# NOTICE TO CLOCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please find enclosed the **agenda** and supporting documents for the <u>CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting</u> on **Tuesday**, **September 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m**. This meeting will be a <u>Hybrid meeting</u>. Members can join either virtual through zoom or attend in-person at the Authority's Administrative Office - 100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa.

The list below outlines upcoming meetings and events for your information.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday, September 16/23	9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Guided Forest Therapy Walk Mindfulness in Nature	Lynde Shores Conservation Area 623 Halls Road, Whitby Registration required at https://www.cloca.com/events
Tuesday, September 19/23	5:00 p.m.	CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting	Hybrid Meeting
Tuesday, October 17/23	5:00 p.m.	CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting	Hybrid Meeting
Saturday, October 28/23	9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Guided Forest Therapy Walk Mindfulness in Nature	Enniskillen Conservation Area 7274 Holt Road, Enniskillen Registration required at https://www.cloca.com/events
Tuesday, November 21/23	5:00 p.m.	CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting	Hybrid Meeting
Saturday, November 25/23	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Bird Count for Kids	Enniskillen Conservation Area 7274 Holt Road, Enniskillen Registration required at https://www.cloca.com/events
Tuesday, December 19/23	5:00 p.m.	CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting	Hybrid Meeting

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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#### CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY A G E N D A AUTHORITY MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

**HYBRID MEETING LOCATION:** VIRTUAL THROUGH ZOOM (ACCESS DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED) OR 100 WHITING AVENUE, OSHAWA, AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, BOARDROOM

#### **CIRCULATION LIST**

Authority	Elizabeth Roy, Chair	Authority	C. Darling, Chief Administrative Officer
Members:	Bob Chapman, Vice Chair	Staff:	B. Boardman, Executive/Accounting Administrator/Recording Secretary
	Marilyn Crawford		R. Catulli, Director, Corporate Services
	Sami Elhajjeh		J. Davidson, Director, Watershed Planning & Natural Heritage
	Bruce Garrod		L. Hastings, Communications Specialist
	Ron Hooper		D. Hope, Conservation Lands & Education Manager
	Rick Kerr		C. Jones, Director, Planning & Regulation
	Chris Leahy		P. Sisson, Director, Engineering, Field Operations & Education
	Tito-Dante Marimpietri		L. Vaja, Executive Assistant/Health & Safety Administrator
	Ian McDougall		R. Wilmot, Information Management & Technology Manager
	Rhonda Mulcahy		
	John Neal		
	David Pickles		
	Corinna Traill		
	Steve Yamada	Others:	
			SUPPORTING

#### AGENDA ITEM:

#### 1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

We acknowledge that our watershed is located on the Lands of the Great Mississauga Nations who are signatories to the Williams Treaties. These communities include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, First Nations of Alderville, Beausoleil, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Chippewas of Georgina Island and Rama. We believe it is important that we learn, and work to reconcile the impact we, and those before us, have had on the original inhabitants. On behalf of CLOCA, we want to thank them for sharing this land and all its resources. At CLOCA, our goal is to respectfully share in the responsibility of the stewardship and protection of these ancestral lands and waters and continue towards truth and reconciliation as we move forward as friends and allies with all First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS of interest by members on any matters herein contained.

3.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES of June 20, 2023	pg. <b>1</b>
4.	PRESENTATIONS – None	
5.	CORRESPONDENCE         (1)       Correspondence from Conservation Ontario Re:       Council Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023	pg. <b>14</b>

DOCUMENTS

6.	DIRECTOR (1)	•	INING & REGULATION eport #5840-23 Permits Issued for Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses – June 1 to August 31, 2023	pg. <b>28</b>			
	(2)	Staff R Re:	eport #5842-23 Provincial Consultation on Proposed Return of Lands to the Greenbelt	pg. <b>32</b>			
7.	DIRECTOR (1)	•	E <b>RSHED PLANNING &amp; NATURAL HERITAGE</b> eport #5841-23 Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP) – Town of Whitby Pilot Project	pg. <b>43</b>			
8.	DIRECTOR (1)	•	NEERING, FIELD OPERATIONS & EDUCATION eport #5843-23 Summer 2023 – Conservation Areas Update	pg. <b>46</b>			
9.	DIRECTOR	R, CORF	PORATE SERVICES – None				
10.	0. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – None						
11.	CONFIDEN	ITIAL N	IATTERS – None				

- 12. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS None
- **13. ADJOURNMENT**

### AGENDA

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

MEETING OF:	Authority
DATE:	Tuesday, September 19, 2023
TIME:	5:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Hybrid – Virtual through Zoom or 100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa

#### CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY MINUTES NO. 5 AUTHORITY MEETING

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION: HYBRID - Virtual through Zoom and/or in person at 100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa

Authority Members:	Elizabeth Roy – Chair Bob Chapman – Vice Chair Marilyn Crawford Sami Elhajjeh Bruce Garrod Ron Hooper Rick Kerr Chris Leahy Tito-Dante Marimpietri Ian McDougall David Pickles Steve Yamada	Authority Staff:	<ul> <li>C. Darling, Chief Administrative Officer</li> <li>B. Boardman, Executive/Accounting Administrator/ Recording Secretary</li> <li>R. Catulli, Director, Corporate Services</li> <li>J. Davidson, Director, Watershed Planning &amp; Natural Heritage</li> <li>R. Gerber, Senior Hydrogeologist</li> <li>C. Gregory, Coordinator, Conservation Education</li> <li>L. Hastings, Communications Specialist</li> <li>D. Hope, Conservation Lands &amp; Education Manager</li> <li>C. Jones, Director, Planning &amp; Regulation</li> <li>P. Sisson, Director, Engineering &amp; Field Operations &amp; Education</li> <li>L. Vaja, Executive Assistant/Health &amp; Safety Administrator</li> <li>R. Wilmot, Information Management &amp; Technology Manager</li> </ul>
Absent:	Rhonda Mulcahy	Others:	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

John Neal Corinna Traill

Chair Roy recited the Land Acknowledgement.

DECLARATIONS of interest by members on any matters herein contained - None

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES (Agenda pg. 1)

Res. #46 Moved by R. Kerr

Seconded by C. Leahy

THAT the Authority minutes of May 16, 2023, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

#### **PRESENTATIONS** – None

- D. Pickles joined virtually at 5:03 p.m.
- M. Crawford arrive at 5:05 p.m.
- S. Yamada joined virtually at 5:10 p.m.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

#### SENIOR HYDROGEOLOGIST, OAK RIDGES MORAINE GROUNDWATER PROGRAM

- (1) Staff Report #5823-23 (Agenda pg. 5) Re: 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Plan (staff presentation attached)
- Res. #47 Moved by B. Chapman Seconded by R. Kerr

THAT Staff Report #5837-23 be received for information. CARRIED

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#### **DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGULATION**

- (1) Staff Report #5835-23 (Agenda pg. 23)
  - Re: Permits Issued for Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses May 1 to 31, 2023
- Res. #48 Moved by D. Pickles Seconded by M. Crawford

THAT Staff Report #5835-23 be received for information. CARRIED

#### DIRECTOR, WATERSHED PLANNING & NATURAL HERITAGE – None

#### DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

- (1) Staff Report #5839-23 (Agenda pg. 25) Re: Conservation Education Update – September 2022 to June 2023
- Res. #49 Moved by C. Leahy Seconded by R. Hooper

THAT Staff Report #5839-23 be received for information. CARRIED

#### DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES - None

#### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- (1) Staff Report #5836-23 (Agenda pg. 33) Re: Board of Directors Meetings – Start Time
- Res. #50 Moved by M. Crawford Seconded by B. Chapman

THAT Staff Report #5836-23 be received for information. THAT Staff consider a change in the meeting start time to 3:00 p.m. for the next term of council. And, THAT the meetings continue the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. for this term of council. CARRIED

- (2) Staff Report #5838-23 (Agenda pg. 34)
  - Re: Memorandum of Understandings to Govern Municipal Funding for Programs and Services provide by CLOCA
- Res. #51 Moved by C. Leahy Seconded by T-D. Marimpietri

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority endorse the circulation of the attached draft Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) between CLOCA and our municipal partners and authorize the Chair and CAO to execute the MOUs subject to any minor revisions as may be required. CARRIED

#### **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS** – None

#### NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice Chair B. Chapman and Staff met with the Honorable Minister David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at Lynde Shores Conservation Area on June 19<sup>th</sup> for a plaque unveiling by Trees for Life. B. Chapman noted that it was a very successful event.

Chair E. Roy reminded members to kindly respond to the calendar invites to Board Meetings.



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#### ADJOURNMENT

Res. #52 Moved by C. Leahy Seconded by R. Kerr

THAT the meeting adjourns. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

ELIZABETH ROY, CHAIR

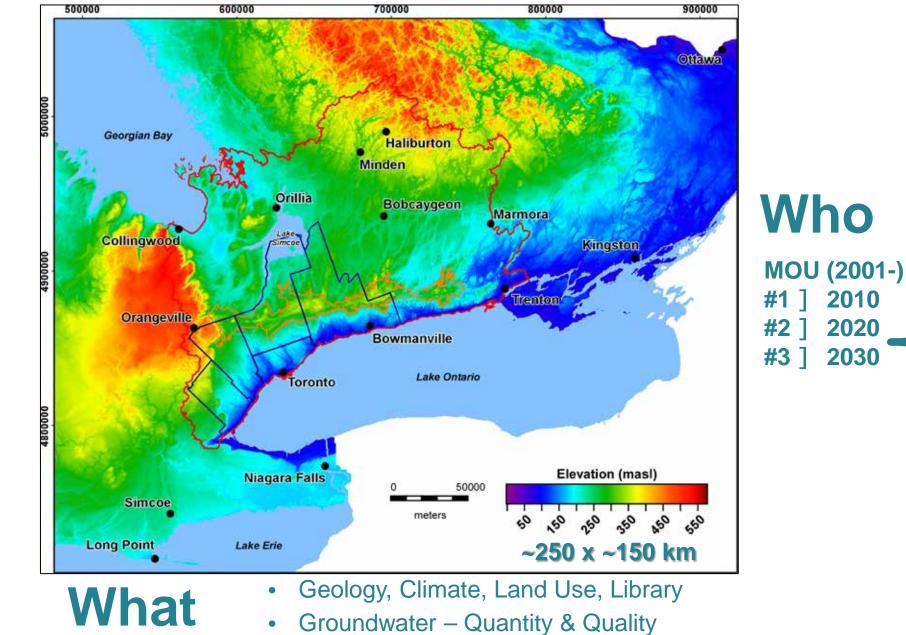
CHRIS DARLING, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# **CLOCA Board of Directors**

# Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program - program overview - 2022 Annual Report

# Richard Gerber 20-June-2023





Surface Water – Quantity & Quality

(www.oakridgeswate, ca)

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# **Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program** 2001





**Bryan Tuckey** 

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# Situation/Approach

- Problem: Lack of Integration
  - Perception: not enough gw data to make decisions
    - Ø Politicians, Env Commissioner, Planners .....
  - Water Resource Management Fragmented
  - Partners: Issue (gw 'drama/surprise') repetition
    - Avoid Issue repetition & Data Collection repetition
  - Mountain of information: what does it all mean?
    - Connect with decision-makers, project managers, planners, etc.

# • <u>Attempt</u>

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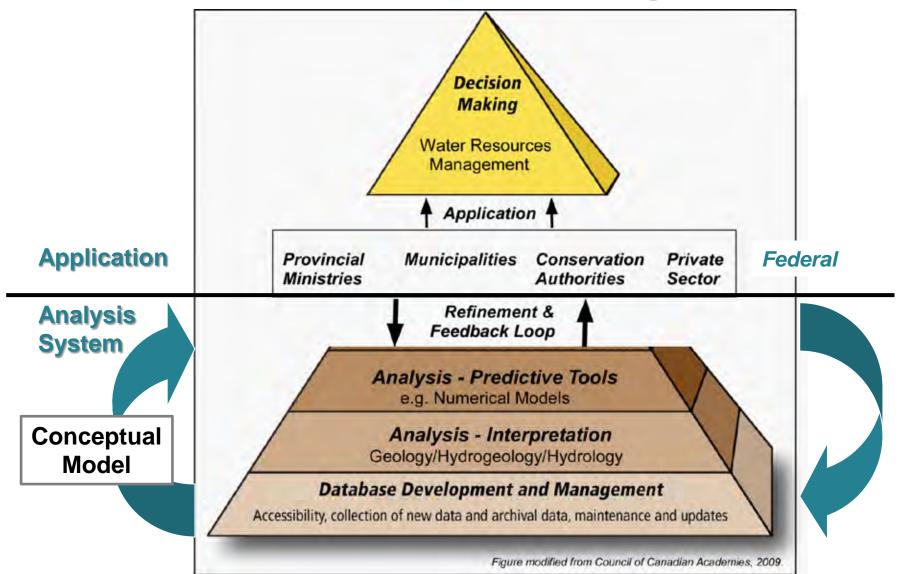
- 'Groundwater Knowledge' locations lessons learned
- Where would I go to look for groundwater trouble?
  - Groundwater 'Areas of Concern' mapping

- message, context, perspective





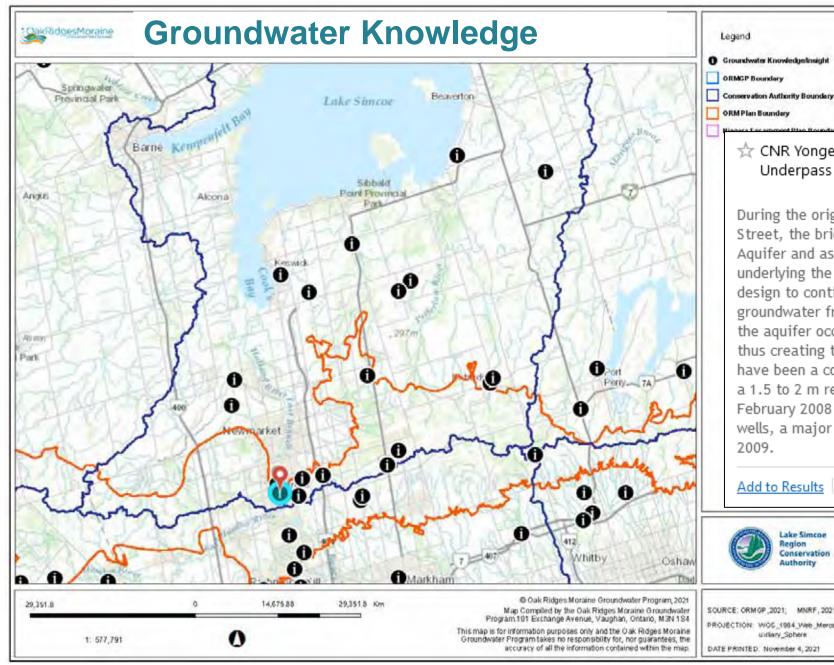
# **Framework – overcome fragmentation**



(Council of Canadian Academies, 2009; modified from Sharpe et al., 2002

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# **Experience Lessons Learned**

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☆ CNR Yonge Street Underpass: York - Aurora - CNR Underpass

During the original construction of the CNR rail line over Yonge Street, the bridge footings penetrated the shallow Oak Ridges Aguifer and as a result a sump and connected storm drain underlying the structure were incorporated into the bridge design to continually control and remove discharging groundwater from the structure. Fluctuations of heads within the aguifer occasionally exceeded the bridge drain capacity thus creating temporary flooding of the roadway. Road repairs have been a common occurrence at this location, however with a 1.5 to 2 m recovery in the shallow aquifer following the February 2008 decrease in pumping at the Aurora municipal wells, a major rebuild of the structure was necessitated in 2009.

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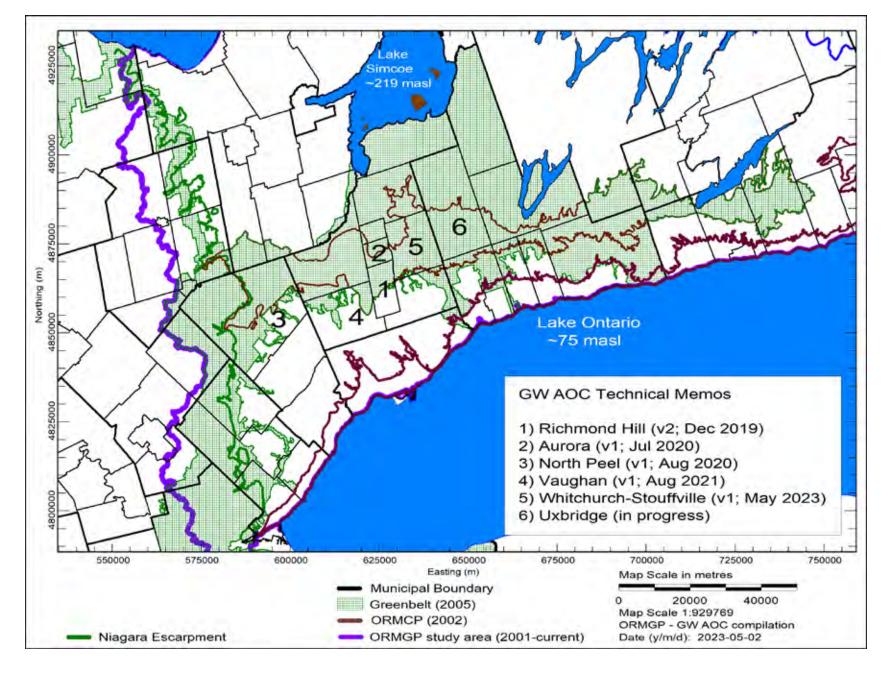


Lake Simcoe Region Conservation

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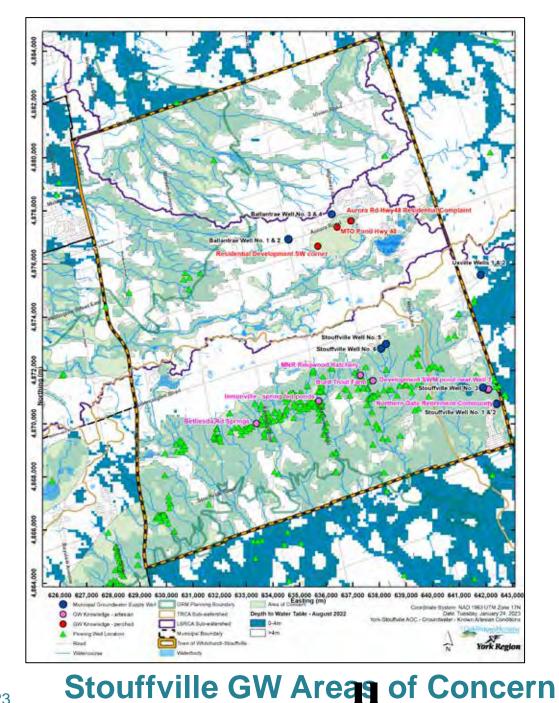
## Groundwater Knowledge

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GW Areas of Concern ~ where Water Table <= 4 mbgs



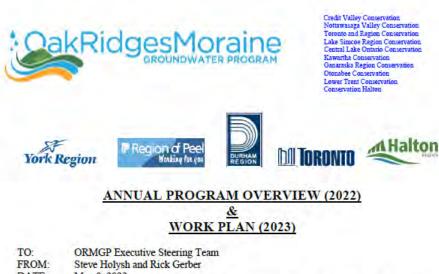


Perched Water Table

Active Municipal Pumping

Figure by Joanna Miron (York Region)





DATE: May 9, 2023 2022 Overview/2023 Work Plan - Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program RE: (ORMGP)

#### Background

The Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) was initiated in 2001, driven by the encroachment of development onto the Oak Ridges Moraine and the recognition of an absence of high-quality environmental data and analyses, particularly with respect to groundwater. Since inception, the program has provided partner agencies with an actively managed water-related database and the regional geological and groundwater context for on-going day-to-day water resource management activities (e.g., development review, PTTW review, watershed management, source water protection, etc.). The framework for the program is succinctly summarized in the adjacent figure, taken from the Council of Canadian Academies 2009 report: The Sustainable Management of Groundwater in Canada



#### Mandate

Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program, 101 Exchange Ave., Vaughan, Ontario, L4K 5R8

The mandate of the ORMGP partnership is to provide a multiagency, collaborative approach to collecting, analyzing and disseminating water resource data as a basis for effective stewardship of water resources. The ORMGP builds, maintains and provides to partnered agencies the regional geological and hydrogeological context for ongoing groundwater studies and management initiatives within the partnership area.

### 2023

- Update data/interpretation (geology)/flow system understanding
- **Ø** Web Mapping
  - Chemistry/GWL Variability/Water Budget
  - Training/Metadata
- ORM eBook (The Groundwater Project)
  - Global water resource education
- GW Areas of Concern Twp of Uxbridge
- Communication Strategy/Marketing
  - Greenbelt Foundation
- Province/Federal/Researchers Lake Ontario water quality (groundwater component)

# ORMGP 2022 Annuel Report

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## Information & Analysis System – Infrastructure(?) (Millions \$)

- Program Cost (2001 2020) \$ 14.0
  Boreholes/Wells (550K/1.3 million m) \$ 162.5
  Assume \$40/ft drilling)
- Water Quality (116K samples) \$ 32.6
  - Assume \$280/sample)
- Monitoring Water Levels (>100 million)
  - Assume quarterly 1-day site visits for every 15 monitoring wells
- Documents/Reports (~12K) \$595.3
  - Assume \$50,000/Report

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Numerical Models (~70 Models) \$ 24.0
 **CRMGP-Housed Infrastructure Value** ~\$850 Million

"It is in our long-term, best interest to have a well-informed public." Bredehoeft, 1992

Why? (Slide from S Holysh, 09-Aug-2021)



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#### CONSERVATION ONTARIO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sheraton Parkway North Hotel & Suites - 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

#### Voting Delegates Present: Chair: Chris White, Grand River

Brian Horner, Ausable Bayfield Paul Proderick, Cataraqui Region Katrina Furlanetto, Cataragui Region Paul Buchner, Catfish Creek Dusty Underhill, Catfish Creek Elizabeth Roy, Central Lake Ontario Chris Darling, Central Lake Ontario Tom Adams, Credit Valley Quentin Hanchard, Credit Valley Tim Pidduck, Crowe Valley Tim Byrne, Essex Region Mark Lovshin, Ganaraska Region Linda Laliberte, Ganaraska Region Chris White, Grand River Samantha Lawson, Grand River Sue Carleton, Grey Sauble Tim Lanthier, Grey Sauble Lisa Burnside, Hamilton Robert Rock, Kawartha Mark Majchrowski, Kawartha Grant Jones, Kettle Creek Elizabeth VanHooren, Kettle Creek Peter Ferragine, Lake Simcoe Region Rob Baldwin, Lake Simcoe Region Donna Blunt, Lakehead Tammy Cook, Lakehead Michael Columbus, Long Point Region Judy Maxwell, Long Point Region Sarah Emons, Lower Thames Valley Mark Peacock, Lower Thames Valley

#### **Guests**:

Alan Revill, Cataraqui Region Phil Beard, Maitland Valley Adam Delle Cese, BDO LLP

Bob Mullin, Lower Trent Rhonda Bateman, Lower Trent Matt Duncan, Maitland Valley Sally McIntyre, Mississippi Valley Robert Foster, Niagara Peninsula Chandra Sharma, Niagara Peninsula Jennifer Davidson, Nickle District, (Conservation Sudbury) Carl Jorgensen, Nickel District, (Conservation Sudbury) Chitra Gowda, North Bay-Mattawa Gail Little, Nottawasaga Valley Jonathan Scott, Nottawasaga Valley Doug Hevenor, Nottawasaga Valley Ryan Huntley, Otonabee Region Janette Loveys Smith, Otonabee Region Brad McNevin, Quinte Region **Richard Pilon**, Raisin Region Kristin Strackerjan, Rideau Valley Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Rideau Vallev Barbara Dobreen, Saugeen Valley Jennifer Stephens, Saugeen Valley Corrina Barrett, Sault Ste Marie Region Pierre Leroux, South Nation Carl Bickerdike, South Nation Ken Phillips, St. Clair Region

John Mackenzie, Toronto and Region Brian Petrie, Upper Thames River Tracy Annett, Upper Thames River

#### Members Absent:

Mattagami Region

#### CO Staff:

Angela Coleman Deborah Balika Kristin Bristow Nicholas Fischer Bonnie Fox Lauren McPherson Nekeisha Mohammed Patricia Moleirinho Leslie Rich Jo-Anne Rzadki Rick Wilson

#### A. Welcome from the Chair

Chair Revill welcomed everyone in attendance, and a land acknowledgement was provided.

#### **B.** Roundtable Introductions of New Council Members

General Managers and new Council members introduced themselves to the membership.

Angela Coleman provided a welcome to the new membership.

Jane Lewington's Tenure with and retirement from Conservation Ontario was recognized.

Alan Revill was recognized for his role as Conservation Ontario Chair.

#### C. Adoption of the Agenda

<b>RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 1/23</b>	Moved by: Brian Petrie (UTRCA)		
	Seconded by: Peter Ferragine (LSRCA)		

THAT the Agenda be adopted.

#### CARRIED

D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was none declared.

E. Request for Approval: Conservation Ontario Council Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 2/23 Moved by: Tom Adams (CVC)

#### Seconded by: Robert Rock (KRCA)

THAT the minutes of the September 22, 2022 Council Meeting be approved.

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none that was not covered by the meeting agenda.

#### Agenda Items

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

# 1. Request for Approval: 2023 Conservation Ontario Council Elections (and Procedures)

Angela Coleman presented the report.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 3/23 Moved by: Grant Jones (KCCA) Seconded by: Pierre Leroux (SNC)

THAT Council appoints Angela Coleman, General Manager, as Acting Chair;

AND THAT the Auditing firm of BDO Canada LLP and Lauren McPherson of Conservation Ontario be appointed as scrutineers in the event of a vote;

AND THAT Appendix A (Conservation Ontario Annual Meeting Voting Delegates Election Procedures) of the By-Laws of the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario (ACAO) be adhered to.

#### CARRIED

The proceedings were handed over to Angela Coleman (CO). All the positions were declared vacant for 2023 and the election procedures were reviewed.

Angela Coleman called for nominations for Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Barbara Dobreen (Saugeen Valley) nominated Chris White (Grand River) for Chair of Conservation Ontario.

Angela Coleman called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none closed the nominations.

Chris White accepted the nomination and was declared Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Angela Coleman called for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Kristin Strackerjan nominated Pierre Leroux.

Angela Coleman called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none closed the nominations.

Pierre Leroux accepted the nomination and was declared Vice Chair for Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Angela Coleman called for nominations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Pierre Leroux nominated Robert Rock.

Angela Coleman called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none closed the nominations.

Robert Rock accepted the nomination and was declared Vice Chair for Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Angela Coleman called for nominations for the Director (staff position) for 2023. Peter Ferragine nominated Rob Baldwin.

Angela Coleman called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none closed the nominations.

Rob Baldwin accepted the nomination and was declared Director of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Angela Coleman called for nominations for the Director (staff position) for 2023. Brad McNevin nominated Linda Laliberte.

Angela Coleman called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none closed the nominations.

Linda Laliberte accepted the nomination and was declared Director of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

Angela Coleman called for nominations for Director for Conservation Ontario for 2023. It was noted that this could be a staff or elected member.

Chris White nominated Chandra Sharma.

Angela Coleman called a second and third time for nominations and hearing none closed the nominations.

Chandra Sharma accepted the nomination and was declared Director of Conservation Ontario for 2023.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 4/23 Moved by: Matt Duncan (Maitland) Seconded by: Sarah Emons (LTVCA)

THAT the following members be accepted in their new positions on the Conservation Ontario Board of Directors:

Chris White (Grand River CA) Chair of Conservation Ontario; Pierre Leroux (South Nation CA) Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario; Robert Rock (Kawartha Region CA) Vice Chair of Conservation Ontario; Rob Baldwin (Lake Simcoe Region CA) Director of Conservation Ontario; Linda Laliberte (Ganaraska Region CA) Director of Conservation Ontario; Chandra Sharma (Niagara Peninsula CA) Director of Conservation Ontario.

#### CARRIED

New CO Chair Chris White addressed the membership and thanked them for the opportunity.

2. Request for Approval: Council Voting Delegates and Alternates

Chris White presented the report.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 5/23 Moved by: Tom Adams (CVC) Seconded by: Gail Little (NVCA)

THAT the Council Voting Delegates and Alternates list be approved as presented. **CARRIED** 

#### 3. Request for Approval: Standing Committee Representation

Chris White presented the report.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 6/23 Moved by: Peter Ferragine (LSRCA) Seconded by: Grand Jones (KCCA)

THAT the Council Voting Delegates and Alternates list be approved as presented. CARRIED

4. Request for Approval: Conservation Ontario Representatives and; Annual Update: Committees and Conservation Authority Discussion Groups

Bonnie Fox presented the report.

RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 7/23 Moved by: Robert Rock (KRCA)

THAT Council receives this report as information.

AND THAT Council approves the following representatives on the following groups:

Biodiversity Council (Table 1. Standing Interagency Committees) - Angela Coleman, General Manager, Conservation Ontario

Climate Proof Canada Coalition Executive Committee (Table 1.) - Jo-Anne Rzadki, Manager Business Development and Partnerships, Conservation Ontario Forest Gene Conservation Association Board (Table 1.) – Rob Davies, Forest and Restoration Supervisor, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) Annex 9 Climate Change Subcommittee (Table 1. Standing Interagency Committees) – Amanjot Singh, Senior Engineer of Water and Climate Change Science, Credit Valley Conservation

GLWQA Annex 10 Science Sub-Committee (Table 1.) - Debbie Balika, Source Water Protection Manager, Conservation Ontario

Lake Erie Action Plan Implementation Team (Table 1.) - Tim Byrne, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Secretary-Treasurer, Essex Region Conservation Authority (CA); Ken Phillips, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, St. Clair Region CA; Nicole Drumm, Special Projects Technician, St. Clair Region CA; Samantha Lawson, CAO, Grand River CA; Mark Anderson, Water Quality Engineer, Grand River CA; Tracy Annett, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, Upper Thames River CA; Tatianna Lozier, Stewardship Services Coordinator, Upper Thames River CA

Ontario Dam Owners Advisory Committee (Table 1.) – Katelyn Lynch, Manager of Water Infrastructure, Grand River Conservation Authority

Provincial Flood Forecast and Warning Committee (Table 1.) – South Central: Vahid Taleban, Water Resources Engineer, Grand River CA; Northern: Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer, Lakehead Region CA; Central: Mark Hartley, Senior Engineer, Nottawasaga Valley CA; Eastern: Christine Phillibert, Water Resources Manager, Quinte Conservation Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Committee (Table 1.) – Mike Smith, Water Control Structures Technologist, Quinte Conservation; and, Girish Sankar, Director of Water Resources, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

Conservation Authorities University Committee (Table 3. Conservation Ontario Internal Working Groups) - Lise Gagnon, Director of Corporate Services, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Conservation Ontario Section 28 Regulations Committee (Table 3.): Ashlea Brown, Director of Development Services, Lake Simcoe Region CA; Beth Brown, Manager of Engineering and Planning Services, Grand River CA; and, Eric McGill, Corporate Counsel, South Nation Conservation

#### CARRIED

#### 5. Request for Approval: 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Letters

Linda Laliberte presented the Budget and Audit Committee report.

Adam Delle Cese from BDO presented the Auditor's report to Council.

Barbara Dobreen had a question on the Auditor's Financial Statement (note #11, Financial Instruments Risk), regarding credit risk accounts receivable, the majority is from conservation authorities and government sources; are they going to be recovered and what risk is there to CO and the collective?

Adam explained the risks are identified as part of all audit engagements and included in financial statements notes as risks that organizations should consider. Angela Coleman noted CO is evaluating organizational reserves to ensure there are adequate stabilization funds to meet operational requirements.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 8/23 Moved by: Brian Petrie (UTRCA) Seconded by: Robert Foster (NPCA)

THAT Council accept the Budget and Audit Committee's recommendation that the Financial Statements of Conservation Ontario for the year ending December 31, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

#### 6. Orientation for New Council Members (PowerPoint Presentation)

Angela provided an orientation presentation attached to the minutes. Additional questions from new members were invited by way of contacting Conservation Ontario directly.

#### 7. Update: 2022 Conservation Ontario Annual Report

Nekeisha provided an update and presentation on the 2022 Annual Report that is attached to the minutes.

John MacKenzie asked if there is adequate support from CA communications departments and uptake in engagement from local communities. Nekeisha outlined the CO social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), and noted that CO's online community is invested in the work CO/CAs undertake. Nekeisha noted that due to budget constraints, other outreach mediums like TV or radio advertisements are not affordable, but that social media is an effective tool to share advocacy for the *CA Act* messaging, and campaigns like the Healthy Hikes campaign which runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Nekeisha outlined the launch of the new Conservation Areas website in 2022, and that the new CO social media app will be launched in spring of 2023.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 9/23 Moved by: Peter Ferragine (LSRCA) Seconded by: Barbara Dobreen (SVCA)

THAT Council receives the Update 2022 Conservation Ontario Annual Report as information.

#### CARRIED

#### 8. Request for Approval: 2023 Special Projects Budget

Chris White presented the report.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 10/23 Moved by: Tom Adams (CVC) Seconded by: Pierre Leroux (SNC)

THAT Council approve the 2023 Special Projects Budget in the amount of \$8,921,270 as presented and as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee.

CARRIED

CO Chair Chris White passed the meeting over to CO Vice Chair Pierre Leroux at (11:15 a.m.).

#### 9. Request for Approval: Amendments to Conservation Authority Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Administrative By-Law Model

Bonnie Fox presented the report.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL -11 /23 Moved by: Mark Lovshin (Ganaraska) Seconded by: Robert Rock (KRCA)

THAT Council approve the attached amendments to the *Conservation Authority Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Administrative By-Law Model* (CO, 2021); AND THAT each Conservation Authority (CA) consider updates to local CA By-Laws.

#### CARRIED

#### 10. Request for Approval: Conservation Ontario submissions on Bill 23: Legislative and Regulatory proposals under the *Conservation Authorities Act*

Angela Coleman and Bonnie Fox provided an update and presentation that is attached to the minutes.

John Mackenzie commented on continued interest from the development industry to assist with Natural Heritage reviews. Some Municipalities moved to consultants for the high growth areas to complete this work.

Angela Coleman noted that there was further discussion anticipated, however, Municipalities and the development community should continue to request that the Province reconsider this matter.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 12/23 Moved by: Tom Adams (CVC) Seconded by: Paul Proderick (CRCA)

THAT Council approve this report and attached CO submissions to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO):

1) Legislative and regulatory proposals affecting Conservation Authorities to support the Housing Supply Action Plan 3.0 (ERO#019-6141) submitted November 30, 2022, and,

2) Proposed updates to the regulation of development for the protection of people and property from natural hazards in Ontario (ERO#019-2927) submitted December 15, 2022;

AND THAT Conservation Ontario staff continue advocacy work regarding Bill 23.

#### 11. Request for Approval: Conservation Ontario's submissions on planning consultations related to the Housing Supply Action Plan 3.0 and Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act

Leslie Rich provided an update and presentation that is attached to the minutes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 13/23 Moved by: Sarah Emons (LTVCA) Seconded by: Sue Carlton (GSCA)

THAT Council approve the contents of this report and the attached submissions to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO):

1) Proposed Planning Act and City of Toronto Act Changes (Schedule 9 and 1 of Bill 23 – the proposed More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022) (ERO#019-6163) and Proposed Changes to Ontario Regulation 299/19: Additional Residential Units (ERO#019- 6197) submitted December 1, 2022, and,

2) Review of A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement (ERO#019-6177) submitted December 19, 2022.

#### CARRIED

#### 12. Request for Approval: Conservation Ontario submissions on Bill 23: Natural Heritage Offsetting and Ontario Wetland Evaluation System

Nicholas Fischer provided an update and presentation that is attached to the minutes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 14/23 Moved by: Grant Jones (KCCA) Seconded by: Michael Columbus (LPRCA)

THAT Council approve this report and attached CO submissions to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO):

- 1) Proposed Updates to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (ERO#019-6160) submitted November 24, 2022; and,
- 2) Conserving Ontario's Natural Heritage (ERO#019-6161) submitted December 16, 2022.

#### CARRIED

#### 13. Request for Approval: Conservation Ontario Client Service and Streamlining Initiative (CSSI) and 2022 Annual Report on Section 28 Permit Timelines

Leslie Rich provided an update and presentation that is attached to the minutes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 15/23 Moved by: Barbara Dobreen (SVCA) Seconded by: John Mackenzie (TRCA)

THAT Council receives the 2022 Annual Report on CA Section 28 Permit Timelines as information,

AND THAT Council approve sharing results of this Annual Report with key stakeholders; provincial staff members; the Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Natural Resources and Forestry; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Premier of Ontario,

AND THAT staff continue to work on the Client Service and Streamlining initiative in 2023 as part of the overall response to the Conservation Authorities Act review.

#### CARRIED

#### Lunch was taken at this point in the agenda from 12:25 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### 14. Update: Nature Smart Climate Solutions Program

Jo-Anne Rzadki provided an update and presentation that is attached to the minutes.

Sally McIntyre commented on land securement and negotiation when acquiring land, and if there have there been discussions with the Federal representatives to extend the project and funding.

Jo-Anne indicated that CO is in contact regarding challenges, solutions and opportunities, and that the Federal government is considering extending to future project years.

Sally McIntyre asked about land management and facilitating development on marginal lands, and asked if any CAs working with improving the regulation of Crown Land, and how that fits in. John Mackenzie commented on improving lands that CAs oversee that and the many challenges related to that activity.

Angela noted that in addition to the current CA land holdings, a discussion about what are the other land agreements that are in addition to CA land holdings would be helpful and will be added to the agenda for the June GM meeting, and for possible discussion at the Minister level.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 16/23 Moved by: Brad Petrie (UTRCA) Seconded by: Tom Adams (CVC)

THAT Council receives the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Program Report as information.

#### CARRIED

#### 15. Update: Canada Nature Fund

Rick Wilson provided an update and presentation that is attached to the minutes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 17/23 Moved by: Brad McNevin (Quinte) Seconded by: Mark Lovshin (Ganaraska)

THAT Council receives the Canada Nature Fund report as information.

CARRIED

#### 16. Update: 2023 Conservation Authority Watershed Report Card Launch

Jane Lewington and Deborah Balika provided an update and presentation which is attached to the minutes.

Barbara Dobreen asked about the April 8<sup>th</sup> Watershed Report Card Workshop being available as a recording after conclusion of the workshop, and Jane Lewington confirmed that a recording would be made available.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 18/23 Moved by: Jennifer Davidson (Sudbury) Seconded by: Gail Little (NVCA)

THAT Council receives the 2023 Conservation Authority Watershed Report Cards report.

#### CARRIED

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

#### Consent Items #17-#21.

- **17.** Update: Policy and Planning Program THAT Council receives this report as information.
- **18.** Update: Business Development and Partnerships Program THAT Council receives this report as information.
- **19.** Update: Drinking Water Source Protection Program THAT Council receives this report as information.
- **20.** Update: Marketing and Communications Program THAT Council receives this report as information.
- **21.** Update: Information Management Program THAT Council receives this report as information.

#### RESOLUTION NO. COUNCIL - 19/23 Moved by: Tom Adams Seconded by: Barbara Dobreen

THAT Council approve a consent agenda and endorse the recommendations accompanying Consent Items #17- #21.

#### CARRIED

#### F. New Business

Carl Jorgensen provided a brief update on the Benefits and Insurance program.

Mosley and Mosley have been engaged as the broker for the benefits program, and upgrades are being considered to improve the benefits available to staff. Also looking at fair coverage for employees working past the age of 70 years old.

Marsh Canada is broker for insurance. Carl noted that Directors and Officers are now covered by D&O policy, and there has been a rate reduction of 2.5%. The Insurance Committee is going to market for a broker; Marsh has held their fee for 9 of the 10 years they have represented CO/CAs but have increased their fee by 5% in this final year of their term.

Tim Lanthier thanked the Committee for their efforts and applauded the recent work on decreasing fees.

Remaining dates for the 2023 Council meetings were shared with the membership. (June 26, 2023, September 25, 2023, December 11, 2023) There was brief discussion on the possibility of conducting one more Council meeting in-person based on the news received in the upcoming months, and budgetary constraints (likely June or September).

#### G. Meeting Adjournment: 1:54 p.m.

APPROVED BY C.A.O.

- DATE: September 19, 2023
- FILE: RPRG3974
- **S.R.:** 5840-23
- TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
- **FROM:** Chris Jones, Director, Planning & Regulation

SUBJECT: Permits Issued for Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses – June 1 to August 31, 2023

Attached are Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses applications, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 42/06, as approved by staff and presented for the members' information.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Staff Report #5840-23 be received for information.

Attach.

Row	Municipality	Owner / Applicant	PERMITS TO BE RATIFIED, FRO Street Lot Con	Permit No	Description
	AJAX	PROPERTY OWNER	56 ONTORO BLVD/LOT 01/RANGE 2	A22-190-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF A SINGLE DETACHED DWELLING, AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF NEW ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM & ABOVE GROUND POOL WITH ASSOCIATE GRADING WORKS AND RETAINING WALLS ALONG THE SIDE YARDS
2	AJAX	PROPERTY OWNER	56 ONTORO BLVD/LOT 01/RANGE 2	A22-191-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF A PORTION OF EXISTING RETAINING WAL ALONG EASTERN PROPERTY LINE AND ASSOCIATED GRADING WORKS
1	AJAX	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS/TELECON DESIGN	LAKE RIDGE RD N/LOT 01/CON 02	W23-096-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH TELLECOMUNICATIONS CONDUIT & EQUIPMENT
	AJAX	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS/TELECON DESIGN	TAUNTON RD E/LOT 01 & 02/CON 03 & 04	A23-100-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF TELECOMUNICATIONS CONDUIT & EQUIPMENT
,	AJAX	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS/TELECON DESIGN	AUDLEY RD/LOT 03/CON 02	A23-136-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONDUIT & EQUIPMENT
i	AJAX	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS/TELECON DESIGN INC.	AUDLEY RD N & ROSSLAND RD E/LOT 03/CON 02	A23-131-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF TELECOMUNICATIONS CONDUIT & EQUIPMENT
,	AJAX	PROPERTY OWNER	38 ONTORO BLVD/LOT 01/RANGE 2	A23-151-H	AMENDMENT - DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF ENGINEERED SHORE PROTECTION WORKS TO REPLACE EXISTING SHORE WORKS CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT A PERMIT
1	AJAX	PIVOC HOLDINGS INC./CANDEVCON LIMITED	320 AUDLEY RD/LOT 03/CON 02	A23-156-GW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: ROUGH GRADING & IMPORTING OF FILL MATERIAL FOR / BUILDING
)	CLARINGTON	2439967 ONTARIO LTD./HOLLAND HOMES	280 KING ST E/LOT 09/CON 01	C23-154-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 5-STOREY, 32 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING
0	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	2525 SOLINA RD/LOT 24/CON 02	C23-139-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED NEW SEPTIC BED
1	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	10 WORTHINGTON DR/LOT 34/CON 02	C23-128-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF INGROUND POOL AND LANDSCAPING
2	CLARINGTON	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	1980 CONC RD 6/LOT 24/CON 06	C23-129-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A PROPOSED GAS SERVICE
3	CLARINGTON	OPG/WSP	HOLT RD/LOT 18-24/BFC	C23-140-BH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND OUTFALL ON LAKE ONTARIO
4	CLARINGTON	CEDAR PARK RESORT LTD./WG ENVIRONMENTAL	6296 CEDAR PARK RD/LOT 15/CON 06	C23-118-RHW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH UPGRADING 6 EXISTING MATURE ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO CURRENT BUILDING CODE/REGULATIONS
5	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	1447 CONC RD 9/LOT 35/CON 08	C23-112-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLENISHMENT OF 1900 METRES CUBED OF TOPSOIL, PLACED TO A MAXIMUM DEPTH OF 0.3 METRES OR 1 FOOT
6	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	15 ALDERBROOK DR/LOT 31/CON 03	C23-114-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OFNEW INTERLOCK, NEW POOL & RETAINING WALL
7	CLARINGTON	OPG/WSP	HOLT RD/LOT 18-24/BFC	C23-110-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITES ASSOCIATED WITH SITE GRADING WORKS ON ONTARIO POWER GENERATION LANDS
8	CLARINGTON	SUNRAY GROUP/CANTAM GROUP	2364 TAUNTON RD/LOT 16/CON 05	C23-147-GRBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING CONVENIENCE STORE AND COFFEE SHOP, CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW FUEL PUMPS, A NEW CANOPY AND NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM
9	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	6120 WERRY RD/LOT 27/CON 06	C23-116-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
0	CLARINGTON	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	2739 MAPLE GROVE RD/LOT 18/CON 02	C23-101-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A NEW GAS SERVICE
!1	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	19 BARLEY MILL CRES/LOT 08/CON 01	C23-115-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACE EXISTING DECK & SUPPORT STRUCTURE
2	CLARINGTON	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS	KING ST E/LOT 7 & 8 /CON 01	C23-103-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DIRECTIONAL BORE AND INSTALL NEW CONDUIT
3	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	174 HOLYROD DR/LOT 28/CON 03	C23-095-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN INGROUND POOL, CABANA AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING
4	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	NASH DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED/Candevcon	3056 HANCOCK RD/LOT 27/CON 03	C23-148-GW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: PROPOSED EARTHWORKS TO FACILITATE A NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
5	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	ASPEN GARDENS BOWMANVILLE LTD./KAITLIN CORP	BASELINE RD W & HWY 401, E OF GREEN RD/LOT 15/BFC	C23-162-GF	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POND
:6	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS	TRULLS RD - N OF PEBBLESTONE RD LOT 32/CON 04		DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH DIRECTIONAL BORE AND INSTALL NEW CONDUIT
.7	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS	TRULLS RD, S OF FIRNER ST/LOT 31/CON 04	C23-105-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: DIRECTIONAL BORE AND INSTALL NEW CONDUIT
8	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON	285 WEST BEACH RD/LOT 10/BFC	C23-117-CH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MUNICIPAL BOAT LAUNCH REHABILITATION
9	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	4694 LIBERTY ST N/LOT 11/CON 04	C23-094-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL ADDITION & SEPTIC SYSTEM
0	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	1696 PEBBLESTONE RD/LOT 30/CON 04	C23-119-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: CONSTRUCTION OF ATTACHED AN ATTACHED GARAGE TO EXISTING DWELLING AND AN ENCLOSED INGROUND POOL
1	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	BMR OPERATIONS LTD./GLUCK PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS INC.	2405 ENERGY DR/LOT 15/BFC	C23-126-GBHF	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND RELATED SITE WORK INCLUDING CUT AND FILL TO FLOODPROOF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
2	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	505 LAKE RD/LOT 07/BFC	C23-142-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A PROPOSED GAS MAIN
3	CLARINGTON	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	2210 BLOOR ST/LOT 19/CON 02	C23-143-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: THE INSTALLATION OF A PROPOSED GAS SERVICE
4	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	2704 RUNDLE RD/LOT 23/CON 02	C23-153-BW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED GARAGE

55	CLARINGTON DARLINGTON	GLEN HILL TERRACE CHRISTIAN HOMES/MONTGOMERY SISAM ARCHITECTS INC.	285 BOSWELL DR/LOT 18/CON 02	C23-144-GBW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 4-STOREY LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY
36	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER/CLIFFSHORE EXCAVATING	HOLT RD/LOT 20/CON 02	C23-157-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: EXTENDING EXISTING BERM EAST TO PROPERTY LINE
37	DARLINGTON OSHAWA	2157236 ONTARIO LIMITED/WSP CANADA	THOROUGHBRED ST/LOT 13/CON 05	O23-163-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PHASE 2/3 POND CLEANOUT - REMOVAL OF ACCUMLATED SILT FOR ASSUMPTION AND MAINTENANCE IN SWM POND
38	OSHAWA	PROPERTY OWNER	290 HAMBLY RD/LOT 14/CON 08	O23-150-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED SINGLE DWELLING AND SEPTIC SYSTEM
39	OSHAWA	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	1-1565 THORNTON RD N/LOT 16/CON 04	O23-145-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A PROPOSED GAS SERVICE
40	OSHAWA	THE CITY OF OSHAWA/VIANET INC.	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	023-122-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF OSHAWA
41	OSHAWA	1662857 ONTARIO LIMITED (NIDEVA PROPERITIES INC.)/SCS CONSULTING GROUP	610 CONLIN RD E/LOT 08/CON 05	O23-152-GFHW	AMENDMENT- DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: PHASE 1 & 2 SITE ALTERATION, ROUGH GRADING, SERVICING, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WETLAND FEATURE
12	OSHAWA	PROPERTY OWNER	231 GLENWOOD CRES/LOT 12/CON 03	O23-135-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
43	OSHAWA	CITY OF OSHAWA/AMTEC ENGINEERING LTD.	ERIE ST/LOT 11/BFC	O23-159-BG	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITES ASSOCIATED WITH: PHASE 2- EMBANKMENT RECONSTRUCTION & CREEK/STORMWATER RUNOFF MANAGEMENT & MULTI-USE PATHWAY
14	OSHAWA	PROPERTY OWNER	6450 STEVENSON RD N/LOT 19/CON 05	O23-098-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PLACEMENT OF NO MORE THAN .15METRES OR 6INCHES OF TOP SOIL PLACEMENT TO TOP DRESS FARM FIELD
45	OSHAWA	OSHAWA (CONLIN) DEVELOPMENTS INC./D.G.	1340 & 1500 CONLIN RD E/LOT 02/CON 05	O23-133-BH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER & FOUNDCATION
10		BIDDLE & ASSOCIATES LTD.		020 100 511	COLLECTOR SEWER AT EAST BRANCH OF HARMONY CREEK & ASSOCIATED CHANNEL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES
46	OSHAWA	Condor DNIPRO GP INC.	681 DNIPRO BLV/LOT 08/BFC	O23-125-GHW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: GRADING, MUNICIPAL SERVICES INCLUDING STORM SEWERS, SANITARY SEWER, OUTFALL COOLING TRENCH & RESTORATION PLANTINGS
47	OSHAWA	EVERGREEN ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	1515 THORNTON RD N/LOT 16/CON 04	O23-111-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH GRADING, SITE SERVICING, PAVING, RECONSTRUCTION OF A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND RENOVATION TO EXISTING BUILDING
18	OSHAWA	DURHAM REGION/VIANET INC.	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	O23-132-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS AT VARIOUS REGION OF DURHAM OWNED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF OSHAWA
19	OSHAWA	PROPERTY OWNER	1989 MAGEE ST/LOT 01/CON 04	O23-102-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A INGROUND POOL
50	OSHAWA	CITY OF OSHAWA/FOCH FAMILY LANDSCAPRE ARCHITECTURE	PUMP HOUSE MARSH/LOT 10/BFC	O23-097-WB	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FLOATING, LOOKOUT PLATFORM AND DOCK ASPHALT WALKWAY
51	OSHAWA	1662857 ONTARIO LIMITED N.G./SCS CONSULTING GROUP	760 CONLIN RD E/LOT 07/CON 05	O23-127-GHW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: PHASE 3 - SITE ALTERATION, TOPSOIL STRIPPING & STAGE 2 EARTHWORKS CONSTRUCTION & WETLAND FEATURE DESIGN
52	OSHAWA	CITY OF OSHAWA/WATERS EDGE	GRANDVIEW AVE S/LOT 02 & 03/CON 01	O23-134-A	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RESTORATION OF A SECTION OF FAREWELL CREEK TO ADDRESS EROSION ISSUES
53	OSHAWA	JEFFERY HOMES/D.G. BIDDLE AND ASSOCIATES	2160 HARMONY RD N/LOT 05/CON 05	O23-099-GHW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: SITE GRADING FOR PROPOSED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
54	SCUGOG	TOWN OF SCUGOG/VIANET INC.	SUMAC LANE & CHALK LAKE RD E	S23-123-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG
55	UXBRIDGE	TOWN OF UXBRIDGE/VIANET INC.	CHALK LAKE RD W/LOT 05 & 06/CON 07	U23-121-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS WITHIN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
56	WHITBY	PROPERTY OWNER	55 HELSTON CRES/LOT 19/CON 06	W23-130-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN INGROUND SWIMMING POOL &
57	WHITBY	TOWN OF WHITBY/VIANET INC.	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	W23-124-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: INSTALL OF CONDUITS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN OF WHITBY
58	WHITBY	DURHAM REGION/VIANET INC.	VARIOUS LOCATIONS	W23-120-B	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALL OF CONDUITS BY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
59	WHITBY	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	7625 CEDARBROOK TR/LOT 24/CON 07	W23-137-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A GAS MAIN
50	WHITBY	PROPERTY OWNER/MAIN STREET POOL & SPA	9 NEARCTIC CRT/LOT 20/CON 02	W23-141-BH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF AN UNDERGROUND POOL
61	WHITBY	TOWN OF WHITBY	HARBOUR ST & 155 WATER ST/LOT 26/BFC	W23-138-W	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A GRAVEL BASE PEDESTRIAN/CYCLING TRAIL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE EXISTING DECOMISSIONED RAIL BED, ADJACENT TO A WETLAND AREA
62	WHITBY	TOWN OF WHITBY	GARDEN ST & BURNS ST E/LOT 24/CON 01	W23-160-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: REMOVING OF SOIL AND TO BE DISPOSED OFF-SITE, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FENCING TO BE INSTALLED
53	WHITBY	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	1180 DUNDAS ST W/LOT 32/CON 02	W23-146-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A GAS SERVICE
54 54	WHITBY	PELOSI HOLDINGS INC./DELTA RAE HOMES	4805 GARDEN ST/LOT 24/CON 04	W23-149-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENO & ADDITION TO EXISTING HOME
65	WHITBY	FOREST GROUP LTD./HUMPHRIES PLANNING GROUP INC.	1702 TRICONT AVE/LOT 19/BFC	W23-158-GBW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
66	WHITBY	PROPERTY OWNER/ATLA DEVELOPMENTS	7632 COCHRANE ST/LOT 29/CON 07	W23-155-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE DETACHED RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM INCLUDING ASSOCIATED SITE GRADING
67	WHITBY	TH (BROOKHILL) DEVELOPMENTS INC./SCS CONSULTING GROUP	6760 BALDWIN ST N/LOT 23/CON 06	W23-161-GHAW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SITE ALTERATION INCLUDING BULK EARTHWORKS, EARTH MOVING AND ROUGH GRADING TO PREPARE SITE FOR SEWER AND ROAD WORKS
68	WHITBY	OTTER CREEK CO-OPERATIVE HOMES INC./TIM WELCH CONSULTING INC.	VACANT LOT BETWEEN 835 AND 855 MCQUAY BLVD/LOT 31/CON 02	W23-109-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A 3-STOREY APARTMENT BUILDING WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND SERVICING
59	WHITBY	FIELDGATE DEVELOPMENTS/CANDEVCON	5505 GARDEN ST/LOT 25/CON 05	W23-108-GHFW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH TOPSOIL STRIPPING, ROUGH GRADING (EARTHWORKS) & UNDERGROUND SERVICING FOR STAGE 3 OF INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION
59			GARDEN ST (WHITBY GARDENS)/LOT 25/CON 02		

71	WHITBY	FIRST GULF INC.	901 HOPKINS ST/LOT 22/CON 01	W23-107-GBHFW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF SITE SERVICING, SITE GRADING AND
					CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATION OF A NEW INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
72	WHITBY	REGION OF DURHAM	CONLIN RD & GARRARD ROAD/LOT 19/CON 04	W21-151-GW	EXTENSION - DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A FEEDERMAIN WITHIN THE
				(EXTENDED)	EAST BOUND LANE OF CONLIN RD BETWEEN THICKSON RD & GARRARD RD
73	WHITBY	PROPERTY OWNER	30 HOODGATE DR/LOT 27/CON 03	W23-113-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH AN ADDITION TO REAR DECK

APPROVED BY C.A.O.

DATE:	September 19, 2023	
FILE:	PGDP22	



- **S.R.:** 5842-23
- **TO:** Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
- **FROM:** Chris Jones, Director, Planning & Regulation

SUBJECT: Provincial Consultation on Proposed Return of Lands to the Greenbelt

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to introduce a new proposal from the Province of Ontario to amend the *Greenbelt Plan* to return an area of land in the CLOCA Watershed (Lynde Creek – Town of Ajax) back to the Greenbelt and to provide commentary for submission to the province under the *Environmental Bill of Rights Registry* ("Registry).

#### Background: Previous CLOCA Commentary in Fall 2022 Regarding Removals

At the meeting of November 22, 2022, the CLOCA Board of Directors Resolved as follows:

#### "Res. #66 Moved by R. Hooper Seconded by B. Nicholson

WHEREAS The Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommended Goal of 1.5 million homes in the next 10 years explicitly excluded building on the Greenbelt Protected Countryside;

WHEREAS As Recently as March 24 of this year [2022], the Government of Ontario Stated that "government will not consider the removal of any lands from the Greenbelt";

WHEREAS Removal Proposals Include Portions of the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System Containing Irreplaceable Provincially Significant Wetlands and Woodlands in the CLOCA Watershed;

WHEREAS CLOCA Previously Commented on Greenbelt Expansion Proposals with the Premise of Improving the Quantity and Quality of the Greenbelt for Future Generations and Not to Facilitate Future Removals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors requests that the Province of Ontario withdraw the Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan;

THAT the Commentary in Staff Report #5808-22 and attachments be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario and Conservation Ontario as CLOCA's comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting ... CARRIED"

Despite the non-supportive commentary made under the Registry, the government proceeded to remove all lands it had proposed without any change on December 12, 2022.

Following significant media attention, critical reports from the Auditor General of Ontario and the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, on September 6, 2023, proposals were posted to the Registry to return lands at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax back to the Greenbelt. The government's stated rationale for this latest proposal is that "...the lands were recently listed for sale. [This action runs] counter to the government's objective of building homes quickly."

Through a letter from the Minister, the province has indicated that it intends to "prepare a review of the Greenbelt to ensure that it is appropriately accommodating Ontario's significant growth... and will include an evaluation of the remaining properties that were removed from the Greenbelt late last year." Without any detail yet released, staff cannot evaluate this latest announcement regarding the Greenbelt but will prepare a Report once pertinent details are known.



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The full letter from the Minister and Registry Posting is included in Attachment No. 1 to this Report.

### Background: Two Greenbelt Removals Took Place in the CLOCA Watershed

Of the 15 areas of land removed from the Greenbelt Protected Countryside, two (2) were located in the CLOCA Watershed.

#### Ajax Removal

The first area of land is 42.7 hectares (105 acres) located in the Town of Ajax at the southwest corner of Kingston Road East and Lake Ridge Road South within a portion of the Greenbelt Protected Countryside that forms part of the permanent agriculture preserve of the Town of Ajax and a longstanding greenlands and open space separator between the Town of Whitby to the east and the urban portion of the Town of Ajax to the west. An excerpt of the provincial Greenbelt mapping is shown below to the left. The lands are located in the Lynde Creek watershed and contain a tributary of the Lynde Creek and a key natural heritage features in the form of woodland, watercourse and fish habitat along with agricultural lands, which are incorporated into CLOCA's watershed-scale Natural Heritage System. A map of this information is shown below to the right.

### Figure 1: Lands Proposed for Removal in the Town of Ajax, Lynde Creek Watershed

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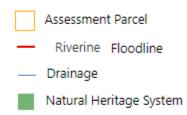
### **Provincial Greenbelt Mapping**

### LEGEND

Greenbelt Area\* Protected Countryside Natural Heritage System Towns/Villages Urban River Valleys Settlement Areas Outside the Greenbelt - · Municipal Boundary Road or Highway Greenbelt Removal

### **CLOCA Mapping of Features and Areas**





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### **Clarington Removal**

The second area of land is 34.7 hectares (85.8 acres) located in the Municipality of Clarington northeast of the intersection of Hancock Road north of Nash Road within a portion of the Greenbelt Protected Countryside and Greenbelt Natural Heritage System that is intended to permanently protect the Lake Iroquois Beach physiographic region. An excerpt of the provincial Greenbelt mapping is shown below to the left. The lands are located in the Black Creek watershed. Consistent with the location of the lands upon the former Lake Iroquois Beach, the lands also contain woodlands and a large 5.4-hectare (13.2 acre) unit of the *Harmony-Farewell Iroquois Beach Provincially Significant Wetland Complex*, a tributary of the Black Creek and a key natural heritage feature in the form of woodland, watercourse, and fish habitat along with agricultural lands. Appropriate for a site located within the Greenbelt and a portion of the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, the entirety of the lands is recognized within CLOCA's Wildlife Habitat Network as being either Core Habitat, Secondary Habitat and Regional Corridor for the movement of sensitive plants and animals. In addition, the majority of the site is recognized as being part of CLOCA's watershed-scale Natural Heritage System. A map of this information is shown below to the right.

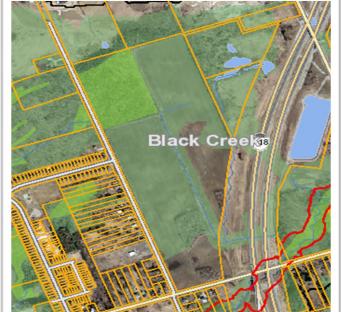
### Figure 2: Lands Proposed for Removal in the Municipality of Clarington, Black Creek Watershed

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### **Provincial Greenbelt Mapping**

### LEGEND





### CLOCA Mapping of Features and Areas



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### **Analysis and Conclusion**

Last Fall, CLOCA provided detailed commentary to the province that indicated that:

- The rationale for the removals was not credible;
- The two removal proposals in the CLOCA Watershed violate core Greenbelt Plan principles;
- The removals did not honour previous commitments made to CLOCA in commenting on earlier proposals to expand and improve the Greenbelt's quality and quantity.

For whatever reason given, due to the environmental value of the lands, as summarized above, it is welcome that the province is reversing its decision to remove lands at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax. Accordingly, the lands should be brought back into the Greenbelt at the earliest possible opportunity. Further reflection should be given to reversing the other removal in the CLOCA watershed given the significant environmental features on the lands.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**:

WHEREAS The Greenbelt is composed of Agricultural and Environmental Lands that are necessary for local food production, ecological biodiversity, and hydrological integrity – essential elements for human life;

WHEREAS The CLOCA Board of Directors Objected to the Removals Proposed in 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CLOCA Board of Directors supports restoration of the full extent of the Greenbelt Plan within the CLOCA Watershed;

THAT the Commentary in Staff Report #5842-23 be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario as CLOCA's comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting 019-7561 and 019-7562;

THAT Staff Report #5842-23, be circulated to Watershed Municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament, Conservation Ontario, and adjacent Conservation Authorities for their information.

Attachment 1 – Ministerial Letter and ERO Postings

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September 6, 2023

Dear Clerks, CAOs, and Conservation Authority Administrators:

#### Re: Proposal to return lands in Ajax to the Greenbelt

In December 2022, to accommodate Ontario's unprecedented growth by supporting the building of more homes, our government removed or redesignated 15 areas of land totaling approximately 7,400 acres from the edge of the Greenbelt Area. At the same time, a portion of the Paris Galt Moraine was added to the Greenbelt, along with 13 Urban River Valleys, totalling 9,400 acres, for an overall expansion of approximately 2000 acres.

The government was clear that owners of the lands removed from the Greenbelt would be expected to develop detailed plans to build housing with landowners also being responsible for paying for the full cost of housing-enabling and community-building infrastructure. It is the government's expectation that significant progress on approvals and implementation be achieved by the end of 2023.

It has come to the government's attention that the discussions surrounding the development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt located at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax were at an early stage, and that a 104-acre parcel within the lands was recently listed for sale. These actions run counter to the government's objective of building homes quickly. The government is now seeking feedback on a proposal to return these lands, amounting to approximately 133 acres, to the Greenbelt Area through an amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation (O. Reg. 59/05) and an amendment to the Greenbelt Plan.

Further information on the proposal to amend the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area boundary regulation, can be found at:

- ERO #019-7561 Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt (Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan)
- <u>ERO #019-7562 Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt (Amendment to</u> <u>Greenbelt Boundary Regulation O. Reg. 59/05)</u>

Information and mapping on the 2022 decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan can be found here:

- ERO #019-6216 Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan
- Greenbelt Maps

The comment period on the Environmental Registry of Ontario is open for 45 days and will close on October 20, 2023. I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal.

In the meantime, my ministry is working to prepare a review of the Greenbelt to ensure that it is appropriately accommodating Ontario's significant growth, as is mandated in provincial legislation. This review will be informed by the recommendations of the Auditor General's report



and will include an evaluation of the remaining properties that were removed from the Greenbelt late last year.

As ministry officials design and launch this review, the non-partisan Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will continue to work with proponents of the remaining sites to ensure that progress on these lands continues, including the obligation to provide community benefits such as parks, community centres, schools and hospitals. This work will be an important input into the mandated review into the Greenbelt, as will meaningful consultation with municipalities, Indigenous communities and regular people living in these areas who deal with the negative impacts of the housing supply crisis the most. The properties that were removed from the Greenbelt will have to stand on their own merits: If the review finds these properties cannot support the government's objective of building homes quickly, they will be returned to the Greenbelt.

We have been clear that progress on these sites must meet the government's expectations. If planning and approvals have not significantly progressed by the end of this year and if shovels are not in the ground by 2025, the government will return these lands to the Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

The Hon. Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Planning and Growth Division



## Proposal to return lands to the Greenbelt (Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan)

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	019-7561
Notice type	Policy
Act	Greenbelt Act, 2005
Posted by	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	September 5, 2023
Comment period	September 5, 2023 - October 20, 2023 (45 days) Open
Last updated	September 5, 2023

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m.

on:

### October 20, 2023

### **Proposal summary**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on a proposal to return lands in the Town of Ajax to the Greenbelt.

### Proposal details

In December 2022, the government took bold action to address the housing supply crisis and build 1.5 million homes by 2031 by making changes to the Greenbelt. This action was in addition to a variety of other measures intended to tackle the housing supply crisis, including four housing supply action plans to date, and was intended to support our municipal partners in planning for responsible growth and to help build housing faster and in a targeted manner, while leading to an overall expansion of the Greenbelt.

To accommodate Ontario's expected growth and support the building of more homes, our government removed or redesignated 15 areas of land totaling approximately 7,400 acres from the edge of the Greenbelt Area (ERO Posting 019-6216: Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

(https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6216)). At the same time, a portion of the Paris Galt Moraine was added to the Greenbelt (https://prod-environmentalregistry.s3.amazonaws.com/2022-11/Addition%20Map%20A\_1.pdf), along with 13 Urban River Valleys (see <u>ERO Posting 019-4485: Growing the size of</u> the Greenbelt (https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4485)), totalling 9,400 acres, for an overall expansion of approximately 2000 acres.

The government was clear that owners of the lands removed from the Greenbelt would be expected to develop detailed plans to build housing and move forward with the project quickly. It is the government's expectation that significant progress on approvals and implementation be achieved by the end of 2023.

It has come to the government's attention that the discussions surrounding the development of the lands removed from the Greenbelt located at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in the Town of Ajax were at an early stage, and that a 104-acre parcel within the lands was recently listed for sale.

These lands were removed from the Greenbelt as part of the 2022 Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area boundary regulation amendments. The government is now seeking feedback on a proposal to return these lands, amounting to approximately 133 acres, to the Greenbelt Area through an amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation <u>(O. Reg. 59/05)</u>

(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/050059) and an amendment to the Greenbelt Plan. The government is not seeking feedback on any ideas for other Greenbelt removals or redesignations through this consultation, nor is it seeking feedback on the 2022 decision to amend the Greenbelt Plan and boundary regulation.

While this ERO posting relates specifically to the proposed amendment to the Greenbelt Plan, there is a related ERO posting regarding a proposed amendment to the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation O. Reg. 59/05 to add these lands back to the Greenbelt:

### • ERO 019-7562 (https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7562)

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The Greenbelt Act, 2005 requires consultation with affected municipalities, public bodies and the public on any proposed Greenbelt Plan amendment.

If these lands are returned to the Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Act and Greenbelt Plan's Protected Countryside policies would apply. The map available for this consultation is posted in supporting materials below and outlines the land in the Town of Ajax that the government is currently seeking feedback on returning to the Greenbelt.

### Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan

The Greenbelt Act, 2005 sets out the legislated public process that applies to any proposed Greenbelt Plan amendments. This includes consultation with affected public bodies such as the Greenbelt Council, municipalities and conservation authorities in the Greenbelt Area and an opportunity for consultation with the general public. Consultation with Indigenous communities would also occur before any amendments are made.

Under the Greenbelt Act, 2005, amendments cannot reduce the total land area covered by the Greenbelt Plan.

Section 5.6 of the Greenbelt Plan provides that amendments to the Greenbelt Plan could be considered outside of the 10-year review in the event of major new Provincial policy, legislation, or regulation that creates the need for an amendment. It also contemplates amendments that are made for the purpose of extending Greenbelt Plan policy coverage to lands which may be added to the Greenbelt.

For more information on the 2022 amendment, and previous amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, please refer to <u>ERO Posting 019-6216: Decision on</u> <u>proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan</u> (<u>https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6216</u>).

### **Analysis of Regulatory Impact**

There is no anticipated regulatory impact resulting from this proposal. The proposed return of lands to the Greenbelt is consistent with government's objectives for the 2022 Greenbelt amendment and commitment to building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. The return of these lands will continue to effectively direct growth, optimize investments in infrastructure and support needed housing by allowing municipalities to focus resources on lands for housing developments that are making more significant progress. Lands returned to the Greenbelt would be protected by the prohibitions and requirements of the Greenbelt Plan. There would be no additional burden placed on the lands proposed to be returned, as they were previously part of

the Greenbelt and the proposal would result in the lands being subject to the same policies they were subject to prior to December 14, 2022. There are no direct administrative costs associated with this proposal.

# Supporting materials

### **Related files**

<u>Map of proposed lands to be returned to the Greenbelt (765</u> and775 Kingston Road East, Ajax) (https://prodenvironmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2023-09/final ero <u>map\_use this (3).pdf</u>) pdf (Portable Document Format file) 1.12 MB

### **Related links**

Greenbelt Plan (https://www.ontario.ca/document/greenbelt-plan-2017)

Greenbelt Act, 2005 (https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05g01)

Greenbelt Maps (https://www.ontario.ca/page/greenbelt-maps)

<u>Greenbelt Area boundary regulation O. Reg. 59/05</u> (https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/050059)

<u>Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan</u> (<u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-ridges-moraine-conservation-plan-</u> 2017)

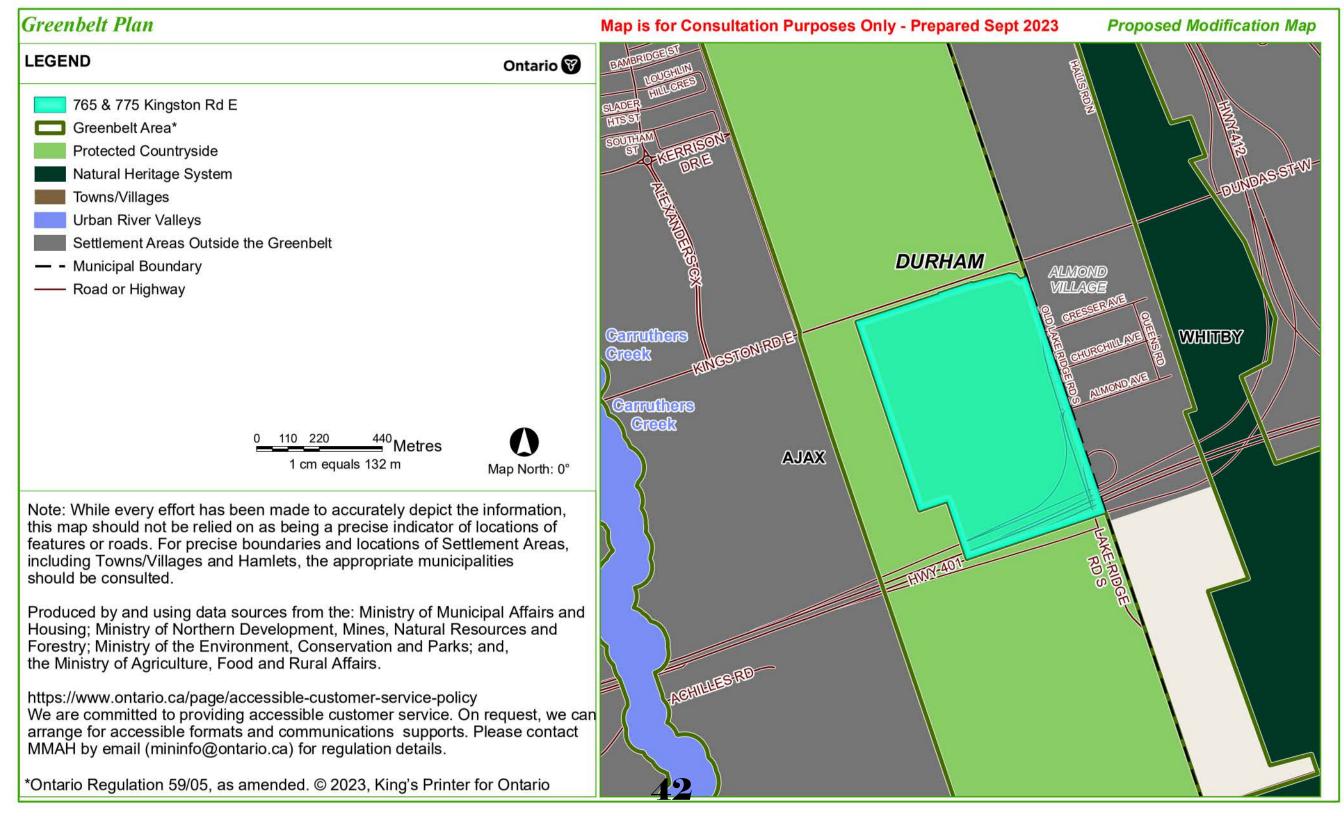
<u>Oak Ridges Moraine Maps (https://www.ontario.ca/page/oak-ridges-</u> moraine)

Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001 (https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01o31)

### <u>Related ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario)</u> <u>notices</u>

Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (/notice/019-6216)

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S.R.: 5841-23

TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors

FROM: Jamie Davidson, Director, Watershed Planning & Natural Heritage

SUBJECT: Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP)- Town of Whitby Pilot Project

### Purpose

CLOCA has been in active discussions with the Town of Whitby's Sustainability and Climate Change team about CLOCA leading the development and delivery of a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP) pilot project on behalf of the Town of Whitby. This staff report provides a brief update on these current discussions and strategic alignment; provides a brief overview of the SNAP model; and seeks Board endorsement for CLOCA staff to continue to develop the SNAP pilot project in partnership with the Town of Whitby and to enter into any necessary agreements to facilitate project implementation when the need arises.

### **Project Discussions and Strategic Alignment**

CLOCA has discussed the concept of delivering a SNAP project in Durham Region with Regional staff, area municipal staff, and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (co-developers of the original SNAP model) over the last two years. The Town of Whitby has allocated budget specifically for the development and delivery of a SNAP pilot project, and so recent active discussions between CLOCA staff and Town of Whitby staff has been focused on moving forward with project start-up in the latter half of 2023. Durham Region staff have also indicated that some funding may be available in future budget years in line with support recently provided to the Town of Ajax to help implement a similar SNAP pilot project in that municipality.

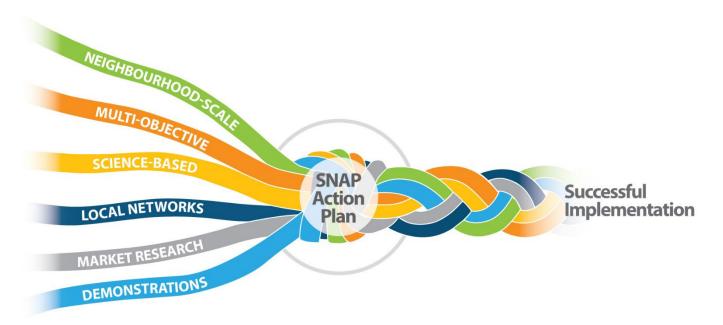
Delivering a SNAP project is identified as a strategic initiative within the Town of Whitby Climate Emergency Response Plan and will also help the Town and Durham Region deliver on municipal commitments outlined in the Durham Climate Change Action Plan, Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan, and the Durham Community Energy Plan. Work related to climate change adaptation and resilience planning and action at the community level also directly supports several of CLOCA's core strategic priorities, including watershed planning and health, sustainable solutions to watershed management, and community engagement and education. By taking a leadership role in the development and delivery of the SNAP pilot project in the Town of Whitby, CLOCA will not only develop a new expertise and capacity that can be leveraged to deliver future projects within the Town of Whitby, but to other Durham Region area municipalities within its jurisdiction as well.

CLOCA has existing planning tools, data, a range of relevant technical experts to draw on, and the necessary internal infrastructure to support this type of program; however, this new program/service will require CLOCA to bring on a new dedicated SNAP coordinator to develop and deliver the program in partnership with the Town of Whitby. As a new program/service, CLOCA and the Town of Whitby will require a new service agreement/memorandum of understanding in line with the new requirements included in the recently updated Conservation Authorities Act.

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### Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program Model Overview1

The goal of SNAP is to accelerate the creation of sustainable neighbourhoods in older urban areas by taking an integrated approach at the neighbourhood scale to overcome urban retrofit and climate change challenges and address a broad range of objectives with locally tailored solutions. Working with local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, groups, the SNAP team works to advance resilience at the neighbourhood scale, where implementation ultimately happens.



### How It Works

The SNAP seeks to develop action plans to improve the local environment on the **neighbourhood scale** and build resiliency against climate change by greening local infrastructure and encouraging positive behaviour changes among residents. The SNAP neighbourhood model includes the following features and outcomes:

• Neighbourhood scale: Focusing on place-based solutions

SNAPs coordinate private and public actions at a neighbourhood scale, contributing to a holistic systems strategy. They identify creative retrofit solutions based on the unique environmental and socio-economic context and local community interests.

• Multi-objective: Seeking co-benefits

SNAPs focus on making sustainable changes across five core theme areas: **stormwater management**, **water use** and **conservation**, **energy**, and **natural heritage**. The SNAPs also seek synergies with a number of complementary themes, including health and well-being, transportation, waste management, community identity and culture.

### • Science-based: Predicting measurable outcomes

SNAPs use a science-based process for identifying and evaluating integrated solutions that have measurable impact, provide a business case for implementation, and achieve multiple objectives. Performance monitoring plans measure long-term change and tracking of sustainability targets against local baseline data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> SNAP overview material and program graphic courtesy of Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) – www.trca.ca/conservation/sustainable-neighbourhoods/



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### • Demonstration: Showcasing innovation

Quick-start local demonstration projects such as naturalized landscaping, rain harvesting, and energy use modifications help to bring the plan to life for neighbourhood residents.

### • Local networks: Engaging public

SNAPs emphasize collaboration and building partnerships with stakeholders throughout the process. Local residents, businesses, community groups and institutions are all engaged in the design of the SNAP and in efforts to build local capacity for implementation.

### Social market research: Identifying local motivators

Through community-based social marketing research, social innovation approaches and extensive consultation with the local community, SNAPs identify and gain understanding of the barriers and motivations to behavioural change and develop strategies to overcome these barriers.

#### **SNAP Advantages**

### • Efficiencies in Program Delivery

SNAP projects identify opportunities to integrate projects that address the diverse needs of multiple municipal departments, conservation authority watershed goals and community interests. This can provide the basis for cost sharing, greater community support, and improved overall outcomes.

### Co-benefits

Typical SNAP neighbourhood projects address common climate action and urban renewal goals. From these, SNAP delivers many community co-benefits, including economic, health, social benefits at the neighbourhood scale.

#### **Conclusion**

Developing and delivering a SNAP pilot project in partnership with the Town of Whitby will help to improve the environment on the **neighbourhood scale** and build resiliency against climate change by greening local infrastructure and strengthening community engagement and support. This strategic work will help the Town of Whitby, Durham Region, and CLOCA achieve goals and objectives outlined in their respective climate action and watershed health related plans, not to mention a range of other co-benefits. The SNAP also allows CLOCA to develop expertise and capacity in a new program/service area that aligns perfectly with strategic priorities and that can be offered to other area municipalities in the future as requested.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT the delivery of a SNAP pilot project in the Town of Whitby, as outlined in the staff report, be endorsed; and, THAT continued discussions with watershed municipalities and other neighbourhood partners towards the development and implementation of a SNAP program be endorsed.

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S.R.:	5843-23
TO:	Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
FROM:	R. Perry Sisson, Director, Engineering & Field Operations Dan Hope, Conservation Lands & Education Manager
SUBJECT:	Summer 2023 – Conservation Areas Update

### Purpose:

The following report is intended to inform and update the members of land management and field operation activities within our Conservation Areas during the summer of 2023.

### Summer Operations:

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Summer operations commence with the hiring and training of summer students. Our three students are important to keep our Conservation Areas maintained for our visitors through the busy summer months, and to allow our permanent staff to use some well-deserved vacation days. Staff training includes seasonal equipment training, and our permanent staff get refresher training and chainsaw recertification. In addition to the weekly routines for maintenance of our public areas and picnic sites, our 45 kilometres of trail are also maintained with mowing of the trail edges and pruning of overhanging vegetation.

### **Events and Agreements:**

Two nature schools also operated within our Areas this summer. A YWCA summer camp operated out of the Russ Powell Nature Centre in Enniskillen Conservation Area, and the Eunoia Nature School operated out of the Heber Down Conservation Area. The camps provide weekday activities for children in a nature setting.



In July, an Ontario Trillium Foundation recognition event was held after completion of Conservation Area parking lot improvements. The event also recognized the renaming of our education centre as the Russ Powell Nature Centre. The honourable Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham and our chair, Mayor Elizabeth Roy toured the Conservation Area including the recently completed Nature Nook - a free-play area in a contained portion of cedar forest.

The family of the late Russ Powell also toured the Nature Centre and Conservation Area and expressed their appreciation for the tribute to Russ.

Figure 1: CLOCA Chair Elizabeth Roy & MPP Todd McCarthy at the Nature Nook

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Discussions are progressing with the Durham Nordic Ski Club for a partnership with CLOCA at the Canecrest Tract of Long Sault Conservation Area. An agreement is proposed that would provide the use of this 66-acre tract for the operation of the club for cross-country skiing. The club would assume full responsibility for the operation of the ski facility operation including snow clearing, track grooming, and management of visitors. The activity is suited to the gently rolling topography of the site and the combination of forest and agricultural land. The property is not open to the public, however otherwise improvements provided through the Ski Club may provide opportunities for summer activities.



Figure 2: The Powell Family

The network of Conservation Area staff from across our 36 Conservation Authorities meet every fall at the Conservation Areas Workshop. The Workshop is a combination of training sessions and site tours. This October, our Lynde Shores Conservation Area will be a site tour destination. Our staff will discuss recent improvements including wildlife protection measures related to the Region of Durham Victoria Street widening project, the Shisko Wetland construction, relocation of the parking lot, trail creation, and extensive restoration through Trees Canada.

#### Areas Improvements:

Several improvements are completed or in progress for our Conservation Areas. Staff installed a new roof on the Heber Down southerly picnic shelter. Contracts are in place for the demolition and placement of new vaults at Long Sault Conservation Area and Enniskillen Conservation Area north and south locations. Replacement washroom buildings will be completed in the fall.



Figure 3: Heber Down CA south picnic shelter

Our kiosk, trailhead, and trail markers are also being revitalized throughout our Conservation Areas. New signs are in place at Lynde Shores Conservation Area and Enniskillen Conservation Area and are in progress for Heber Down Conservation Area. The new signs have been designed to meet requirements for recreational trails under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). We will continue to design and replace our signs for all CLOCA's Conservation Areas.

At Purple Woods Conservation Area, the firewood supply is cut, split, and piled in preparation for the next maple syrup season. Our staff are working at reinstating a sap pipeline that was lost during the extensive forest damage of the 2022 Derecho wind event and hope to be able to have sufficient pipelines in place to support approximately 1,000 taps.

### **RECOMMENDATION**:

THAT Staff Report #5843-23 be received for information.

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