

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

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- p. 1 1. Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach dated October 30, 2019, re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy.
- p. 3 2. Resolution from the Town of New Tecumseth dated October 31, 2019, re: Motion to Support Stevenson Memorial Hospital.
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- p. 7 4. Media Release from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority dated November 8, 2019, re: Rainbow Trout Habitat Restoration Project Improves Water Quality and Restores Local Recreational Trails.
- p. 11 5. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
- p. 13 a) November 6, 2019 – Province Releases Fall Economic Statement
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B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None to be presented.

C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL

None to be presented.



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October 30, 2019

Hon Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

Re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Nottawasaga Valley Conservation
Authority Levy

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 29, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of Springwater, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;
Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

Administration: (705) 429-3844
Fax: 429-6732
Planning: 429-3847

Building: 429-1120
By-Law: 429-2511
Parks & Rec: 429-3321

Arena: 429-0412
Public Works: 429-2540
Fire Department: 429-5281

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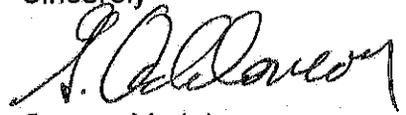
- (1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;
- (2) The costs of each as determined under (1);
- (3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and services(s);
- (4) The costs of each as determined under (3);
- (5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and
- (6) The Costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario."

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cao@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely



George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure.

- c. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservations, and Parks
County of Simcoe
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Ontario Conservation Authorities
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October 31, 2019

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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: MOTION TO SUPPORT STEVENSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Please be advised that Council passed the following resolution at its meeting of October 23, 2019:

WHEREAS the Stevenson Memorial Hospital is a vibrant, fully accredited hospital located in the Town of New Tecumseth serving South Simcoe providing essential health care services to the residents of the communities and ensuring that they can access safe, quality care where and when they need it;

AND WHEREAS the hospital was designed and built in 1964 and the Emergency Department was designed to meet the needs of 7,000 visitors and currently serves approximately 40,000 visitors a year;

AND WHEREAS Stevenson Memorial Hospital commenced a redevelopment project which includes a revitalized Emergency Department, doubling the square footage of the hospital and tripling the amount of parking space together with internal improvements to outpatient rooms, birthing suites and laboratory space;

AND WHEREAS the planned improvements and upgrades are necessary as the communities that Stevenson Memorial Hospital serves are projected to grow from 73,000 to over 100,000 by 2031;

AND WHEREAS on October 1, 2019, Stevenson Memorial Hospital launched a \$43 million dollar "Because of You" campaign to support the redevelopment project, Health Information System and annual equipment needs;

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AND WHEREAS the Town of New Tecumseth is committed to ensuring their residents receive the most up-to-date health care, support and treatment available;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of New Tecumseth consider a contribution to the Hospital during the 2020 budget deliberations;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities within the catchment area of Stevenson Memorial Hospital also be encouraged to support the hospital to ensure continued improved health, support and treatment for their residents.

Yours truly,



Barbara Kane
Deputy Clerk



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November 7, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following motion at their regular meeting held October 28, 2019, unanimously by a recorded vote:

WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has consistently expressed its view that its watershed conservation authorities are duplicative, financially unaccountable, in conflict with citizens and private property rights;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has encountered the regulatory obstacles to challenge the arbitrary, inefficient, non-transparent, and unsustainable municipal levy forced upon it annually by its watershed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA questions the efficacy and relevance of its watershed conservation authorities' programs and services and their performance in achieving the goals of conservation and environmental stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA finds the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations inconsistent and obsolete;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks the Honourable Jeff Yurek signaled the province's intent to reconsider and update the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA support the province's determination that the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations require review;

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AND THAT the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks of its willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same;

AND THAT further the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal its express desire that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to exist costly and unwarranted conservation authority(ies) jurisdiction(s);

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory however if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Connor, CMO
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

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c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
Conservation Ontario
Ontario Conservation Authorities
Ontario Municipalities



Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rainbow trout habitat restoration project improves water quality and restores local recreational trails

UTOPIA, Ontario (November 8, 2019) – In less than 6 months after the completion of the Beeton Creek Coldwater Trout Stream Restoration Project, rainbow trout have come back to spawn in Coventry Park in Tottenham.

The restoration project was completed in two phases. The first phase was completed in the summer of 2018 by volunteers who removed 5 woody debris jams on Beeton Creek in Coventry Park. The second phase was completed in the fall of 2018 at a failed ice dam structure located 5km north of Tottenham where heavy machinery was used to remove three small culverts that were plugged with woody debris and sediment. A new large culvert was installed at this location in order to serve as a "fishway".

Both projects removed barriers to fish migration and drained stagnant head ponds which stored sediment and nutrients. It also allowed water to flow faster and exposed gravel spawning beds, perfect for rainbow trout reproduction. Water quality is expected to have improved and summer water temperatures to have decreased. The decrease in water level also served to re-establish several hundred meters of municipal recreational trail in Coventry Park which had previously been flooded.

"We were amazed at how fast the rainbow trout returned to this section of the Beeton Creek, said Fred Dobbs, Manager of Stewardship Services at the NVCA. "We went back to the sites to do fish sampling this past summer, and found several two-month old wild rainbow trout. This meant that adult trout had been able to access the creek and spawn successfully this past spring."

This project was completed by the NVCA, working in partnership with the South Simcoe Streams Network, Nottawasaga Futures, the Nottawasaga Steelheaders, Town of New Tecumseth and local landowners. This work with a total value of approximately \$120,000 was made possible through generous contributions from Bruce Power, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Province of Ontario. This project is part of a larger Beeton Creek restoration program which has been ongoing since 1997.

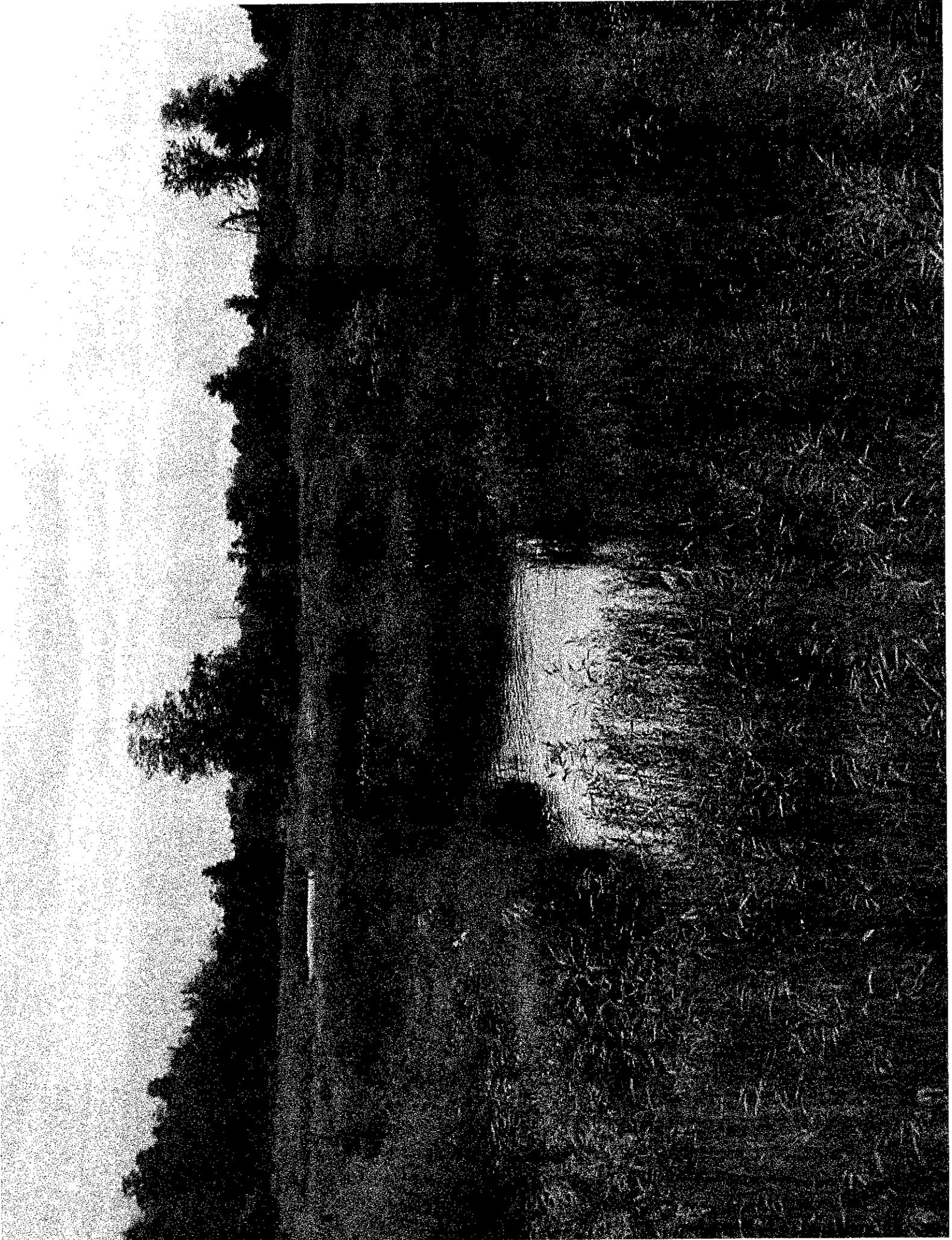
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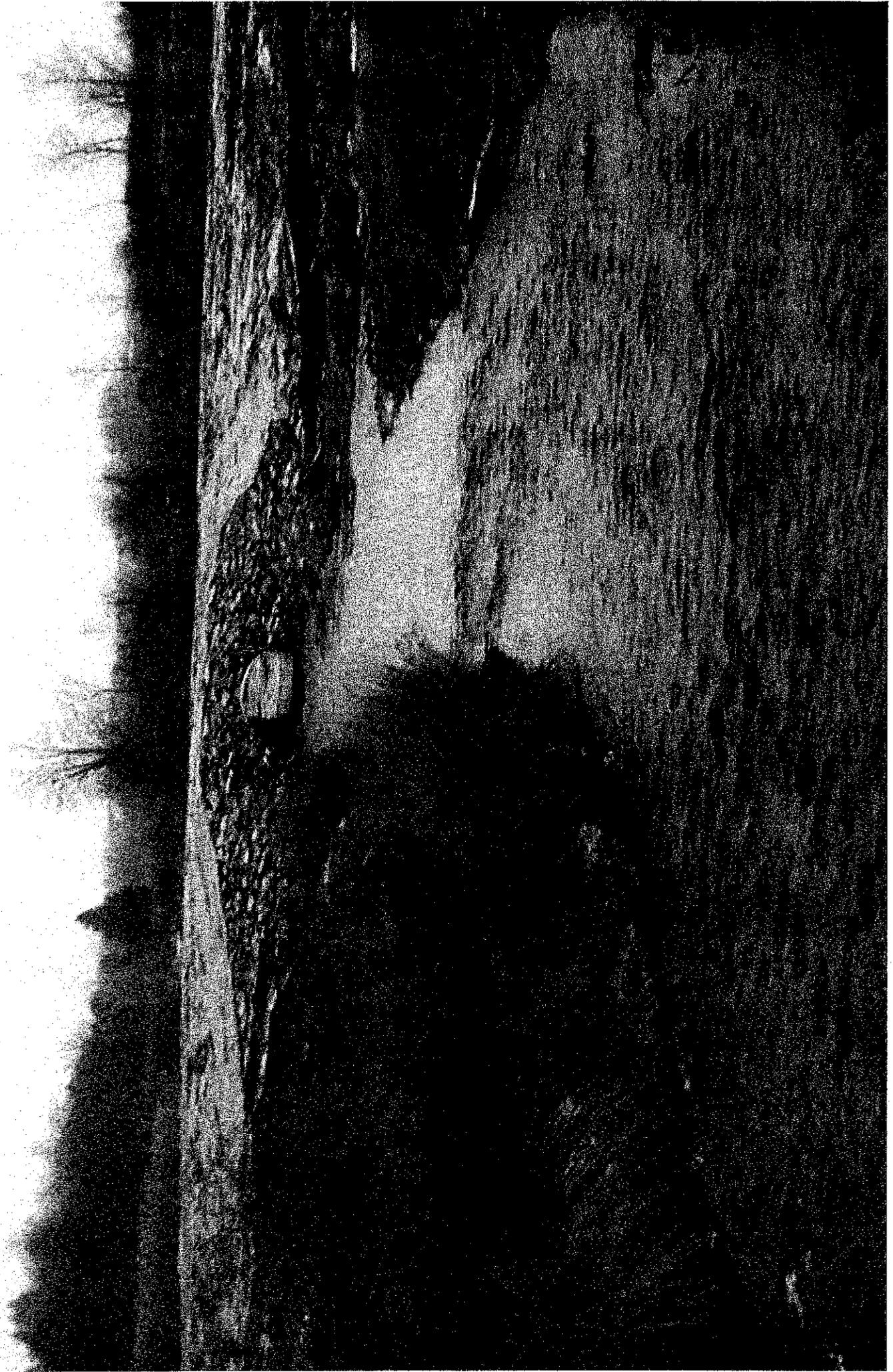
About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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From: AMO Communications [<mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca>]
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Subject: Province Releases Fall Economic Statement

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November 6, 2019

Province Releases Fall Economic Statement

The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, has released the 2019 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Highlights include the following:

- The government's deficit projection for 2019-2020 has improved by \$1.3 billion. A deficit of \$9 billion is now forecast.
- Deficits of \$6.7 billion for 2020-2021 and \$5.4 billion in 2021-2022 are projected for future years.
- Ontario's net debt is now projected to reach \$353.7 billion by the end of 2019-2020.
- The value of previously announced changes to support public health and land ambulance for 2019-2020 is quantified in the background papers as \$41 million for public health and \$26 million for land ambulance. As previously announced at the AMO Conference in August, these are valuable investments in the current year, for these two key provincial-municipal cost-share programs.
- Applications are open for the Green Infrastructure stream and the Community, Culture, and Recreation stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) as previously announced.
- At the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in January 2020, the government will convene discussions on rural economic development and regional opportunities.

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AMO will review the bill which will accompany the Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review and provide further updates as needed.

AMO Contact:

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From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: Fall Economic Statement Contains Minor Development Charge/Community Benefit Charge Changes

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November 7, 2019

Fall Economic Statement Contains Minor Development Charge/Community Benefit Charge Changes

Bill 138, the *Plan to Build Ontario Together Act, 2019* proposes three additional changes related to Development Charges and Community Benefit Charges. These changes are contained in Schedules 10 and 31 of the bill.

It proposes to amend the Development Charge (DC) payment schedule for commercial and industrial properties. DCs for these property types will now be payable, in full, at occupancy. Bill 108 had made DCs payable through six installments over a five-year period starting at occupancy. Specific to these property types, this move partially restores the previous practice.

The bill also proposes to preserve the alternate parkland provision (of 1 hectare for every 300 dwelling units) during the transition period. The above two changes represent modest improvements for municipalities.

If passed, municipal Community Benefit Charge calculations would become appealable through the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). This represents an additional administrative step for municipalities.

AMO remains concerned that Development Charge and Community Benefit Charge revenue will be inadequate to support growth without additional support from existing property taxpayers. As AMO has noted in its Bill 108 submission, the methodology for

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calculating the Community Benefit Charge is of vital importance to the successful financing of local growth-related infrastructure.

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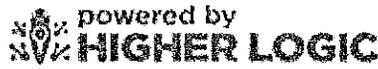
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November 12, 2019

Dear Municipal Administrator,

Further to the November 1, 2019 letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am writing to provide additional information about Ontario's new Municipal Modernization Program and advise that Intake 1 under the program is now open.

Under the Municipal Modernization Program, the province is making up to \$125 million available through 2022-23 to help 405 small and rural municipalities conduct new service delivery reviews, implement recommendations from previous reviews and undertake a range of projects, such as IT solutions or process improvements, to achieve cost savings and efficiencies.

Program guidelines and an Expression of Interest form for Intake 1 of the program are attached. Eligible projects under Intake 1 are reviews of municipal service delivery expenditures by independent third-party reviewers that will be completed by June 30, 2020. I encourage you to consider how your municipality might benefit from participation in Intake 1 of the Municipal Modernization Program and submit an Expression of Interest by December 6, 2019. Please see the attached guidelines for details about the program and how to apply.

Under future intakes of the program, municipalities will have the opportunity to apply for projects aimed at implementing service delivery efficiencies to achieve cost savings, in addition to service delivery reviews. Intake 2 under the program is planned for Spring/Summer 2020, with additional intakes expected through 2022-23. Participation in Intake 1 is not a requirement for participation in future intakes.

I look forward to continuing to work together to support your municipality in delivering efficient, effective and modern services for your residents. If you have questions about the program, I encourage you to reach out to your Municipal Services Office contact or email the ministry at Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marcia Wallace

Marcia Wallace
Assistant Deputy Minister

c. Municipal Treasurer



Municipal Modernization Program

Intake 1 Program Guidelines

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ontario is helping municipalities become more efficient and modernize service delivery while protecting front line jobs.

The 405 small and rural municipalities that received a *Municipal Modernization Payment* in March 2019 can now apply to the *Municipal Modernization Program* for funding to undertake expenditure reviews with the goal of finding service delivery efficiencies and lowering costs in the longer term.

Eligible municipalities can apply individually, or collectively with other eligible municipalities, to undertake independent third-party reviews similar to the *Managing Transformation: A Modernization Action Plan for Ontario* review of Ontario government expenditures.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible under Intake 1, a project must:

1. Be a review of municipal service delivery expenditures by an independent third-party reviewer for the purpose of finding savings and efficiencies. The review project could take a number of forms including:
 - a line-by-line review of the municipality's entire budget; or
 - a review of service delivery and modernization opportunities; or
 - a review of administrative processes to reduce costs.
2. Result in a report by the independent third-party reviewer that provides specific and actionable recommendations for cost savings and improved efficiencies.
3. Begin field work no earlier than November 1, 2019, with a draft report completed by June 15, 2020 and the final report posted publicly by June 30, 2020.

It is anticipated that most review projects will be between \$20,000 and \$200,000. Proposals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and funding amounts may depend on the available appropriation. Only third-party service provider fees will be eligible. Municipal administrative costs, such as staff time, are not eligible.

The program will not cover review projects where:

- the goal is to identify opportunities for revenue generation or reductions in front line services; or
- the review does not result in a formal report prepared by a third party; or
- the object of the review extends beyond municipal accountability.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Advise your Municipal Services Office contact of your intention to apply by **November 22, 2019**.
2. Submit your completed Municipal Modernization Program: Expression of Interest form and applicable supporting documentation to Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca by **December 6, 2019**.

HOW IT WORKS

The ministry will advise municipalities of the outcomes of their applications by mid-January. If your application is approved, a proposed transfer payment agreement with the ministry will be sent to confirm the funding amount and set out the terms, including reporting requirements and a payment schedule. Municipalities will receive an initial payment following full execution of a transfer payment agreement and a final payment after submission of a final report.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

November 22, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise your Municipal Services Office of your municipality's intention to apply.
December 6, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your Expression of Interest and any supporting documentation to Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca.
January-February, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn whether your application is approved. If it is approved, enter into a transfer payment agreement for project funding, and receive an initial payment once the agreement is executed.
June 15, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your third-party reviewer's draft report to the ministry.
June 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post the third-party reviewer's final report online and submit your final report to the ministry. The final report will include: a hyperlink to the publicly posted third-party reviewer's report; the amount paid to the third-party reviewer and a copy of the invoice; a statement of the total amount of expenditures reviewed and the total amount identified as potential savings; and a 250-word abstract of the project and its findings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Municipalities can direct program questions to Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca or contact their regional Municipal Services Office for further information.

Central Region – Toronto
 Tel: 416-585-6226 or
 1-800-668-0230

Eastern Region – Kingston
 Tel: 613-545-2100 or
 1-800-267-9438

Northern Region – Thunder Bay
 Tel: 807-475-1651 or
 1-800-465-5027

Western Region – London
 Tel: 519-873-4020 or
 1-800-265-4736

Northern Region - Sudbury
 Tel: 705-564-0120 or
 1-800-461-1193



Municipal Modernization Program Intake 1: Expression of Interest

- 1) Please complete all the required fields of this Expression of Interest.
- 2) Ensure that the completed Expression of Interest has been declared to by the appropriate municipal staff.
- 3) Please save this Expression of Interest form and e-mail it to Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca by **December 6, 2019**. Attach any applicable supporting documentation as separate documents.

Key Information

Title of Proposed Service Delivery Review Project	
Legal Name of Municipality	
Mailing Address	
Name of Primary Contact	Position Title
Email Address	Telephone Number

Declaration

I declare that all the information that is being submitted in this Expression of Interest is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

I declare that I have the authority to submit this Expression of Interest.

I acknowledge that it is a program requirement that the proposed third-party review project result report be publicly posted by June 30, 2020.

I acknowledge that it is a program requirement that field work covered by this Expression of Interest must not have begun before November 1, 2019.

I confirm that identifying opportunities for revenue generation or reductions in front line services is not the goal of the proposed review project.

Name of Signatory (TYPE)	Position Title (TYPE)	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
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Proposed Service Delivery Review Project

Provide a brief description of your proposed third-party review project, including the objectives and expected outcomes related to service delivery efficiencies and cost savings. If applicable, attach supporting documentation such as a request for proposals or a project charter.

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Proposed Service Delivery Review Project

What is the anticipated cost of your proposed third-party review project? **Note:** only the cost of a third-party service provider may be included. Briefly describe the basis for your cost estimate. If applicable, attach supporting documentation such as a contract or vendor of record agreement.

What are the anticipated start date and end date for the third-party review?

Has your council passed a resolution demonstrating support for the proposed third-party review project?

Yes (If yes, please attach a copy.)

No

Deputy Minister, Small Business
and Red Tape Reduction
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November 13, 2019

Re: Job Site Challenge

The Province of Ontario is pleased to announce the launch of the Job Site Challenge — an exciting new program open to property owners and land developers across the province.

The Job Site Challenge is a *mega site program* modelled on successful large-scale investment attraction opportunities created in a number of US states over the last decade. It is designed to create and showcase shovel-ready sites capable of attracting large-scale manufacturing investment. The government of Ontario will provide value-add services to increase the attractiveness of properties and market the sites to domestic and international investors.

This is an opportunity for municipalities, economic development agencies, real estate developers, industrial property owners and other interested parties to submit proposals to the Province identifying mega site candidates for consideration. With the assistance of an internationally recognized site selector, sites will be evaluated and selected, based on how well they meet a set of site eligibility criteria.

We are searching for sites ranging from 500 to 1,500 acres in size capable of supporting large-scale manufacturing operations. Specifically, sites that are or could be zoned for heavy industrial use and that are serviced or serviceable by utilities, transportation and other infrastructure.

Program participants of selected sites will benefit from:

- Validation and endorsement of their site by an internationally recognized site selector
- Promotion and marketing by both the Province and the site selector to international and domestic investors
- Streamlined approvals review process for applicable provincial licences, permits and environmental approvals required to develop and service a site.

As the first of its kind in Canada, the Job Site Challenge is intended to raise Ontario's profile and improve our attractiveness internationally — so that we can compete with other North American jurisdictions for coveted large-scale investments in automotive and other advanced manufacturing and create good, high-paying jobs for the people of Ontario.

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To participate, applicants are asked to submit a detailed proposal for consideration by March 31, 2020. We are asking participants to put forward their "best case" with sites that meet the specified criteria.

All necessary information about the Job Site Challenge, including site eligibility criteria, is available in the program application guide which can be requested by email at burdenreductionteam@ontario.ca.

Should you have any questions about the program or how to apply, please contact the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade — Small Business and Red Tape Reduction at the email noted above. You can also visit the [Job Site Challenge website](#) for additional information.

Thank you for your interest in the Job Site Challenge. We look forward to working with interested program participants.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giles Gherson", written over a horizontal line.

Giles Gherson
Deputy Minister

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Community information session.

Please join us for an open house to learn about TC Energy's proposed Pumped Storage Project. Come out and enjoy some refreshments and a conversation about the project. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

5:30 p.m. Doors open

6 – 6:30 p.m. Presentation

6:30 – 9 p.m. Drop-in style open house

**Meaford and St. Vincent Community Centre – Auditorium
(151 Collingwood Street, Meaford)**

At 6 p.m., TC Energy will provide an overview presentation of its proposed project. Following the presentation, TC Energy representatives will be available to provide information on the project, answer your questions and listen to your feedback.



About the proposed project

TC Energy is in the early stages of determining if a Pumped Storage Project can be developed on the Canadian Army's 4th Canadian Division Training Centre, in the Municipality of Meaford. The project would provide 1,000 MW of flexible, clean energy to Ontario's electricity system using a technology known as pumped storage. It would be designed to store electricity when it is available in excess of our needs – typically electricity that would otherwise be wasted or exported at a loss. That stored energy would then provide emission-free electricity back to Ontarians when they need it most. There are numerous levels of assessment and approvals required before this concept could become a reality. **There will be many opportunities to provide feedback and input, including additional open houses being planned for the new year.**

If you are not able to attend the open house or if you have any questions or comments, please contact TC Energy at:
energy_storage@tcenergy.com
1-844-551-0055

More information about the project is available at:
TCEnergy.com/pumpedstorage

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