today	September 23, 2023	

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Get creek-side views of the salmon run at area event	Orillia Matters	September 23, 2023	
Waste facility has 'many more regulatory hoops to jump through'	Orillia Matters	September 23, 2023	
Conservation authority hopes new fee schedule will cover costs	Bradford Today	September 27, 2023	
Conservation authority hopes new fee schedule will cover costs	Collingwood Today	September 27, 2023	
Conservation authority hopes new fee schedule will cover costs	Orillia Matters	September 27, 2023	
Mad River bank stabilization work complete	Creemore Echo	October 6, 2023	
Rainfall warning issued for Barrie, Collingwood, Orillia	Alliston Herald	October 9, 2023	
TBM plans 2024 budget talks with NVCA	Collingwood Today	October 12, 2023	

Title	Media Outlet	Date	Reference
TBM plans 2024 budget talks with NVCA	Penticton Herald	October 12, 2023	
TBM plans 2024 budget talks with NVCA	Peterborough Examiner	October 12, 2023	

DISCLAIMER: NVCA does not allege that the information provided in the media articles depicts accurate statements or testimonies on behalf of any individual named, and is not responsible for any misinterpretation of information or misquoted statement(s).

2. Other Communication/Media Outreach

- Ongoing – social media outreach (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn)

3. Presentations/Displays/Key Events by NVCA staff

- September 17, 2023 – NVCA hosted TD Tree Day at Crompton Parkin Barrie
- September 21, 2023 – NVCA’s Stewardship team co-hosted the South Innisfil Creek Drain Tour with Burnsides Consulting to demonstrate how drains can be done differently with more ecological considerations
- September 28, 2023 – NVCA and the Nature Conservancy of Canada staff teamed up with 20 volunteers and to put the wiggle back in the Willow Creek by installing a wing deflector
- September 30, 2023 – Festival at Fort Willow
- September 30, 2023 – NVCA education staff had a display at the See the Salmon Run festival in the Town of Blue Mountains
- September 30, 2023 – NVCA stewardship staff had a display at Peace Valley Ranch as part of the Dufferin Farm Tour

Issues/Analysis

All media coverage and public outreach/communications were positive with regard to NVCA work and programs.

There are no issues of concern at this time.

Impact on Authority Finances

Staff time to prepare this report is addressed in the 2023 budget.

Climate Change Implications

This staff report does not result in an increase in green house gases, temperature or precipitation exposure.

Reviewed by:

Original Signed by

Sheryl Flannagan

Director, Corporate Services

Approved for submission by:

Original Signed by

Doug Hevenor

Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment 1 – Media Clippings for the period

**See the Salmon Run Event Sat.
Sept. 30th in Collingwood / Town
of Blue Mountains**

September 13, 2023

Mycollingwood.ca



The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust's See the Salmon Run event is back: on Saturday, September 30th. The Collingwood/Town of Blue Mountains event is a chance for people of all ages to see massive Chinook Salmon fight their way up Silver Creek on their annual spawning run. The last See the Salmon event saw 350+ adults and 200+ children in attendance; this year's is expected to be just as popular. The centrepiece of the event is a 20-minute self-guided nature hike through the woods along Silver Creek.

Adults and children can stop at 4 locations where conservation experts from various organizations (Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Georgian Bay Forever, The Pollinators, and the Georgian Triangle Anglers' Association) will be on hand to add to your knowledge of fish migration and spawning, and sticker kids' fish 'passport' colouring books. At the end of the walk, there is a sheltered table for colouring.

But that's not all. There's also a giant inflatable salmon, wetland-themed interactive games, face painting, a Blue Mountains Fire truck and a huge OPP support truck, FREE lunch for kids, Collingwood Brewery beer for sale, and gourmet food by Hans Beach Bites. There will also be complimentary water, juice, coffee and tea, as well as accessible washrooms.

The event includes parking on-site and will take place at the Foley property, 609830 Side Rd 12 The Blue Mountains, ON L9Y 0P5, just west of the intersection of 6th Street and Osler Bluff Road. It's open to the public 10:00am to 2:00pm and has never disappointed in being both educational and a whole lot of fun for all ages. Attendees are encouraged to wear boots and dress for the weather.

Tickets may be bought online via www.seethesalmon.ca

10:00am – 2:00pm entry is:

- FREE for children up to 5, FREE lunch
- \$5 ages 6-12, FREE lunch
- \$10 for ages 13+

If you're 13 or older, you can purchase hot food & beverages on-site. Bring CASH! More information and tickets are available via www.seethesalmon.ca.

Event sponsors include Title Sponsors the Town of Blue Mountains, Easton Wealth Management and Collingwood Hyundai, as well as The Nature League (Collingwood), the Collingwood Brewery and Elephant Thoughts. Event partners include the

Collingwood Climate Action Team,
Georgian Bay Forever, Nottawasaga
Valley Conservation Authority and
Pollinate Collingwood.

About The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation

The Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation (Watershed Trust), Ontario's first watershed trust, was founded in 1994. During the past 29 years, the Watershed Trust has dedicated itself to preserving and protecting the area's wetlands, watercourses and wildlife corridors. This includes Silver Creek and the Silver Creek Wetland, a Provincially Significant wetland and one of the region's most valuable natural features. The Silver Creek Watershed offers \$10.5 million worth of non-market ecological services to the province each year.

The Watershed Trust is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization supported by donations and fundraising. The organization exists in order to raise awareness of and protect watercourses in the Collingwood/Blue Mountains area including Silver, Townline, Batteaux and Black Ash Creeks; the Beaver and Pretty Rivers; and Indian Brook.

See the salmon run this fall along Silver Creek

September 15, 2023 by Trina Berlo
Creemore Echo



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public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and promises to be both educational and a whole lot of fun for all ages. Attendees are encouraged to wear boots and dress for the weather.

Admission is free for children aged five and under, \$5 for ages 6-12, and \$10 for those 13 and older. Youth 12 and under will receive a free lunch. Others will be able to purchase food and beverages on site.

Collingwood Brewery beer will be for sale, gourmet food by Hans Beach Bites, along with complimentary water, juice, coffee and tea. Bring cash.

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September 20, 2023

Barrie Today



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One key solution is to spend time in nature so children will be able to develop a lifelong appreciation and a desire to care for our air, land, and water. In addition, spending time in nature provides time away from screens and gets kids to engage in much-needed physical activities, which leads to reduction in stress, anxiety, ADHD symptoms, and diabetes.

Many parents understand this and are actively finding opportunities to bring their families into nature to foster this relationship. However, this responsibility also falls on our school systems and governments.

Schools and teachers recognize these connections and wish to expose students to real-life experiences and opportunities to learn about nature. Many teachers rely on specialized education programs offered at conservation authorities and other outdoor education centres to provide these opportunities.

Through these enhanced curricula, students learn about waste reduction, energy conservation, the responsible use of natural resources, and other sustainable practices. Enabling these

practices to be understood and implemented leads to cost savings for municipalities, and contributes to the health and sustainability goals of our communities.

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The passion for outdoor activities and the urge for a cleaner environment are proven to develop healthier lifestyles among residents. This, in turn, reduces health-care costs and enhances the overall physical and mental health of the community.

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Floodplains in the Town of Collingwood and sections of the Pretty River Dike. - Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority graphic

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water will not be removed to continue to support fish and wildlife habitat.

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Mad River bank stabilization work complete

October 6, 2023 by Trina Berlo

Creemore Echo



Following the completion of bank stabilization at Carruthers Memorial Park in Avening, the Friends of the Mad River and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority are organizing a volunteer work session this month.

A vegetated rock buttress pilot project was completed in September when large granite boulders were installed on the bank of the Mad River along with 100 potted dogwoods and willows in the spaces between the rocks, stabilizing the bank, promoting habitat and creating shade for the river.

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The bank stabilization project was funded with donations from Cabela's and Bass Pro Shops Outdoor Fund, and a private foundation for a majority of the costs plus funds raised by the Friends of the Mad River. Fundraising

continues for related projects upstream.

Donations can be made by cheque to NVCA or online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/nottawasaga-valley-conservation-authority. Please select "Mad River Enhancement" to direct funds to the project.

Rainfall warning issued for Barrie, Collingwood, Orillia

October 9, 2023 by Brad Pritchard

Alliston Herald



Heavy rainfall, strong wind gusts, hail and a possible tornado are expected in the Simcoe County area. - Metroland file photo

A significant amount of rainfall is in the forecast today for Barrie, Orillia and Collingwood.

[Environment Canada](#) has issued a weather warning for these areas, with at least 50 millimetres of rain expected to fall throughout the day and into the evening.

There is a possibility of flooding to occur in low lying areas and drivers should expect reduced visibility when out on the roads.

The flood status for the watershed is currently listed as normal, according to The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. However, the NVCA will issue alerts if conditions change.

For more details, or to sign up for flood alerts, visit

Stay clear of Pretty River dike while maintenance resumes today

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The Pretty River Dike is a two-kilometre structure with a bedrock bottom and steep banks lined with 12- to 18-inch stones. Erika Engel/CollingwoodToday

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October 13, 2023 by Adrienne Proceviat

FM 92 South Simcoe

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