

NOTICE TO CLOCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please find enclosed the **agenda** and supporting documents for the **CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting** on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** This meeting will be a **Hybrid meeting**. 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, October 17/23	5:00 p.m.	CLOCA Board of Directors Meeting	Hybrid Meeting
Tuesday, October 17/23	Immediately following the CLOCA Board of Director's Meeting	CLOC Fund Board of Director's Meeting (CLOCF)	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

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CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

A G E N D A

AUTHORITY MEETING

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

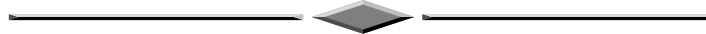
HYBRID MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUAL THROUGH ZOOM (ACCESS DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED)
OR 100 WHITING AVENUE, OSHAWA, AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, BOARDROOM

CIRCULATION LIST

Authority Elizabeth Roy, Chair
Members: Bob Chapman, Vice Chair
Marilyn Crawford
Sami Elhajjeh
Bruce Garrod
Ron Hooper
Rick Kerr
Chris Leahy
Tito-Dante Marimpietri
Ian McDougall
Rhonda Mulcahy
John Neal
David Pickles
Corinna Traill
Steve Yamada

Authority C. Darling, Chief Administrative Officer
Staff: B. Boardman, Executive/Accounting Administrator
R. Catulli, Director, Corporate Services
J. Davidson, Director, Watershed Planning & Natural Heritage
L. Hastings, Communications Specialist
D. Hope, Conservation Lands & Education Manager
C. Jones, Director, Planning & Regulation
P. Sisson, Director, Engineering, Field Operations & Education
L. Vaja, Executive Assistant/Health & Safety Administrator/ Recording Secretary
R. Wilmot, Information Management & Technology Manager

Others:



AGENDA ITEM:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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 September 19, 2023

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4. PRESENTATIONS – None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Correspondence from Hamilton Conservation Authority
Re: Reverse Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Wetland Evaluation System

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6. DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGULATION

- (1) Staff Report #5845-23 pg. 9
Re: Permits Issued for Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses – September 1 to 30, 2023

- (2) Staff Report #5847-23 pg. 11
Re: Retirement of Mr. John Hetherington and Appointment of Jeremie Tisdale as an Enforcement Officer

7. DIRECTOR, WATERSHED PLANNING & NATURAL HERITAGE

- (1) Staff Report #5846-23 pg. 12
Re: Update Regarding CLOCA Strategies and Inventory Required By the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation under The Conservation Authorities Act

8. DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING, FIELD OPERATIONS & EDUCATION – None

9. DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES – None

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – None

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – None

12. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

13. ADJOURNMENT

A G E N D A
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

MEETING OF: Authority

DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Hybrid – Virtual through Zoom or
100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa

CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES NO. 6

AUTHORITY MEETING

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

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

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

Absent: Elizabeth Roy – Chair
Ilan McDougall
David Pickles
Corinna Trill

Others:

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Vice Chair Chapman recited the Land Acknowledgement.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES (Agenda pg. 1)

Res. #53 Moved by R. Kerr
Seconded by R. Mulcahy

THAT the Authority minutes of June 20, 2023, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS – *None*

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Correspondence from Conservation Ontario (Agenda pg. 14)
Re: Council Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023

Res. #54 Moved by J. Neal
Seconded by R. Hooper

THAT the above correspondence item be received for information.
CARRIED

DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGULATION

(1) Staff Report #5840-23 (Agenda pg. 28)
Re: Permits Issued for Development, Interference with Wetlands, and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses – June 1 to August 31, 2023

Res. #55 Moved by R. Mulcahy
Seconded by R. Kerr

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

DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGULATION – Cont'd

(2) Staff Report #5842-23 (Agenda pg. 32)
Re: Provincial Consultation on Proposed Return of Lands to the Greenbelt

Res. #56 Moved by R. Mulcahy
Seconded by R. Kerr

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.
CARRIED

DIRECTOR, WATERSHED PLANNING & NATURAL HERITAGE

(1) Staff Report #5841-23 (Agenda pg. 43)
Re: Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP) – Town of Whitby Pilot Project

Res. #57 Moved by R. Mulcahy
Seconded by B. Garrod

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.
CARRIED

S. Yamada joined virtually at 5:04 p.m.

DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

(1) Staff Report #5843-23 (Agenda pg. 46)
Re: Summer 2023 – Conservation Areas Update

Res. #58 Moved by R. Kerr
Seconded by R. Hooper

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

DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES – None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

(1) Staff Report #5844-23 (Agenda pg. H1)
Re: Memorandum of Understandings to Govern Municipal Funding for Programs and Services provided by CLOCA – Extension Request

Res. #59 Moved by J. Neal
Seconded by B. Garrod

THAT the Board authorize the CAO to submit a request to the Minister for an extension to the deadline for funding agreements to January 31, 2024.
CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – *None*

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *None*

ADJOURNMENT

Res. #60 Moved by R. Kerr
 Seconded by R. Mulcahy

THAT the meeting adjourns.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

BOB CHAPMAN, VICE CHAIR

CHRIS DARLING, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DRAFT

From: [Chris Darling](#)
To: [Leena Vaja](#)
Subject: FW: HCA Board Resolution re. Reverse Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Wetland Evaluation System
Date: October 6, 2023 4:18:04 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[Motion September 7 HCA Board Meeting FINAL.pdf](#)
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[image003.png](#)
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Hi Leena, this email and attached motion should be placed on the board agenda under correspondence. Thanks

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Merci!

From: General Mailbox <mail@cloca.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Chris Darling <cdarling@cloca.com>
Subject: Fwd: HCA Board Resolution re. Reverse Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and

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HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MOTION

Board of Directors: September 7, 2023

MOVED BY: Brian McHattie

SECONDED BY:

Whereas over the past several years the Provincial Government has amended the Conservation Authorities Act to reduce the effectiveness of Conservation Authorities in protecting natural heritage (i.e., Bill 23, and;

Whereas, the Provincially Significant Wetland Evaluation System has also been changed leading Conservation Ontario to estimate that over 80% of the wetlands that currently receive protection will lose this status, and;

Whereas, legislative changes implemented January 1, 2023 to Conservation Authority roles related to Natural Heritage and review under prescribed Acts as well changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, as well as remaining legislative changes regarding Conservation authority development regulations that have not yet come into effect, if implemented, would have serious unintended consequences, and;

Whereas recent reports by the Provincial Auditor-General and the Integrity Commissioner have raised serious concerns on the bias and lack of transparency and fairness in the Greenbelt removals, drawing conclusions that the changes unfairly benefitted private landowners, and;

Whereas, the role of Conservation Authorities in protecting natural heritage and mitigating/ adapting for climate change has never been more important in light of the 6th Mass Extinction in biodiversity and the increasing possibility that Canada and the world will not meet the Paris Accord greenhouse gas target limiting temperature rise to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius, and;

Whereas the Hamilton Conservation Authority's ability to provide comments on natural heritage to the City of Hamilton is critical and must be restored.

Therefore:

That the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors respectfully request that:

- a) the Province of Ontario reverse recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Provincially Significant Wetland Evaluation System that adversely affect natural heritage protection, and;

- b) the Province of Ontario's Auditor General undertake an investigation into the processes that were followed to make the above policy decisions, and whether this decision-making structure and its outcomes provide Ontarians with value for money, and;
- c) That the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board requests that City of Hamilton Council provide similar direction to the Province of Ontario and;
- d) That a copy of this Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Director's motion be shared with local Members of Provincial Parliament, Conservation Ontario and all conservation authorities in Ontario.

DATE: October 17, 2023
FILE: RPRG3974
S.R.: 5845-23
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 – September 1 to 30, 2023**

APPROVED BY C.A.O. 

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 #5845-23 be received for information.

Attach.

PERMITS TO BE RATIFIED, FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 30 2023

Row	Municipality	Owner Applicant	Street Lot Con	Permit No	Description
1	CLARINGTON	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	2007 NASH ROAD / LOT 23 / CON 02	C23-171-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSED GAS SERVICING TO BE INSTALLED TO DWELLING
2	CLARINGTON	PROPERTY OWNER	75 CEDAR CREST BEACH ROAD / LOT 13 / CON BFC	C23-179-RH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: REFURBISHING EXISTING DECKS
3	CLARINGTON	OSPREY HOMES AND DEVELOPMENT / PROPERTY OWNER	44 LAWSON ROAD / LOT 35 / CON 03	C23-180-GBW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY DETACHED DWELLING
4	CLARINGTON	2289138 ONTARIO LP	1588 CONCESSION ROAD 9 / LOT 32 / CON 09	C23-182-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PLACEMENT OF 500 CUBIC METRES OF TOPSOIL FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSES
5	OSHAWA	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	BRITANNIA AVENUE EAST / LOT 08 / CON 05	O23-181-GB	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF A GAS MAIN
6	OSHAWA	CITY OF OSHAWA / ART ENGINEERING INC.	HILLCROFT STREET / LOT 07 / CON 02	O23-170-GBFHA - AMENDMENT TO (O21-259-GBFHA)	AMENDED (O21-259-GBFHA) - DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT LOCATED UNDER HILLCROFT STREET AT CENTRAL PARK BOULEVARD NORTH
7	OSHAWA	BROCCOLINI THORNTON LP	1680 THORNTON ROAD / LOT 17 / CON 04	O23-183-GBW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED PARKING
8	OSHAWA	DURHAM REGION / VIANET INC.	RAGLAN ROAD EAST & WEST / LOT / CON	O23-173-H	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS BY DIRECTIONAL BORE
9	OSHAWA	PROPERTY OWNER	614 ROSELAWN AVENUE / LOT 17 / CON 05	O23-165-GBW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: CONSTRUCTION OF A 1-STOREY BUNGALOW
10	OSHAWA	GRAYWOOD DEVELOPMENT LP (BRANCH SO DEVELOPMENT) / GHD	WEST OF PARK ROAD SOUTH AND SOUTH OF RENAISSANCE DRIVE / LOT 13 / CON BFC	O23-178-GHWL	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: SITE ALTERATION AND GRADING FOR THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL DRAFT APPROVED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION & SHORELINE OUTFALL WORKS
11	OSHAWA	THE CITY OF OSHAWA / STRONG BROS. GENERAL CONTRACTING	1725 GRANDVIEW STREET NORTH / LOT 02 / CON 04	O23-164-G	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POND CLEANOUT
12	OSHAWA	BROCCOLINI THORNTON LP	1680 THORNTON ROAD / LOT 17 / CON 04	O23-184-GBW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: SITE ALTERATION AND GRADING AND SERVICING
13	SCUGOG	ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS / TUNDRAS FS	SCUGOG LINE 2 / LOT 07 & 10 / CON 01	S23-166-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS TO ALLOW FOR FIBRE OPTIC CABLES (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)
14	UXBRIDGE	DURHAM REGION / VIANET INC.	LAKERIDGE ROAD (HOUSTON TO CHALK LAKE ROAD) / LOT / CON	U23-172- FHW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: INSTALL OF CONDUITS BY DIRECTIONAL BORE
15	WHITBY	BROOKFIELD HOMES (ONTARIO) WHITBY LTD. / SCS CONSULTING GROUP	1900 BROCK STREET SOUTH / LOT 26 & 27 / CON BROKEN FRONT	W23-175-GRFHAW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF A VEHICULAR BRIDGE OVER PRINGLE CREEK, RECONSTRUCTION AND URBANIZATION OF BROCK STREET SOUTH & WATER STREET AND ASSOCIATED PRINGLE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS
16	WHITBY	METROLINX / AVC	SW CORNER OF THICKSON ROAD SOUTH & VICTORIA STREET EAST / LOT 21 / CON BFC	W23-167-HF	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RE: CULVERT REPAIR/REINFORCING
17	WHITBY	ENBRIDGE GAS INC.	1 PRINCESS STREET / LOT 24 / CON 06	W23-174-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSED GAS SERVICE
18	WHITBY	PROPERTY OWNER	92 ABBYVIEW DRIVE / LOT 32 / CON 03	W23-168-GBH	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN IN-GROUND POOL
19	WHITBY	TOWN OF WHITBY / STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	DES NEWMAN BOULEVARD / LOT 33 & 34 / CON 03	W23-169-FGHW	AMENDMENT - DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH FILL PLACEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH EMBANKMENT FOR FUTURE DES NEWMAN BOULEVARD GRADE SEPERATION OVER EXISTING CP RAIL TRACK
20	WHITBY	REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM / SCS CONSULTING GROUP	1900 BROCK STREET SOUTH / LOT 26 & 27 / CON BROKEN FRONT	W23-176-GRFHAW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF A VEHICULAR BRIDGE OVER PRINGLE CREEK, RECONSTRUCTION AND URBANIZATION OF BROCK STREET SOUTH & WATER STREET AND ASSOCIATED PRINGLE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS
21	WHITBY	TOWN OF WHITBY / SCS CONSULTING GROUP	1900 BROCK STREET SOUTH / LOT 26 & 27 / CON BROKEN FRONT	W23-177-GRFHAW	DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH REPLACEMENT OF A VEHICULAR BRIDGE OVER PRINGLE CREEK, RECONSTRUCTION AND URBANIZATION OF BROCK STREET SOUTH & WATER STREET AND ASSOCIATED PRINGLE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS AND WETLAND COMPENSATION

DATE: October 17, 2023
FILE: APRA1
S.R.: 5847-23
TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
FROM: Chris Jones, Director, Planning & Regulation
SUBJECT: **Retirement of Mr. John Hetherington and Appointment of Jeremie Tisdale as an Enforcement Officer**

APPROVED BY C.A.O. 

After a 16-year long career with CLOCA and a 40-year career in conservation, Mr. John Hetherington, our Regulations and Enforcement Officer in the Planning and Regulation Department, is retiring. Throughout his 16 years of employment with the Authority, John has been involved in permits, compliance, and all manner of development activity throughout the CLOCA watershed.

John's successor, in part, is Mr. Jeremie Tisdale. An Oshawa resident, Mr. Tisdale joins CLOCA following his graduation from Fleming College with Diplomas in Conservation & Environmental Law Enforcement and Fish & Wildlife Technician. His career to date includes experience with Ontario Parks, landscape construction and project management. He is the 2023 recipient of the Pat Hogan Award in Conservation and Environmental Law Enforcement from Fleming College and the Ontario Conservation Officers Association.

Jeremie will be undertaking regulation, compliance and enforcement duties throughout the CLOCA watershed including the issuance of permits under Ontario Regulation 42/06. Accordingly, it is recommended that he be appointed as an Enforcement Officer under the Conservation Authorities Act for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Mr. John Hetherington be thanked and congratulated for his 16-years of dedicated service to the conservation of the CLOCA watershed and the health and safety of watershed residents;

THAT Mr. Jeremie Tisdale be appointed as an Enforcement Officer under the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 42/06.

DATE: October 17, 2023
FILE: LALP1
S.R.: 5846-23
TO: Chair and Members, CLOCA Board of Directors
FROM: Jamie Davidson, Director, Watershed Planning and Natural Heritage
SUBJECT: **Update Regarding CLOCA Strategies and Inventory Required By the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation under the Conservation Authorities Act**

APPROVED BY C.A.O. 

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board that CLOCA staff are working on the Strategies and Inventory that is now required of all conservation authorities by Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services under the Conservation Authorities Act. As prescribed in the regulation, all applicable Strategies and Plans are required to be completed by December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Ontario Regulation 686/21, the Mandatory Programs and Services regulation requires all conservation authorities to have complete by December 31, 2024 the following where applicable:

- Flood and Erosion Infrastructure Operational Plan (not applicable to CLOCA)
- Flood and Erosion Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (not applicable to CLOCA)
- Ice Management Plan (not applicable to CLOCA)
- Land Inventory
- Conservation Area Strategy
- Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy

CLOCA does not own or operate any flood and erosion infrastructure, nor does it manage ice in the jurisdiction, so the first three plans identified above do not need to be developed by CLOCA. The regulation sets out the required information that must be contained in the latter three documents as follows (the following is a paraphrasing of the content of the regulation and omits some detail for the purposes of this report):

Land Inventory

The regulation requires that the Land Inventory include the following information for every parcel of land the authority owns or controls:

- The location of the parcel;
- The identification of any information the authority has in its possession in respect of the parcel, including any surveys, site plans or other maps;
- When the authority acquired the parcel;
- Whether the parcel was acquired using a grant made under section 39 of the Act;
- Whether the parcel was acquired through an expropriation;
- Whether the authority owns the parcel or has a registered legal interest in the parcel, including an easement;
- Identification of the land use categories that apply to the parcel;

- Identification of whether a recreational activity is provided on the parcel that requires the direct support or supervision of staff employed by the authority or by another person or body;
- Whether or not the parcel or a portion of the parcel is suitable for the purposes of housing and housing infrastructure development, including identifying:
 - Any applicable zoning by-law passed under section 34 or 38 of the Planning Act or any predecessor of them;
 - If the parcel or a portion of the parcel augments any natural heritage located within the authority's area of jurisdiction; and
 - If the parcel or a portion of the parcel integrates with other provincially or municipally owned lands or other publicly accessible lands and trails within the authority's area of jurisdiction.

The regulation also requires that the Land Inventory include a process for the periodic review and updating of the inventory.

Conservation Area Strategy

The regulation states that the Conservation Area Strategy must contain the following:

- Objectives established by the authority that will inform the authority's decision making related to the lands it owns and controls, including decisions related to policies governing the acquisition and disposition of such lands.
- Identification of the mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services that are provided on land owned and controlled by the authority, including the sources of financing for these programs and services.
- Where the authority considers it advisable to achieve the objectives, an assessment of how the lands owned and controlled by the authority may,
 - Augment any natural heritage located within the authority's area of jurisdiction; and
 - Integrate with other provincially or municipally owned lands or other publicly accessible lands and trails within the authority's area of jurisdiction.
- The establishment of land use categories for the purpose of classifying lands in the CLOCA's land inventory based on the types of activities on each parcel of land or other matters of significance related to the parcel.
- A process for the periodic review and updating of the conservation area strategy by the authority, including procedures to ensure stakeholders and the public are consulted during the review and update process. The regulation also stipulates that the conservation authority shall ensure stakeholders and the public are consulted during the preparation of the conservation area strategy and that the strategy be made publicly available.

Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy

The Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy must include the following components:

- Guiding principles and objectives that inform the design and delivery of the programs and services that the authority is required to provide under section 21.1 of the Act.
- A summary of existing technical studies, monitoring programs and other information on the natural resources the authority relies on within its area of jurisdiction or in specific watersheds that directly informs and supports the delivery of programs and services under section 21.1 of the Act.
- A review of the authority's programs and services provided under section 21.1 of the Act for the purposes of,
 - Determining if the programs and services comply with the regulations made under clause 40 (1) (b) of the Act;
 - Identifying and analyzing issues and risks that limit the effectiveness of the delivery of these programs and services; and
 - Identifying actions to address the issues and mitigate the risks identified by the review and providing a cost estimate for the implementation of those actions.

The regulation also requires periodic review and updating of the watershed-based resource management strategy by the authority that includes procedures to ensure stakeholders and the public are consulted during the review and update process. The authority must also ensure stakeholders and the public are consulted during the preparation of the strategy and that the strategy be made publicly available.

DISCUSSION and PROGRESS

The majority of CLOCA's existing programs and plans fulfill or exceed the information requirements or components of the Strategies and Inventory required by the Province. Recognizing this, staff are working to ensure the strategic work of these programs and plans is consolidated and documented, leveraged, and updated where needed to match the requirements of the regulation for each of the required documents. Examples of already completed/existing components include CLOCA Strategic Plan 2021-2025, CLOCA Watershed Plans, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Watershed Flood-Risk Assessment, Master Drainage plans, CLOCA's landholding database, CLOCA Land Acquisition Strategy, and extensive background work to support the previously initiated CLOCA Conservation Areas Master Plan, all of which were consulted on by a wide range of stakeholders at the time of their development.

Consultation and Engagement

CLOCA staff are still determining where additional consultation and engagement may be required on certain components of the two strategies. Where appropriate, a combination of meetings with key municipal partners, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders, along with interactive online tools (webinars, StoryMaps, surveys) for public engagement may be employed.

Finalizing Strategies

It is expected that final drafts of the Strategies and Inventory will be available for review in the Fall 2024 and finalized by the end of 2024 in line with the regulated deadline. The final Strategies and Plans will be posted on the CLOCA website as required and will be made available to municipal partners and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Progress

Work on the required Strategies and Plans is underway and on track for completion by the provincially prescribed due date of December 31, 2024. Staff are investigating innovative and interactive online approaches for the final formatting of these documents. Staff will report to the Board on the status of the documents in late 2024 or as the need arises.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Staff Report #5846-23 be received:

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board on the progress and completion of the Strategies and Plans as described in this report.