



# Board of Directors Annual Meeting

March 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunbridge Hotel and Conference Centre  
1498 Venetian Boulevard, Point Edward, Sarnia N7T 7W6  
and Remote via Zoom

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A link to the 2022 Annual Report will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

**For the purpose of lunch arrangements and quorum, please RSVP if you are unable to attend in person or via Zoom\*.**

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Warwick Community Centre – 7074 Egremont Rd, Watford

**Directors Present:** Diane Brewer, Vice Chair Pat Brown, Terry Burrell, Joe Faas, Greg Grimes, Brad Loosley, Kevin Marriott, Steve Miller, Frank Nemcek, Chair Mike Stark, Jerry Westgate, Tim Wilkins

**Directors Present (Remote):** Al Broad, John Brennan, Frank Kennes, Aaron Hall, Emery Huszka, Lorie Scott

**Regrets:** Bill Dennis, Debbie Heffernan, Betty Ann MacKinnon

**Staff Present:** Donna Blue, Manager of Communications; Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Resources; Nicole Drumm, Special Projects Technician; Chris Durand, Manager of IT/GIS (remote); Emily Febrey, Stewardship Communications Technician; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant/ Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunning Li, Director of Corporate Services; Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry; Ken Phillips, General Manager; Shane White, Maintenance Foreman, McKeough Dam; Greg Wilcox, Manager of Conservation Areas

**Guests Present:** Phil De Moor, Mark Hay, Kristen Rodriguez (remote)

The Chair welcomed Directors, staff and guests to the meeting and requested that each Director declare a conflict of interest at the appropriate time, on any item within this agenda in that a Director may have pecuniary interest. The Chair gave his congratulations to Kevin Marriott on his re-election as Warden of Lambton County and wishes him the best of luck. Congratulations is also expressed to all of the Lambton County representatives, sworn in on December 7, 2022. The Chair also wished to recognize and give his appreciation for the efforts of SCRCA staff this year.

**BD-22-117****Burrell – Wilkins**

**“That the Board of Directors adopts the agenda for the meeting as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held November 10, 2022 were reviewed.



**BD-22-118**

**Grimes – Westgate**

**“That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held November 10, 2022, be approved as distributed.”**

**CARRIED**

Manager of Forestry Tim Payne presented an overview of the Forestry department.

**Additional Comments:**

Director Emery Huszka enquired whether Authority staff have arranged selective harvesting of the 677 acres of land. This question was asked in order to highlight that private landowners are encouraged to do so as an environmentally responsible, best management practice. Manager of Forestry, Tim Payne explained that SCRCA has not done any harvesting since the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer, at which time an aggressive ash salvage was completed. Since this time, SCRCA has been monitoring the health and rehabilitation of its forests. Harvesting is not currently scheduled to occur, however staff are considering all factors, including price of lumber.

**BD-22-119**

**Loosley – Wilkins**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the presentation from Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry, providing an overview of the Forestry department.”**

**CARRIED**

The presentation Slides reviewed on the recommendations of Climate Proof Canada on the National Adaptation Strategy (NAS), as delivered by Craig Stewart (Vice President, National Affairs at the Insurance Bureau of Canada) and Blair Feltmate (Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo).

**Additional Comments:** It is requested that the presentation slides be shared with municipalities, who are encouraged to consider the flood-reducing strategies contained within and share with their respective ratepayers.

**BD-22-120**

**Miller – Loosley**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the presentation on the recommendations of Climate Proof Canada on the National Adaptation Strategy (NAS), as delivered by Craig Stewart (Vice President, National Affairs at the Insurance Bureau of Canada) and Blair Feltmate (Head, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo) and further that a copy of the presentation slides be forwarded to all member municipalities.”**

**CARRIED**

General Manager, Ken Phillips provided a presentation on the progression of Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster*.

**Additional Comments:**

Director of Water Resources, Girish Sankar provided a brief update on the floodplain mapping project. Contractor Riggs Engineering is expected to produce a draft version of the watershed mapping by the end of 2022. While an overall reduction in floodplain area is resulting, some areas such as those surrounding bridges, demonstrate a pooling effect and possibly larger reach of the floodplain area.

Letters endorsed by the Authority Chair, Vice-Chair and agreeable member municipal mayors have been sent to Provincial Government, carbon copying relevant Ministers and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) outlining our concern with Bill 23 have been sent and member municipalities have also been encouraged to draft their own responses. It was noted by Chair Mike Stark that not all of our member municipal leaders are in unity regarding the Authority’s response.

Director Joe Faas made a suggestion to draft correspondence to our local MPPs to express the Authority’s dissatisfaction with Bill 23 and to request a meeting to discuss the matter further.

Director and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry agricultural representative Emery Huszka requests a concise, point form document focussing on the Authority’s top 3 concerns, including constructive criticism and alternative solutions that can be relayed to local MPPs in correspondence or face to face discussion.

**BD-22-121**

**Faas – Grimes**

**“That the Board of Directors directs the drafting of correspondence to the relevant Members of Provincial Parliament with respect to the Authority’s alarm regarding the progression of Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster*, including a request for a meeting to further discuss such concerns.”**

**CARRIED**

**Operations**

- General Manager and the Director of Planning and Regulations attended a session on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, hosted by Conservation Ontario, focusing on streamlining service delivery standards. A number of initiatives were discussed and SCRCA staff will be coordinating an information session with municipal staff, in partnership with Lambton County staff, in early 2023.
- The 2023-2028 Strategic Plan commenting period ended on November 22. All official comments have been catalogued and the final plan will be sent to the Board of Directors for approval. There were no major edits required based on comments received.

- Staff are currently undergoing performance reviews and the review system is being examined to in order provide a better model for future years.

### **Community/Partnership Outreach**

- The General Manager attended a meeting with the new senior staff of the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment, & Sustainability (BASES) on November 22. The General Manager provided a brief presentation of the BASES/SCRCA relationship since 1996.
- The General Manager had a number of interviews with local media outlets (print, radio and TV) regarding Bill 23. The messaging centered around the risks the proposed legislation has for Conservation Authorities and their municipal partners.
- The General Manager attended the Lambton County Warden's Banquet on November 19. He had the opportunity to meet a number of local politicians, the new County CAO and a number of County staff.

### **Federal/Provincial/Municipal Meetings**

- The General Manager has attended a Conservation Ontario Meeting on November 15 to discuss the challenges and receive for information on Bill 23. A special session of Conservation Ontario will take place on November 28. It is anticipated that the legislation will be passed either December 8 or 9. As of the writing of this report, Bill 23 had passed third reading with no changes. A verbal update on the legislation will be provided at the Board of Directors meeting.
- The General Manager attended meetings co-ordinated by Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA) with the Mayors of Southwest Middlesex and Chatham-Kent to provide information on the potential impacts to our watershed municipalities. He will be meeting with staff from Sarnia and Lambton County in the coming week.
- The General Manager has presentations scheduled with 6 member municipalities in early 2023 to provide an overview of the SCRCA. 1 other is pending a finalized date.

### **BD-22-122**

#### **Burrell – Kennes**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the General Manager’s report, dated November 24, 2022, as well as the verbal report on the changes to the Conservation Act.”**

**CARRIED**

A summary of proposed changes to the SCRCA Administration Manual was reviewed.

**BD-22-123**

**Burrell – Westgate**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the draft SCRCA Administration Manual and summary of proposed changes and further approves the adoption of all updates recommended within the report.”**

**CARRIED**

A summary of proposed changes to the SCRCA Administrative By-Laws were reviewed.

**Additional Comments:**

Director Terry Burrell raised concern with item 6.3, the appendix for the procedure for election of officers. It is requested that the procedure be amended in order for nominated individuals to express their willingness to stand before the closing of nominations.

**BD-22-124**

**Marriott – Nemcek**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges receipt of the draft SCRCA Administrative By-Laws and summary of proposed changes and further approves the adoption of all updates recommended within the report.”**

**CARRIED**

The revised list of the rotation of annual general meeting locations was reviewed.

**BD-22-125**

**Brown – Grimes**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 2, 2022 regarding the rotation of annual general meetings and further approves the schedule of locations, as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

The current retention policy states that accounts payable and accounts receivable documents are to be retained for 7 years.

The current retention policy states that vehicle records are to be retained for 6 years.

**Documents to be destroyed:**

- 2015 accounts payables, including government remittances, OMERS remittances, group benefit remittances and property tax remittances.
- 2015 deposits, including camping deposits and invoices
- 2016 vehicle inspection sheets

**BD-22-126**

**Miller – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 21, 2022 regarding document retention and approves the destruction of the identified documents as per the SCRCA Document Retention Policy.”**

**CARRIED**

**Measures that are currently in place along with proposed recommendations to ensure public safety on and near hunting areas**

- The SCRCA hunting program requires that hunters be member in good standing with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), which comes with \$5 million excess Member’s Personal Public Liability Insurance.
- The Ontario Government requires all hunters take the Ontario Hunter Education Course which instills responsible hunting practices, to respect hunting regulations, prevent accidents and ensure public safety. The course includes in class training and a practical exam.
- The Government of Canada requires hunters to complete the Canadian Firearms Safety Course before applying for a Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) to obtain a firearm. There is an in-class instruction as well as a written and practical test where applicants need to demonstrate firearms safety practices, safe handling and carry procedures, safe storage, display, transportation, and handling of non-restricted firearms. Prior to obtaining a PAL, a federal background check is completed.
- Hunting has proven to be a safe and compatible activity in multi-use recreation areas. According to Statistics Canada, hunting is statistically safer than golf, horseback riding, bicycling, baseball, swimming, and boating.
- Hunters play an important role in reducing vehicle collisions with wildlife, managing wild game populations, and wild game monitoring through mandatory hunter reporting.
- Hunters must follow provincial and federal laws including the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Wildlife Conservation Act. Legislation is enforced by Conservation Officers. Municipal governments may pass by-laws, which they enforce, regarding the discharge of firearms as it pertains to public safety.
- Hunting, and trapping are heritage activities and are recognized as such in federal and provincial legislation. Millions of Ontarians participate in these activities, which contribute billions annually to the province’s economic, cultural, and ecological wealth, and through license sales, provide two thirds of the funding of Ontario’s fish and wildlife programs.
- Hunting provides recreational opportunity for many Ontario residents and is a popular activity due to its physical and mental challenge. Outdoor recreation activities and time in nature have been shown to improve mental health. Additionally, wild game meat is a great source of lean, free-range protein that helps offset food costs.
- Hunters and trappers play an important role in wildlife management through licenses and game seals. The money gets reinvested in habitat improvement, enforcement, science, and education in the province. Hunters also donate their own time and resources to conservation projects that help our lands and wildlife. Hunters contribute

to wildlife research by completing harvest reports and providing wildlife samples to scientists. The research is used by wildlife biologists to inform management.

- The SCRCA suspends all other hunting activities during the two controlled deer hunt seasons and require hunters to apply to hunt in the seven McKeough hunting parcel zones to limit hunting pressure. The SCRCA Controlled deer hunt zone draw application is included in this report. In the last 20 years no hunter has applied to hunt zone 3 during the shotgun hunt, and only once has a hunter been permitted to hunt zone three in those 20 years. That hunter was the only SCRCA permitted hunter to receive a controlled deer hunt tag from the MNR, that hunter did not hunt zone 3.

In addition to the above existing requirements, staff at SCRCA recommend specific improvements:

- (a) Include aerial maps of the properties on the SCRCA website showing the property boundaries.
- (b) Include a copy of the current Ontario Hunting Summary and Migratory Bird hunting summary on the SCRCA website
- (c) Install property delineation markers before the 2023- 2024 hunting season for properties with identified issues (reported trespassing, unusual property line, etc.).
- (d) Create SCRCA Hunters Code of Ethics to include with the hunting permit.
- (e) Encourage adjacent landowners to post their property to deter trespassing, call the OPP or Conservation Office if there is a safety issue, and report concerns to SCRCA staff.
- (f) Include a reminder with the hunting permit that hunting the SCRCA lands is a privilege, trespassing or unsafe and unethical hunting practices will not be tolerated and may result in the elimination of the privilege to hunt.
- (g) Continue the hunting program in its current state with no restrictions or buffers and continue to document, corroborate, and investigate any issues moving forward to determine if permitted hunters are causing issues or if the issues are non-permitted hunters trespassing to hunt.
- (h) Replace property corner signs along roadways of the upstream properties. Install access point signage (or trespass signage, whichever route we wish to go) at each property informing the public of permitted activities on that parcel and any known risks (similar to the examples below)

## **2. The Implications to the overall SCRCA hunting program if the property in question were to be eliminated as a permitted hunting property**

- The SCRCA hunting program generated \$8260.00 in funds for the SCRCA upstream lands in the 2022-2023 hunting season.
- The elimination of property 40 and property 56 would eliminate approximately 40 acres and 78 acres respectively from the roughly 1700 acres of land currently permitted for hunting by the SCRCA.
- Eliminating properties, implementing restrictions or buffers to the hunting properties may make enforcement difficult and set an unwanted precedent for

future issues.

### **3. Notices to all SCRCA hunting permit holders regarding the safety concerns**

- As a normal practice SCRCA staff include a letter in the permit package to all permitted hunters. This letter reminds the hunters to be safe, ethical, and respectful hunters while hunting on conservation lands. Informing hunters of issues or changes to the SCRCA hunting program and reminding hunters to review the Ontario hunting regulations and migratory bird hunting summary to keep current with any changes that have been implemented.
- As per the board direction, a letter has been sent to all hunting permit holders on November 15, 2022. A copy of this letter is attached here.

### **4. Clarification:**

The Delegation that addressed the Board at the November meeting was concerned that the Board may have misinterpreted the nature of their request, and requested it be included in this report which is:

- Property 40 be restricted to archery hunting only, with a 100m buffer zone (no firearms) and
- Property 56 establish a 100m buffer zone at the north end of the property.

It is not the delegation's intention to eliminate hunting on property 40 & 56, or the SCRCA hunting program in its entirety.

### **BD-22-127**

#### **Marriott – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 21, 2022 on the Property 40 and 56 hunting report.”**

**CARRIED**

The McKeough Upstream lands are not considered prime agricultural lands. These lands were acquired during the construction of the Darcy McKeough Dam and Floodway, to be flooded during the operation of the Dam. Lands in this area are low floodplain and have small acreage of workable lands. A small portion of these lands are tilled, and many have not benefitted from best farm practices.

Historically, agricultural lands were leased for 3-year terms, with the current tenant having first right of refusal (i.e. the ability to match the highest bid). During the last tendering process, the Board approved several changes to the lease agreement documents, including a longer term (5 years) and the withdrawal of the current tenant's first right of refusal.

At the November 10, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, a delegation from Mr. Ben Arnold was presented with the request to approve 2 5-year extensions of the agriculture lease agreements for 13 properties currently rented.

Mr. Arnold has been a tenant for two years. During this time, he has become familiar with the lands and has sought input from a professional agronomist regarding farming practices and soil health. Mr. Arnold has received recommendations from the agronomist to invest inputs to increase the soil fertility. As mentioned at the board meeting, Mr. Arnold is requesting an extension of the lease in order benefit from the results of his investment in the lands,

Mr. Arnold has rented the lands at what appears to be a fair market value, give the location, topography, and history of the lands. (Previous rent amounts attached)

It is understood by staff that soil health and fertility is a benefit to the tenant and has very little benefit to the actual conservation of the lands. However, the Conservation Authority, as a landowner, should still be promoting best farming practices. Currently, there is a tenant that is willing to invest in the lands and provide results.

Staff intends to review the agriculture lease agreement template prior to the next tender, necessary edits and/or further conditions may be made at that time.

**Strategic Objectives(s):**

Goal 2 – Protect, manage, and restore our natural systems including woodlands, wetlands, waterways, and lakes

Develop New Tools to Promote Stewardship Practices and Evaluate the Effectiveness of Best Management Practices:

Evaluate the current model of landowner outreach and voluntary stewardship and explore new tools and collaborations that expand conservation opportunities utilizing information from our watershed report cards. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are encouraged to promote soil health, improve water quality, and provide for more resilient watersheds. Efforts need to be made to evaluate the various BMPs to ensure they are creating the results expected such as reducing nutrient loss from farm fields (with a focus on phosphorus) and decreasing sedimentation in watercourses. This is an opportunity to work with colleges and universities, farming groups, and others to develop solid science to evaluate BMP effectiveness.

**Financial Impact:**

None



**BD-22-128**

**Burrell - Loosley**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the report dated November 24, 2022 on McKeough Upstream Lands Agricultural Lease Agreement and deny the extension of the agricultural lease agreements, upholding the current terms and cycle of the tender process and further that the Board of Directors form a committee to review the agricultural lease documents prior to the scheduled tender and that members of this committee be appointed at the February 9, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

**Strategic Plan Public Open Houses:**

Open houses were held throughout October and November to solicit feedback from the public on the draft 2023-2028 strategic plan. In total, 14 people attended the in-person sessions. Comments were also received via email and at the office until November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Two submissions were received via email/in-person at the SCRCA Administration building. A summary of the public open houses, as well as comments received were reviewed.

**Proposed Revision to Draft 2023-2028 Strategic Plan**

With the passing of Bill 23 – *More Homes Built Faster Act* on November 28<sup>th</sup>, the following revision is proposed to Goal 3.1 – Effectively and Efficiently Administer Regulations of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to Protect Natural Heritage.

**Current Draft:**

The SCRCA is committed to providing customer service excellence for watershed municipalities and citizens in providing input on risks to natural heritage features. Through collaboration with partner organizations, the SCRCA will provide biological and ecological expertise for natural heritage plans, strategies, and policies. While responsibility for natural heritage protection falls to municipalities under the *Planning Act*, the SCRCA can provide the ecological and biological knowledge to support our member municipalities.

**Proposed Change:**

The SCRCA is committed to providing customer service excellence for watershed municipalities and citizens in providing input on risks to natural heritage features. **As permitted and/or requested, the SCRCA will provide biological and ecological expertise for natural heritage plans, strategies, and policies in collaboration with partner organizations.** While responsibility for natural heritage protection falls to municipalities under the *Planning Act*, the SCRCA can provide the ecological and biological knowledge to support our member municipalities.

**BD-22-129**

**Nemcek – Westgate**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 29, 2022, that summarizes the consultation and comments received regarding the SCRCA’s draft 2023-2028 strategic plan and further approves the editorial changes surrounding natural heritage services provided by the Authority.”**

**CARRIED**

The following items were reviewed under the consent agenda.

**Item (a) – Business Arising**

The report on business arising from the November 10, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was reviewed.

**Item (b) – Current Watershed Conditions and Great Lakes Levels**

**Report Highlights:**

- Precipitation has been below normal the last 2 months but at normal amounts the past 18 months
- Surrounding lakes water levels are projected to remain above average
- Current flood threat is low owing to lack of precipitation and lower levels on the surrounding lakes

**Watershed Conditions:**

**Precipitation**

- Precipitation has been below normal for most stations over the past 2 months
- High precipitation events in previous months have helped cushion the overall 18-month trend to near- and above-normal amounts
- River flows are impacted by precipitation trends and as a result below normal flows have been recorded recently

**Lake Levels**

- Water levels on the surrounding lakes are down 30+ cm from last year
- Lake Huron remains above average by 14 cm, Lakes St. Clair and Erie are both 23 cm above average
- Water levels on Lake Huron are projected to flow closer to but remain above average over the next 6 months

**Flood Threat**

- Flood threat is currently low; Wallaceburg has 80 cm of freeboard
- A lack of precipitation has seen a drop in water levels and flows, resulting in a greater storage capacity in the watershed

- Moving into winter, freeze-thaw events, rain on snow, and ice jamming will be potential concerns for flood events

### **Item (c) – Healthy Watershed Program Update**

The Healthy Watershed Program has restored or enhanced over 1,000 ha of land, and over 4 million trees planted throughout the region. These projects, along with our outreach and education events aim to minimize non-point source sedimentation, nutrient loading, and thermal changes in water bodies within our watershed. To implement stewardship and outreach, SCRCA staff source grant funding from a variety of sources.

#### **Update:**

#### **Outreach and Events**

Healthy Watersheds staff continue to host stewardship and agriculturally based outreach events to promote the implementation of best management practices and stewardship within the Sydenham River and St. Clair watershed.

Stewardship Staff worked with the Municipality of Lambton Shores and the Lake Huron Coastal Centre (LHCC) in restoring a portion of dune grass near the Upperwash Beach Boat Launch. SCRCA worked with Lambton Shores and LHCC staff to properly transplant grasses from the adjacent property to a section along a sidewalk that will assist in holding down sand and provide habitat.

Stewardship and Education Staff hosted a tree planting event at Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Hillside School in November. Students and Staff planted cedars, willows, and red oak trees that all have medicinal and cultural importance to the Ojibwe People. SCRCA Staff greatly appreciated the enthusiasm of the students and the Hillside teachers who shared the Ojibwe language of the tree parts and species. This project was funded by MECP COA and was part of the Healthy Lake Huron program.

#### **Outreach Materials**

Outreach materials assist in promoting stewardship and implementation of best management practices within the Sydenham River and St. Clair watershed.

Learn with Ranger Em Episodes continue! New episodes include an interview with the Biology Department showcasing their “Captive Hatch and Release” program, highlighting the success of working to restore the Spiny Softshell Turtle’s population; an Interview with Lake Huron Coastal Centre and discussing Lake Huron, Dune Restoration and the invasive species, Phragmites; and an interview with Katie Stammler from Essex Region Conservation Authority to discuss the Great Lakes and the challenges facing them today while highlighting the work farmers are doing. Find the episodes here:

<https://rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=9&sid=8348&gid=626867>

**Stewardship Project Update:**

This summer and fall have been busy with stewardship projects! Staff has been working with landowners, partners, and contractors to implement 5 wetlands (5 acres in total) across the watershed. Stewardship staff continues to work with partners to create 3 more wetlands (3 acres). Conservation Services is gearing up for fall site visits and planning for the spring planting season.

**Grant Update:**

Staff has been busy working on interim reports for DFO Canadian Nature Fund (\$339,000 – ending in March 2023), MECP COA HLH (\$60,000 – ending in December 2022), and MECP OCEF (\$56,643.65).

Staff are also currently working with DFO to finalize a “top-up” on the current Canadian Nature Fund for \$24,500 to go towards additional education programming, stewardship programming, and outreach. Finally, Stewardship Staff are currently working on an application for Environment Climate Change Canada’s EcoAction. This application will be to further fund stewardship programming and education programming.

**Item (d) – Planning Activity Summary Report**

The planning activity summary report for the period October 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 was reviewed.

**Item (e) – Regulations Activity Summary Report**

The regulations activity summary report for the period October 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 was reviewed.

**Item (f) – Revenue and Expense Summary**

The revenue and expense summary to October 31, 2022 was reviewed.

**Item (g) – Disbursements**

The list of disbursements to October 31, 2022 was reviewed.

**Item (h) – 2022 General Levy Summary**

The general levy summary to October 31, 2022 was reviewed.

**Item (i) – Investment Reports**

The investment reports to October 31, 2022 were reviewed.

## **Item (j) – St. Clair River AOC**

### **RAP Coordination:**

#### **BUI 1- Restrictions on fish and wildlife consumption**

To assist in gathering insight on the habits of recreational and sports anglers, a community survey remains available for those that fish the St. Clair River. The information collected will assist in the assessment of this Beneficial Use Impairment. The survey was launched in spring, 2021 and will remain available until the end of December 2022. Through the use of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, additional efforts were made in August 2022 and October 2022 to promote completion of the survey. Direct emailing to relevant area businesses also occurred in August 2022. The survey remains available for completion online at the Friends of the St. Clair River website. There have been 136 responses to date.

#### **BUI 9- Restrictions on drinking water consumption or taste and odour problems**

At the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Canadian RAP Implementation Committee (CRIC),

the Draft Assessment Report for the restrictions on drinking water consumption or taste and odour problems BUI was approved to enter the process to have it redesignated as Not Impaired. Engagement activities are now underway. A presentation was made to Aamjiwnaang First Nation Chief and Council on May 30, 2022, the Walpole Island First Nation community on July 6, 2022 and the Walpole Island First Nation Infrastructure Committee on July 21, 2022. A presentation to the newly elected Walpole Island First Nation Chief and Council is anticipated in January 2022. A presentation to the Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) will follow. Questions and comments raised during the sessions are documented and responses are provided and tracked for reporting purposes.

#### **Workplan**

Development of the 2022-2027 Workplan for the St. Clair River Area of Concern is currently underway. It will focus on outlining the key actions that need to be completed over the next five years to be able to redesignate the five remaining Beneficial Use Impairments to a Not Impaired status.

#### **Administration**

Funding for the RAP Coordinator position is provided by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The current agreement with MECP is in place until February 28, 2024. The agreement with ECCC is in place until March 31, 2023 and has an option to be extended until March 31, 2024. In accordance with the agreements, the SCRCA will be providing periodic updates to MECP and ECCC on the status of the project work and allocation of project funds. An Interim Progress Report was submitted to MECP on November 1, 2022, as per the agreement.

## **Recent and Scheduled Meetings:**

### **Canadian RAP Implementation Committee (CRIC)**

- January 20, 2022
- June 23, 2022
- November 8, 2022

### **Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR)**

- February 15, 2022
- May 10, 2022
- September 21, 2022
- December 5, 2022 (Annual General Meeting)

### **Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC)**

- January 27, 2022
- March 24, 2022
- June 23, 2022
- November 1, 2022

## **Outreach and Engagement:**

### **Redesignation Event**

Members of the BPAC gathered September 13, 2022 aboard the Duc d'Orleans to celebrate four milestones in the restoration of the St. Clair River – the re-designation of four BUIs to Not Impaired on the Canadian side of the St. Clair River: Fish Tumours or Other Deformities, Bird or Animal Deformities or Reproductive Problems, Restrictions on Dredging Activities, and Beach Closings. The 50th Anniversary of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement was also recognized during the celebrations.

### **Community Events**

The RAP Office provided support to the Friends of the St. Clair River at the following community events; Sombra Days on July 9, 2022 and Mermaids and Mariners on August 20, 2022. The support provided consisted of equipment and hand-outs for the booth, and staffing of the booth. Completion of the Fish Survey was also promoted during the events.

### **Newsletter**

Friends of the St. Clair River and the RAP Office continue to partner on the production of St. Clair River News, a free monthly e-newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to increase awareness and engagement in the Area of Concern and highlight environmental initiatives happening in the region.

Link to the most recent Newsletter: [November E-Newsletter](#)

**BD-22-130**

**Burrell – Miller**

**“That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and endorses the recommendations accompanying Items 7.1 a - 7.1 j.”**

**CARRIED**

**BD-22-131**

**Loosley – Faas**

**“That the Board of Directors move in-camera at 11:20 a.m. to discuss conservation awards and personnel information with the General Manager, Manager of Communications, Director of Finance, Manager of IT and Administrative Assistant/ Board Coordinator remaining.”**

**CARRIED**

Chair Mike Stark announced that the Board of Directors approved the nominees for the annual conservation awards and changes to cost of living, mileage and salary grid steps for eligible staff, as outlined within the in-camera reports.

**BD-22-132**

**Miller – Brewer**

**“That the Board of Directors rise and report at 11:25 a.m.”**

**CARRIED**

Director Terry Burrell brought forward the matter of SCRCA’s 2023 fees and requested that they be put into effect December 31, 2022.

**BD-22-133**

**Burrell – Scott**

**“That the Board of Directors approve the codifying of motions BD-22-78 to BD-22-79, to resolve that 2023 fee rates be effective on Dec 31 2022.”**

**CARRIED**

**Under New Business**

Vice Chair Pat Brown provided a brief update on Association of Municipalities Ontario and their response to Bill 23, as well as the Conservation Ontario listening session. Directors are reminded that the commenting registry for regulations (besides Wetlands) remains open until December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

General Manager Ken Phillips provided a reminder that Bill 39, *Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022* is another act expected to be passed that municipalities should be aware of. This act will remove planning commenting and capabilities on regional municipalities and may have an effect on finances.

Chair Mike Stark gave thanks to Special Projects Technician Nicole Drumm for her efforts in managing the IT for the meeting. Staff and Directors were all acknowledged for their efforts and a successful year ahead is wished to all.

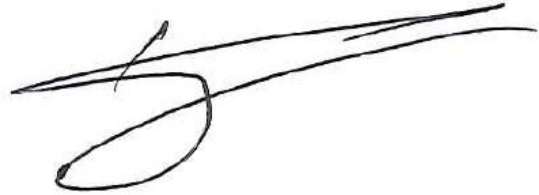
Director Brad Loosley provided his remarks to staff, highlighting all of the positive work that has been done this year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Directors Kevin Marriott and Tim Wilkins thanked the Authority for their time as directors. Both will be passing the baton to new council members in 2023. Mr. Marriott reminded staff they are not taken for granted, particularly as we adapt in these times of rapid change.

**BD-22-134**

**Grimes – Loosley**

**“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m.”**



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**Mike Stark**  
**Chair**

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**Ken Phillips**  
**General Manager**





Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2023      Time: 10:11 a.m.  
Administration Office/Remote

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**Members Present:** Pat Brown, Vice Chair; Joe Faas, Frank Kennes, Brad Loosley, Steve Miller, Mike Stark, Chair

**Remote:** Terry Burrell

**Regrets:** Betty Ann MacKinnon

**Staff Present:** Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations; Chris Durand, Manager of IT/ GIS; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant/Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunning Li, Director of Corporate Services; Craig Paterson, Manager of Biology; Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry; Ken Phillips, General Manager, Girish Sankar, Director of Water Resources (remote); Steve Shaw, Manager of Conservation Services

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that each Director declare a conflict of interest at the appropriate time, on any item within this agenda in that a Director may have pecuniary interest.

**EC-23-01**

**Loosley – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee adopts the agenda for the meeting as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

The draft minutes of the Executive Committee, held on April 14, 2022 were reviewed.

**EC-23-02**

**Faas – Miller**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the draft minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on April 14, 2022.”**

**CARRIED**

The draft minutes of the Flood Action Committee, held remotely on January 12, 2023 were reviewed.

**EC-23-03**

**Brown – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the draft minutes of the Flood Action Committee held remotely on January 12, 2023.”**

**CARRIED**

The report on business arising from the December 8, 2022 Board of Directors meeting was reviewed.

**EC-23-04**

**Kennes – Faas**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the report on business arising from the December 8, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

A presentation of the draft 2022 audited statements and draft audit findings was provided by Ashley Didone/Ray Mile of MNP Chartered Professional Accountants. Copies of the draft audited statements and draft audit findings were also reviewed.

**Additional Comments:**

As per Committee Member and Authority Chair Mike Stark’s request, Ashley Didone of MNP LLP provided an explanation regarding the one-time professional fee associated with the implementation of CAS 315 auditing standards. For future audits, MNP is asked to provide professional advice on whether the board should consider drawing from reserves. A request was also made to clarify what is encompassed by the term ‘other’ as it relates to administrative expenses.

The Committee request that a policy be drafted or amended to include the indoctrination of any incoming Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee members, clearly identifying roles and responsibilities as they relate to the oversight of the General Manager, Authority finances and audit process. Further, it is requested that such a policy include the addition of an in-camera session for each Executive Committee meeting where the appointed Authority auditors are in attendance. A unanimous vote of Committee members present supported this request.

At the request of the Executive Committee, the auditors agree to work with SCRCA management to provide future draft audit statements within an agreed upon timeframe in order to provide the committee with more time to review the documents.

**EC-23-05**

**Loosley – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee recommends to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors that the annual Executive Committee Meeting to address the annual audited financial statements and audit findings include an in-camera session, with only committee members, the General Manager and appointed auditors remaining, and further that a policy be drafted to include this requirement.”**

**CARRIED**

A recorded vote was held.

<b>Recorded Vote Re: EC-23-06</b>		
<b>Director's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Pat Brown	✓	
Terry Burrell	✓	
Joe Faas	✓	
Frank Kennes	✓	
Brad Loosley	✓	
Betty Ann MacKinnon	-	-
Steve Miller	✓	
Mike Stark	✓	

**EC-23-06**

**Faas – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the report from the Authority’s auditors, MNP Chartered Professional Accounts, LLP and accepts responsibility for the 2022 financial statements and the Statement of Continuity of Reserves and Reserve Funds and year end finances and further approves the year-end adjustments, reserves and reserve adjustments as outlined in the schedule dated December 31, 2022 and recommends that the Board of Directors approves the 2022 Audited Financial Statements.”**

**CARRIED**

The November and December, 2022 disbursements were reviewed.

**EC-23-07**

**Miller – Loosley**

**“That the Executive Committee approves the November and December, 2022 disbursements, as presented in the amount of \$407,213.01.”**

**CARRIED**

The report on 2022 general levy was reviewed.

**EC-23-08**

**Faas – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges that all 2022 municipal general levy has been received.”**

**CARRIED**

The status summary report of Director’s expenses for 2022 was reviewed.

**EC-23-09**

**Brown – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the Status Summary report on Directors’ expenses from January 1 to December 31, 2022.”**

**CARRIED**

The investment statements to December 31, 2022 were reviewed.

**Additional Comments:**

Committee members request that a report be brought forth to the April Board of Directors meeting to confirm whether the Municipal Act, under which the Authority’s Investment Policy adheres, restricts any particular types of investments.

**EC-23-10**

**Faas – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the investment statements to December 31, 2022.”**

**CARRIED**

Correspondence from the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston, received on December 7, 2022 regarding the resolution in support of SCRCA’s response to Provincial government on the matter of Bill 23 was reviewed.

**EC-23-11**

**Miller – Kennes**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the correspondence received December 7, 2022 from the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston regarding the resolution in support of SCRCA’s response to Provincial government on the matter of Bill 23.”**

**CARRIED**

Correspondence received December 6, 2022 from MNP Chartered Professional Accountants providing justification of the one-time professional fee associated with the implementation of CAS 315 auditing standards was reviewed.

**EC-23-12**

**Faas – Brown**

**“That the Executive Committee acknowledges the correspondence received December 6, 2022 from MNP Chartered Professional Accountants providing justification of the one-time professional fee associated with the implementation of CAS 315 auditing standards.”**

**CARRIED**

## **Under New Business**

General Manager, Ken Phillips enquired whether the Executive Committee was in favour of holding a vote on the 2023 budget at the Annual General Meeting on February 23, 2023, or, if it was preferred to delay this decision to the April 20, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. An informational session is scheduled for Friday, February 10 via Zoom to outline to 2023 budget and the budget process. All member municipalities and directors have been invited to attend. Committee members were polled and unanimously decided in favour of addressing the 2023 budget at the Annual General Meeting.

Committee Member and Authority Vice Chair brought forth a question related to the draft financial statements and the inclusion of reserve balances for the Highland Glen Conservation Area. General Manager Ken Phillips explained that SCRCA is still in the process of negotiating the transfer of this property and therefore, insurance and certain expenses are still borne by the Authority.

Committee Member and Authority Chair Mike Stark wished to clarify for all in attendance that any questions asked of the auditors relating to the detection of fraud are in no way a reflection on current staff, but are asked out of due diligence as an elected committee to oversee the veracity of financial reports.

Committee Member Brad Loosley wishes to thank Authority Chair Mike Stark for Chairing the Executive Committee and Authority Board of Directors in 2022.

### **EC-23-13**

**Loosley – Faas**

**“That the Executive Committee thank Chair Mike Stark for his commitment and dedication to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority and its committees. Well wishes are given for his future endeavours.”**

**CARRIED**

### **EC-23-14**

**Loosley – Kennes**

**“That the meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

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**Mike Stark  
Chair**



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**Ken Phillips  
General Manager**

February 9, 2023

The 2022 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Nominating Committee meeting was held at the SCRCA administration office on the above date, at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:** Pat Brown, Committee Chair/Vice Chair  
Mike Stark, Authority Chair

**Remote:** Terry Burrell

**Regrets:** Betty Ann MacKinnon  
Tim Wilkins

**Staff:** Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations  
Chris Durand, Manager of IT/GIS  
Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant/Board Coordinator  
Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk  
Chunning Li, Director of Corporate Services  
Craig Paterson, Manager of Biology  
Tim Payne, Manager of Forestry  
Ken Phillips, General Manager  
Girish Sankar, Director of Water Resources (Remote)  
Steve Shaw, Manager of Conservation Services

**NC-23-01**

**Burrell – Stark**

**“That Pat Brown be chair of the Nominating Committee for 2023.”**

**CARRIED**

**NC-23-02**

**Stark – Burrell**

**“That the attached 2023 Nominating Committee report be recommended to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.”**

**CARRIED**

**NC-23-03**

**Burrell – Stark**

**“That the meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**



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Pat Brown Committee Chair  
February 9, 2023



- The General Manager attended a Land Acknowledgment Webinar on January 25, 2023 and will be bring forward a land acknowledgement statement for approval at the April 20, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

### **Federal/Provincial/Municipal Meetings**

- The General Manager attended a Town Hall meeting with Sarnia MPP Bob Bailey on January 12, 2023 via Zoom. Items concerning the Green Belt and changes to the Provincial Policy Statement were addressed.
- The General Manager did overview presentations and answered questions from council members for the City of Sarnia on January 16, 2023 and Middlesex Centre on February 1, 2023. He is slated as a delegation in Chatham-Kent (February 6), Brooke-Alvinston (February 9), Petrolia (February 13), St. Clair Township (February 21), Plympton-Wyoming (February 22), Southwest Middlesex (March 8) and Aldelaide-Metcalf (TBD).
- The General Manager attended a Zoom meeting on January 19 co-ordinated by Middlesex Centre to discuss the implications of Regulation 686/21. The 5 CAs covering the municipality as well as Middlesex County staff, were in attendance.
- The General Manager met with County of Lambton staff on January 24 to discuss Regulation 686/21 and implications for service delivery and a transition plan.
- An overview of the 2023 Budget will be held for municipal staff and interested councillors and Board members February 10, 2023 via Zoom.



**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item 16.2**  
**Report Date:** February 7, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Ken Phillips

**Subject:** Update on Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster Act

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**Recommendation:**

That the Board of Directors receive for information the report concerning the revisions to the Conservation Authorities Act under Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act 2022, that were issued via amendments to Ontario Regulation 686/21 and Ontario Regulation 596/22.

**Background:**

On December 28, 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF) sent notification to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) that a number of changes had been enacted that were to come into effect January 1, 2023. The changes include:

- Updates to Section 21 of the Act so that a disposition of land in respect of which the Minister has made a grant under section 39 requires authorities to provide a notice of the proposed disposition to the Minister instead of requiring the Minister's approval. Authorities will also be required to conduct public consultations before disposing of lands that meet certain criteria.
- Sections 21.1.1 and 21.1.2 of the Act which provide that authorities may not provide a program or service related to reviewing and commenting on proposals, applications, or other matters under prescribed Acts.
- A new section 21.3 that enables the Minister to issue temporary direction to a conservation authority preventing the authority from changing the amount of a fee it charges under subsection 21.2 (10) of the Act.

Fees are to be frozen from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

**New Regulatory Requirements**

Following the passing of these legislative amendments, the government has proceeded with making two regulations, both of which will come into effect on January 1, 2023.

Amendments were made to **Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services** to require conservation authorities to identify conservation authority lands suitable for housing. This requirement is part of the preparation of the land inventory required to be completed by

conservation authorities by December 31, 2024, and certain considerations for identifying whether or not lands are suitable for housing are listed.

**Ontario Regulation 596/22: Prescribed Acts – Subsections 21.1.1 (1.1) and 21.1.2 (1.1) of the Act** was also made to focus conservation authorities' role when reviewing and commenting on proposals, applications, or other matters related to development and land use planning. Under this regulation, conservation authorities are no longer able to provide a municipal (Category 2) or other (Category 3) program or service related to reviewing and commenting on a proposal, application, or other matter made under the following Acts:

- *The Aggregate Resources Act*
- *The Condominium Act, 1998*
- *The Drainage Act*
- *The Endangered Species Act, 2007*
- *The Environmental Assessment Act*
- *The Environmental Protection Act*
- *The Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*
- *The Ontario Heritage Act*
- *The Ontario Water Resources Act*
- *The Planning Act*

These changes reflect the inability of the SCRCA to comment on natural heritage matters (woodlots, wetlands, species at risk) as it pertains to development activities. Natural heritage matters are now the responsibility of municipalities as per the Provincial Policy Statement. This regulation does not affect the SCRCA's provision of mandatory programs or services (Category 1 Natural Hazards) related to reviewing and commenting on a proposal, application, or other matter made under those Acts.

#### **Financial Impact:**

The changes to the SCRCA's ability to raise fees for 2024 will have an impact on the ability of the organization to achieve a 50/50 cost recovery model by 2026.



# ELECTRONIC MONITORING POLICY

## 1.0 **PURPOSE**

The SCRCA has electronic monitoring practices in place for employees, board/committee members, volunteers and students. As the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) values trust, discretion, and transparency, this policy is intended to provide transparency about the means and circumstances, which may be used to electronically monitor staff.

## 2.0 **SCOPE**

The Electronic Monitoring Policy applies to employees, assignment employees, students, volunteers, Board and Committee members.

## 3.0 **DEFINITION**

Electronic monitoring is the use of electronic means to observe, record, track, or collect data on employees, where such information may be accessed and/or reviewed by the employer or someone acting on the employer's behalf.

## 4.0 **PURPOSE / USE**

The purpose of electronic monitoring is to ensure the protection and safety of the SCRCA staff, property and assets, however information collected may also be used to improve organizational productivity, efficiency, assess performance, and/or to ensure the appropriate use of equipment.

## 5.0 **METHODS**

Methods of electronic monitoring include but are not limited to:

- Surveillance camera systems;
- Phone and voicemail systems including corporate cell phones;
- GPS tracking;
- Software, information technology infrastructure or systems that are otherwise capable of tracking employee activities including email, internet use and/or chat systems in line with the SCRCA Computer Usage and Social Media Policy.

## **6.0 POSTING, NOTICE, RETENTION**

The SCRCA shall provide a copy of this policy to each employee within 30 calendar days of implementation. Should any changes be made to the Policy after its implementation, the SCRCA shall provide each employee a copy of the revised policy within 30 days of the changes being made.

The SCRCA shall provide a copy of this policy to all new employees upon onboarding and within 30 calendar days of the employee commencing employment with the SCRCA.

The SCRCA shall retain a copy of this and any revised version of this Policy for three years after it ceases to be in effect.

Drafted: February 2, 2023  
Approved:  
Implemented:

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not desirable to permit excavations. SCRCA campgrounds do not have the resources to remove buried concrete when seasonal campsites become vacant. In addition, buried services (water and hydro) are not well mapped, and would present risk if excavations were permitted.

Permitting structures to remain in use long-term that are not building code compliant exposes the Authority to liability risk. Requiring immediate removal or modification of non-compliant structures would not provide campers adequate time to modify decks or remove structures.

**Summary of Recommendations:**

- Staff will inspect each seasonal campsite prior to the 2023 season
- Letters will be provided to each campsite occupant deemed out of compliance, early in the camping season
- All campsites will be required to be compliant by the end of the 2025 camping season or when the site changes occupants (whichever is first)
- All campers wishing to use the 3 year grace period will be required to sign a waiver
- Decks may be modified to be compliant (lower than 24" height)
- Constructed roofs will need to be removed
- Manufactured steel gazebos attached to the deck or patio will be permitted moving forward, no constructed roofs
- A new "SCRCA Seasonal Camping Construction and Alteration Request Form" will be used moving forward. All site alterations must be approved by both the Superintendent and Senior Manager prior to construction.

**Financial Impact:**

Seasonal camping accounts for approximately 70% (~\$1,000,000) of revenues at A.W. Campbell, L.C. Henderson, and Warwick Conservation Areas. This decision will not be popular among affected seasonal campers (more than 150 sites). Campers have spent money to build these structures and will be frustrated that they must modify or remove them. Some seasonal campers may choose not to continue camping with SCRCA.

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item 16.5**  
**Report Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Greg Wilcox

**Subject:** Update on C.J. McEwen and Highland Glen CA Property Dispositions

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## Recommendation:

That the Board of Directors acknowledge this report dated February 1, 2023 and direct staff to continue discussions with Plympton-Wyoming for the purpose of the disposition of C.J. McEwen Conservation Area and Highland Glen Conservation Area, and further direct staff to follow the new land disposition process including public consultation.

## Background:

The Charles J. McEwen Conservation Area is located at 4318 Lakeshore Road, in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. The 5.5 ha property boasts a 200m beach which lies at the base of a 50ft tall shoreline bluff along Lake Huron. The recreational area of this property includes mowed grass, mature shade trees, picnic tables, a washroom facility, and an earthen ramp access to the beach. The remainder of the site is a mixed forest plantation.

In May of 2019, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming reached out to the SCRCA with a motion from council, requesting the Conservation Authority transfer ownership of C.J. McEwen Conservation Area back to the town and eliminate the special levy in the 2020 budget. Board approval was received in a motion on September 19, 2019

### **BD-19-122**

#### **Schenk – Marriott**

***“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated September 10, 2019 regarding C.J. McEwen Conservation Area and a request from Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council dated May 3, 2019 that the Conservation Area be transferred back to the Town’s ownership and further that the land be maintained as public recreational park land with beach access.”***

The Highland Glen Conservation Area was purchased by SCRCA in 1976 and 1977 to provide public access to the Lake Huron shoreline. It comprises approximately 26 acres of predominantly wooded land. Situated on the Lake Huron shoreline, it is located in Plympton-Wyoming, approximately 10km west of the Town of Forest. The Conservation Area contains an access roadway, parking lot, pavilion, and boat ramp with seawall and groyne protection.



In October of 2021, the Highland Glen Boat Ramp Committee was formed to evaluate the Authority's options including review of the funding model, review of AECOM's report, and to develop recommendations for the full Board's review.

The Highland Glen Boat Ramp Committee recommended that ownership Highland Glen Conservation Area should be transitioned to Plympton-Wyoming and the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors on December 9, 2021.

**BD-21-142**

**Stark – Loosley**

***“That the Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Highland Glen Committee and directs staff to begin discussions with the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the transition of ownership of the Highland Glen Conservation Area to the Municipality.”***

**Update:**

Authority staff have been working with staff at Plympton-Wyoming to complete the submission packages required to request Minister's approval for disposition of both Conservation Areas. Under the Conservation Authorities Act, Minister's approval was required under certain circumstances for disposition of land.

Following recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, Minister's approval is no longer required. The process for disposition of Authority owned lands has changed and the following is required:

- Conduct a public consultation and post notice of the consultation on the Authority website (CA Act s.21(4))
- Public consultation shall last at least 45 days (CA Act s.21(5))
- Provide written notice of the proposed disposition to the Minister at least 90 days before the disposition (CA Act s.21(2))
- In the written notice, describe how the comments received during the public consultation, if any, were considered by the authority prior to disposition (CA Act s.21(3))

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item 16.6**  
**Report Date:** February 2, 2018  
**Submitted by:** Ken Phillips

**Subject:** Appointment of Provincial Offences Officers for Conservation  
Authorities Act Section 29 R.R.O 1990 Regulation 131

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**Recommendation:**

That Greg Wilcox and Lucas Derks be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers for the purpose of enforcing regulations made by the SCRCA, pursuant to Section 29 R.R.O. 1990 Regulation 131 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the Trespass to Properties Act, in order to carry out the responsibility of administration and enforcement of this Act.

**Background:**

For the purpose of enforcing the regulations made by the SCRCA, pursuant to Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act, it is necessary for the Authority to appoint personnel as Enforcement Officers. This appointment pertains to Ontario Regulation R.R.O 1990 Regulation 131 Conservation Areas, made under Section 29 of the Act. It is also necessary to have the staff Enforcement Officers designated as Provincial Offences Officers in order that they may commence proceedings under the Provincial Offences Act.

Greg Wilcox and Lucas Derks successfully completed the CA Level 1 – Provincial Offences Officer Course, provided by Conservation Ontario, on February 3, 2023.



## 2023 Draft Budget

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## St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

### Quick Facts

#### *General:*

- 17 member municipalities from Lambton and Middlesex Counties and the cities of Sarnia and Chatham-Kent (see member directory for full listing)
- 14 watersheds - Sydenham River with its East and North branches, 13 smaller named watersheds entering Lake Huron, St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair
- 2023 Average General Levy \$4.89 per \$100k of Assessed value
- owns 4,200 acres of property and manages another 2,440 acres for other organizations
- 3 regional campgrounds with 522 serviced campsites. Self-sufficient, profits generated from their operations are used to offset capital development within the campgrounds
- has the largest flood control dam and diversion in the province (McKeough Floodway)
- 11 recreation dams at 8 Conservation Areas
- assisting Sarnia, Point Edward, St. Clair Township, Chatham-Kent in maintaining almost 10 km of shore protection and erosion control structures
- in excess of \$52 million invested in conservation lands and flood and erosion control structures
- provided technical and professional comments on over 500 municipal planning and regulation matters in 2021
- helped about 8,000 children discover conservation through outdoor education in 2021, developed new delivery model during pandemic
- planted over 3.8 million trees over the last three decades
- provided \$3.1 million in grants to farmers and other landowners to implement Best Management Practices since 2000

## 2023 Budget Highlights

We offer the following highlights for your information:

- General Levy for 2023 is \$1,549,011 (increase of \$170,497) shared by the 17-member municipalities (see Sched B), results in an average cost of \$4.89 per \$100,000 in assessment value. (see Sched C).
  - 10% increase in levy directed to Planning and Regulations to implement recommendations associated with the Dobbie Service Review (\$137,851).
  - 1.6% increase directed to general liability insurance premiums increase (\$22,000).
  - 0.7% increase directed to consulting fee for new phone system and server upgrade for Administrative Office (\$10,000).
- Total Levy excluding Infrastructure Projects for 2023 is \$1,736,200 (2022 \$1,577,073) which represents an overall increase of \$159,127.
- Other budget pressures in this Draft 2023 Budget are:
  - Wage movements including step and Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) - \$74,346.
  - Potential increase in Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System (OMERS) costs - \$18,019. Effective January 1, 2023, non full-time employees may elect to join OMERS plan.
  - Conservation Ontario Levy increase - \$9,634
- Revenues that help to reduce the costs to municipalities are: Project administration fees, Internal charges to revenue producing activities, Grant funding, and Program Fees increase, including Planning & Regulation Fees increase.
- This is an average increase of 49 cents per \$100,000 in assessment value. (Sched C)
- Schedule “C” provides an analysis of General Levy Increase based on 2022 total current value of assessment in each municipality.
- Schedule “E” provides Provincial Section 39 Core Base/Mandatory Programs funding Costs as a %.
- Detailed budgets for each program or project are available upon request

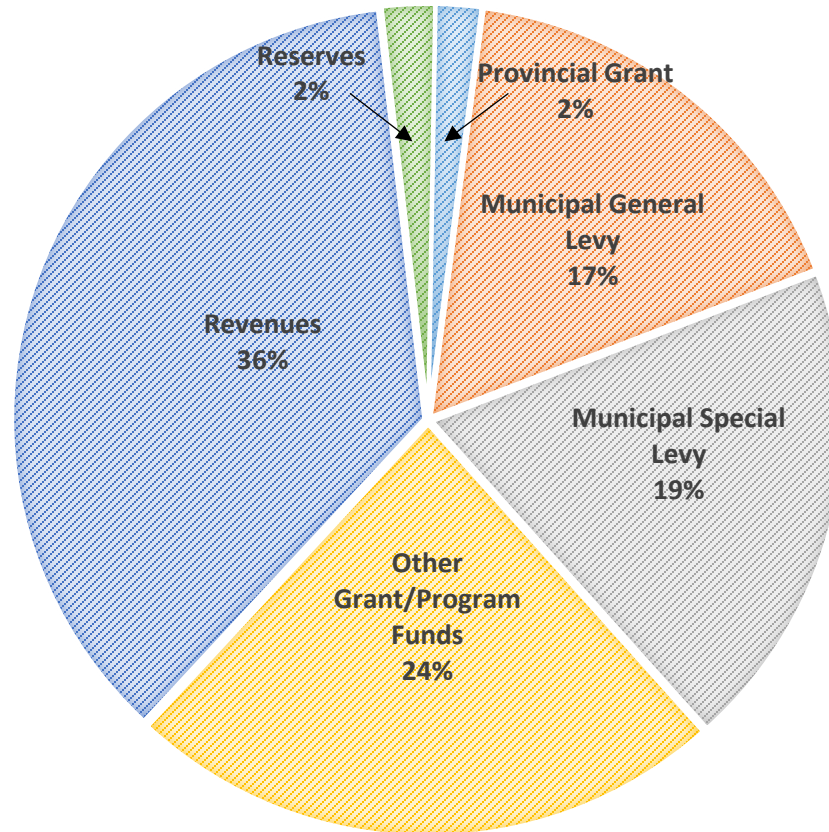
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	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	Provincial Grant	Other Grant/Program Funds	Matching Levy	Non Matching Levy	Special Levy	Revenues	Reserves
Flood Control Operations and Maintenance	\$436,650	\$432,650	\$108,000	\$17,000	\$108,000	\$109,000	St. Clair - McK Maint \$2,720 Dam OP CK \$20,900, SC \$1,100 C-K - Arda \$1,000 C-K- McK Maint - \$51,730	Carryforwards - \$13,200	\$0
Erosion Control Operations & Maintenance	\$8,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0
WECl - Capital Projects	\$3,641,600	\$2,777,000	\$0	\$1,130,000	\$0	\$0	Sarnia \$1,500,000 St. Clair \$50,000	Carryforward \$97,000	\$0
Source Protection Planning	\$226,580	\$237,246	\$0	\$237,246	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Planning, Regulations and GIS	\$833,009	\$971,127	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000	\$613,427		Fees - \$319,700	\$0
TS - Aquatic systems monitoring	\$300,929	\$326,657	\$0	\$202,209	\$0	\$34,000	\$0	Carryforward \$55,448 Fees - \$35,000	
St. Clair AOC Management	\$164,884	\$167,310	\$0	\$167,310	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Conservation Services	\$427,009	\$304,478	\$0	\$71,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Fees - \$106,825 Carryforward \$63,049	\$63,604
MNR Species at Risk	\$399,000	\$516,526	\$0	\$303,771	\$0	\$0	\$0	Carryforward - \$212,755	\$0
Conservation Areas	\$1,513,969	\$1,587,190	\$0		\$0	\$4,660	Shetland - Dawn-Euphemia \$950 Wawanosh - City of Sarnia \$16,515 Clark Wright - Strathroy-Caradoc \$7,100 Bridgeview - Town of Petrolia \$1,300 Coldstream - Middlesex Centre \$25,425 Crothers - Chatham-Kent \$4,300 Stranak - Chatham-Kent \$6,100 Peers - Chatham-Kent \$8,500 Strathroy - Strathroy-Caradoc \$29,000 McEwen - Plympton-Wyoming \$6,700 Highland Glen - Plympton-Wyoming \$2,600 Dodge - Lambton Shores \$1,250	Fees - \$1,404,400 Parking Fees - 0  Foundation - \$1,500 Foundation (Mclean) - \$34,990 Foundation (Greenhill Garden) - \$28,400  Rental Income - \$3,500	
Conservation Area Capital Development	\$100,000	\$123,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$123,000
Property Management	\$312,487	\$312,252	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Rental Income - \$203,268 County of Lambton - \$24,000 Carryforward - \$650 Revenue - \$84,334	\$0
Education	\$172,530	\$204,230	\$0		\$0		\$0	Fees - \$56,000 Foundation - \$148,230	\$0
Communication	\$90,000	\$90,000				\$90,000			
IT Capital	\$14,330	\$20,954	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,954	\$0
Equipment	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$72,000	\$0
Legal	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Administration	\$808,620	\$859,259	\$34,000	\$0	\$34,000	\$536,923	\$0	Rental Income - \$16,700 Interest Income - \$30,000 Foundation - \$15,000 Allocated Admin & IT Costs - \$104,386 Project admin Fees - \$10,000 Other Income - \$37,250 Oil & Gas Revenue - \$40,000	\$1,000
<b>Total CA Budget</b>	<b>\$9,521,597</b>	<b>\$9,001,879</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$2,128,536</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$1,388,010</b>	<b>\$1,737,190</b>	<b>\$3,238,539</b>	<b>\$187,604</b>
Employment Programs *	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
<b>Total Budget 2023</b>	<b>\$9,046,879</b>	<b>\$9,046,879</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$2,128,536</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$1,388,010</b>	<b>\$1,737,190</b>	<b>\$3,283,539</b>	<b>\$187,604</b>
<b>Total Budget 2022</b>	<b>\$9,596,597</b>	<b>\$9,596,597</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$2,406,764</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>	<b>\$1,217,513</b>	<b>\$2,181,860</b>	<b>\$3,302,951</b>	<b>\$165,509</b>
<b>Percentage of Budget 2023</b>		-5.7%	1.8%	23.5%	1.8%	15.3%	19.2%	36.3%	2.1%

## 2023 BUDGETED FUNDING BREAKDOWN

■ Provincial Grant ■ Municipal General Levy ■ Municipal Special Levy ■ Other Grant/Program Funds ■ Revenues ■ Reserves



**2023 Total Municipal Funding  
Schedule "A" - Total Municipal Funding Including Special Infrastructure Projects**

Municipality	2023	2023	2023				2022	
	Proposed General Levy	Proposed Special Levy	Courtright Shoreline Protection (DMAF)	Sarnia Erosion Control Work (WECI & DMAF)	McKeough Dam Repairs & Upgrade Work (WECI)	Flood Plain Mapping Project (NDMP)	Total Municipal Funding	Total Municipal Funding
Adelaide Metcalfe Tp	\$ 30,012	\$ -					\$30,012	\$26,214
Brooke-Alvinston Tp	\$ 27,443	\$ -					\$27,443	\$24,223
Chatham-Kent M	\$ 201,703	\$ 92,530					\$294,233	\$270,318
Dawn-Euphemia Tp	\$ 39,287	\$ 950					\$40,237	\$45,308
Enniskillen Tp	\$ 29,958	\$ -					\$29,958	\$26,936
Lambton Shores M	\$ 77,799	\$ 1,250					\$79,049	\$70,388
Middlesex Centre M	\$ 35,687	\$ 25,425					\$61,112	\$54,874
Newbury V	\$ 2,447	\$ -					\$2,447	\$2,120
Oil Springs V	\$ 3,098	\$ -					\$3,098	\$2,728
Petrolia T	\$ 40,578	\$ 1,300					\$41,878	\$36,829
Plympton-Wyoming T	\$ 86,453	\$ 9,300					\$95,753	\$82,526
Point Edward V	\$ 33,131	\$ -					\$33,131	\$32,746
Sarnia C	\$ 576,179	\$ 16,515		\$1,500,000			\$2,092,694	\$1,917,975
Southwest Middlesex M	\$ 18,402	\$ -					\$18,402	\$16,134
St. Clair Tp	\$ 172,847	\$ 3,820	\$50,000				\$226,667	\$758,982
Strathroy - Caradoc Tp	\$ 138,919	\$ 36,100					\$175,019	\$160,750
Warwick Tp	\$ 35,066	\$ -					\$35,066	\$31,323
	\$ 1,549,010	\$ 187,190	\$50,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,286,200	\$3,560,373

**Note : WECI (Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure) Projects are considered if there is matching funds from both the Province and the benefitting Municipality and vary from year to year based on granting approval process, and Municipal matching funds.  
DMAF - Disaster Mitigation and Adaption Fund - Government of Canada investment in large-scale infrastructure projects.  
NDMP - National Disaster Mitigation Program - Government of Canada funding to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from flood-related events**



Schedule B

2023 General Levy Assessment (Draft)

Municipality	2022 Current Value Assessment (modified) in Watershed	2022 CVA Apportionment %	2023 Current Value Assessment (modified) in Watershed	2023 Weighted CVA Apportionment %	2022 General Levy	2023 General Levy	2022/2023 General Levy Increase
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe	\$ 477,330,858	1.9016%	\$ 492,017,523	1.9375%	\$ 26,214	\$ 30,012	\$ 3,798
Township Brooke-Alvinston	\$ 441,081,625	1.7572%	\$ 449,891,343	1.7716%	\$ 24,223	\$ 27,443	\$ 3,219
Municipality Chatham-Kent	\$ 3,258,819,210	12.9823%	\$ 3,306,699,613	13.0214%	\$ 178,963	\$ 201,703	\$ 22,740
Township Dawn-Euphemia	\$ 671,804,420	2.6763%	\$ 644,072,784	2.5363%	\$ 36,893	\$ 39,287	\$ 2,394
Township Enniskillen	\$ 490,495,560	1.9540%	\$ 491,135,239	1.9340%	\$ 26,936	\$ 29,958	\$ 3,022
Municipality Lambton Shores	\$ 1,258,956,584	5.0154%	\$ 1,275,433,686	5.0225%	\$ 69,138	\$ 77,799	\$ 8,661
Municipality Middlesex Centre	\$ 565,758,748	2.2538%	\$ 585,045,187	2.3038%	\$ 31,069	\$ 35,687	\$ 4,618
Village Newbury	\$ 38,604,675	0.1538%	\$ 40,117,075	0.1580%	\$ 2,120	\$ 2,447	\$ 327
Village Oil Springs	\$ 49,672,710	0.1979%	\$ 50,787,500	0.2000%	\$ 2,728	\$ 3,098	\$ 370
Town Petrolia	\$ 648,792,348	2.5846%	\$ 665,232,553	2.6196%	\$ 35,629	\$ 40,578	\$ 4,949
Town Plympton-Wyoming	\$ 1,382,558,921	5.5078%	\$ 1,417,306,871	5.5812%	\$ 75,926	\$ 86,453	\$ 10,528
Village Point Edward	\$ 541,647,010	2.1578%	\$ 543,142,400	2.1388%	\$ 29,746	\$ 33,131	\$ 3,385
City Sarnia	\$ 9,377,157,036	37.3562%	\$ 9,445,820,540	37.1966%	\$ 514,960	\$ 576,179	\$ 61,219
Municipality Southwest Middlesex	\$ 293,787,146	1.1704%	\$ 301,684,116	1.1880%	\$ 16,134	\$ 18,402	\$ 2,268
Township St. Clair	\$ 2,825,421,435	11.2558%	\$ 2,833,654,142	11.1586%	\$ 155,163	\$ 172,848	\$ 17,685
Township Strathroy - Caradoc	\$ 2,209,726,909	8.8030%	\$ 2,277,432,214	8.9683%	\$ 121,350	\$ 138,919	\$ 17,569
Township Warwick	\$ 570,371,457	2.2722%	\$ 574,867,873	2.2638%	\$ 31,323	\$ 35,066	\$ 3,743
	<b>\$ 25,101,986,652</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 25,394,340,660</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 1,378,513</b>	<b>\$ 1,549,011</b>	<b>\$ 170,497</b>

\$13,800 equals aprox. 1% change in levy  
 CVA Apportionment is based on information provide from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (2022 CVA)

**2023 Municipal Funding Analysis**  
**Schedule "C" Levy per \$100K Assessment Value**

	<b>2023</b>	Based on Total 2022 Modified CVA Assesment	
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Total Current Value Assessment (modified)</b>	<b>2023 Proposed General Levy per \$100k Assessment value</b>	<b>2023 Proposed General Levy Increase per \$100k Assessment value</b>
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe	702,882,175	\$ 4.27	\$ 0.43
Township Brooke-Alvinston	449,891,343	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Municipality Chatham-Kent	11,809,641,476	\$ 1.71	\$ 0.17
Township Dawn-Euphemia	644,072,784	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Township Enniskillen	491,135,239	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Municipality Lambton Shores	2,834,297,081	\$ 2.74	\$ 0.27
Municipality Middlesex Centre	3,656,532,420	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.10
Village Newbury	40,117,075	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Village Oil Springs	50,787,500	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Town Petrolia	665,232,553	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Town Plympton-Wyoming	1,417,306,871	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Village Point Edward	543,142,400	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
City Sarnia	9,445,820,540	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Municipality Southwest Middlesex	754,210,290	\$ 2.44	\$ 0.24
Township St. Clair	2,833,654,142	\$ 6.10	\$ 0.61
Township Strathroy - Caradoc	3,207,651,006	\$ 4.33	\$ 0.43
Township Warwick	618,137,498	\$ 5.67	\$ 0.57
	40,164,512,394	<b>\$ 4.89</b>	<b>\$ 0.49</b>
		<b>Average</b>	

Schedule "D"

2023 Conservation Area Maintenance and Operation Budget

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	Special Levy	Non-Matching General Levy	Revenues	Foundation donation	Other
403- Shetland	\$ 9,525	\$ 950	\$950 ( Dawn-Euphemia)				
404 - Sinclair	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 1,000	
405 - Wawanosh	\$ 16,350	\$ 18,350	\$16,515 (City of Samia)	\$ 1,835			
413 - Clark Wright	\$ 17,100	\$ 7,600	\$7,100 (Strathroy-Caradoc)			\$ 500	
416 - Bridgeview	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,300	\$1,300 (Town of Petrolia)				
417 - Campbell	\$ 354,623	\$ 372,650			\$ 372,650		
419 - Coldstream	\$ 26,450	\$ 28,250	\$25,425 (Middlesex Centre)	\$ 2,825			
448 - Crothers	\$ 4,175	\$ 4,300	\$4,300 (Chatham-Kent)				
455 - Peers	\$ 11,050	\$ 12,000	\$8,500 (Chatham-Kent)		\$ 3,500		
458 - Warwick	\$ 584,316	\$ 638,250			\$ 638,250		
470 - Stranak	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,100	\$6,100 (Chatham-Kent)				
472 - Henderson	\$ 359,500	\$ 393,500			\$ 393,500		
474 - Strathroy	\$ 27,800	\$ 29,000	\$29,000 (Strathroy-Caradoc)				
485 - McEwen	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,700	\$6,700 (Plympton-Wyoming)	\$ -			
486 - Mclean	\$ 38,330	\$ 34,990			\$ 34,990		
489 - Highland Glen	\$ 48,700	\$ 2,600	\$2,600 (Plympton-Wyoming)				
493 - Dodge	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$1,250 (Lambton-Shores)				
495 - Greenhill garden		\$ 28,400			\$ 28,400		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,513,969</b>	<b>\$ 1,587,190</b>	<b>\$ 109,740</b>	<b>\$ 4,660</b>	<b>\$ 1,471,290</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Notes:

**Regional Conservation Areas** (A.W. Campbell, L.C. Henderson, Warwick)

**Local Conservation Areas** (Shetland, Wawanosh, Coldstream, McEwen, Clark Wright, Highland Glen)

**In Town Conservation Areas** (Strathroy, Dodge, Stranak, Crothers, Bridgeview)

Detailed budgets for specific conservation areas available upon request.

The areas are supported by employment programs, fundraising, friends of groups, St. Clair

Region Foundation and grants programs from corporate and non-profit organizations.

Capital Investment - \$56,000

**Summary of Authority / Foundation Land Holdings**

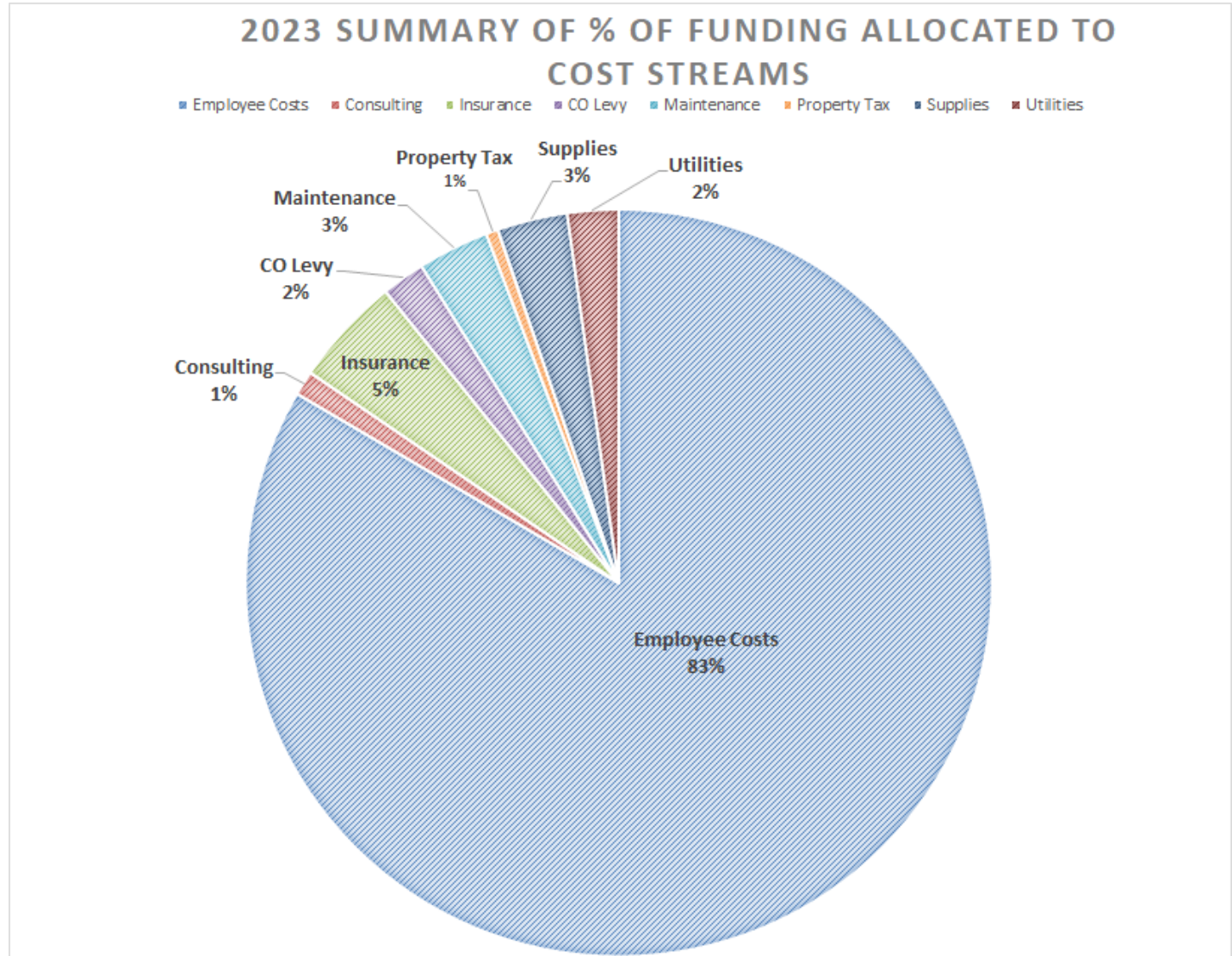
	Hectares
Conservation Lands	556
Conservation Forests	81
McKeough Upstream Lands	746
McKeough Dam & Channel	236
Foundations Lands	384.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2003.6</b>

Flood Easements 647

To ensure the wisest use of these lands, the Authority works with the public and private sectors by entering into various lease agreements including agricultural, residential and other resource management leases. 985.6 hectares are under lease.

**Schedule E**

2023		
Employee Costs	1,873,642	83%
Consulting	24,000	1%
Insurance	106,230	5%
CO Levy	42,134	2%
Maintenance	69,337	3%
Property Tax	11,800	1%
Supplies	68,193	3%
Utilities	49,768	2%
<b>Total GL Budget</b>	<b>2,245,104</b>	





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**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023  
**Report Date:** December 9, 2022  
**Submitted by:** Ashley Fletcher

**Item 17.1 (a)**

**Subject:** Business Arising

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**Regarding BD-21-29**

**Report on reserves deferred until Asset Management Plan in place**

Directors request a report on the benchmark data from the 2017 Conservation Authorities Statistical Survey and comparative analysis of Conservation Authority annual statements, of which have reserves, focusing on the SCRCA's position of fiscal health.

**Regarding BD-22-61**

**Deferred/Ongoing**

Directors suggest that staff investigate the possibility of offering internships/co-operative opportunities to students in related programs to assist in filling service gaps during busier seasons.

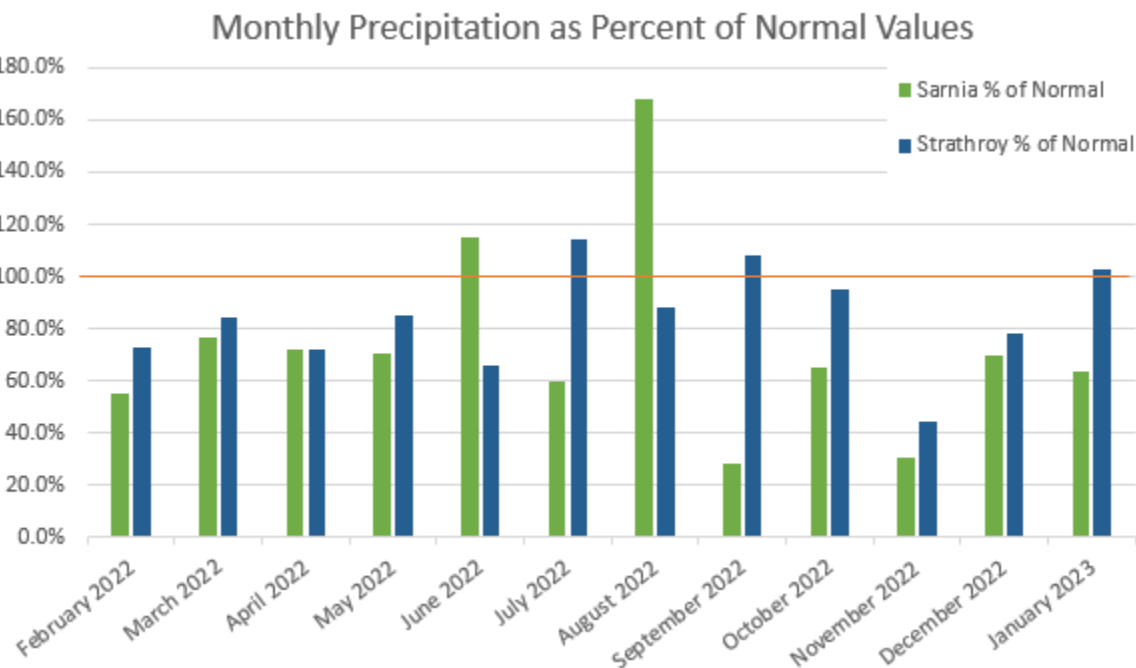
**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item 17.1 (b)**  
**Report Date:** January 31, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Emily De Cloet, Girish Sankar

**Subject:** Watershed Conditions and Water Levels

## Report Highlights:

- Long-term precipitation trends indicate below-normal conditions across the watershed
- Water levels on the surrounding Great Lakes are projected to remain above average over the next six months
- The current flood threat is low to moderate owing to lower water levels and frozen, snow-covered ground

## Precipitation



- Monthly precipitation values were predominately below normal for the past twelve months, however long-term trends (18 months) show amounts near normal
- Stations on the north branch of the Sydenham River reported 30% less rain compared to the east branch
- Intense localized storms resulted in significant disparities between areas, e.g. in August 2022, Sarnia received 168% of normal precipitation whereas Strathroy received 88% that same month

## Lake Levels

December 2022	Lake Huron	Lake St. Clair	Lake Erie
Mean for Month (Preliminary Data)	176.47	175.12	174.20
Mean for Month Last Year	176.69	175.42	174.58
Change	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>-0.38</b>
Mean, for period 1918-2021	176.36	174.94	174.02
Change Compared to Current	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.18</b>
<b>Statistics for Period of Record</b>			
Maximum Monthly Mean / Year	177.26	175.80	174.89
	1986	1986	1986
Change Compared to Current	<b>-0.79</b>	<b>-0.68</b>	<b>-0.69</b>
Minimum Monthly Mean / Year	175.61	174.24	173.19
	2012	1964	1934
Change Compared to Current	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>1.01</b>

- Water levels are down an average of 30 cm from the previous year but remain above average by 11 cm and 18 cm respectively
- Levels are well below the 1986 high water level records by 70-80 cm but remain above the record lows
- Six month projections indicate water levels are likely to remain above average but may be lower compared to the previous year

## Flood Threat

- The flood threat is currently low to moderate
- Reduced precipitation and lower water levels on the Great Lakes have resulted in a greater storage capacity in the watershed
- As temperatures fluctuate and Spring nears, rainfall on top of snow and frozen ground could contribute to increased runoff and high water levels



**Meeting Date:** March 10 2023  
**Report Date:** January 31, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Girish Sankar

**Item 17.1 (c)**

**Subject:** Shoreline Projects

## Recommendation:

That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated January 31, 2023 regarding the shoreline Projects in the watershed.

## LAWSS Shoreline Repair:

- Construction along the shoreline started on January 23, 2023
- Vanbree contracting is performing the shoreline revetment work with Shoreplan Inc providing consulting and site monitoring services.
- This site is near the Rotary Plaza and care is being taken to protect the plaza while performing repairs



Failed sections of armourstone revetment along LAWSS shoreline



Extent of failure along LAWSS shoreline

## Penhuron avenue - Groyne only Project:

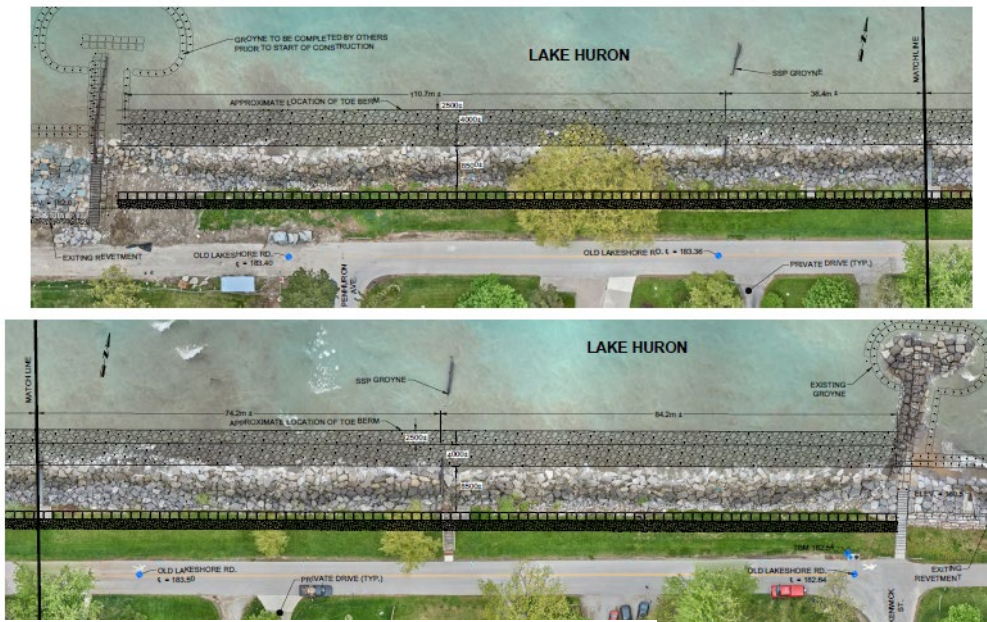
- Construction along the shoreline started in December 2022
- All in-water work has been completed.
- Contractor to resume work in April 2023
- Expected completion for this project is June 2023



Penhuron avenue – Groyne installation

## Penhuron Drive to Kenwick Street shoreline restoration:

- 220 meters of shoreline restoration
- Design work completed
- Draft Tender being Prepared
- Expected start date – late Fall 2022



Penhuron Drive to Kenwick Street Shoreline







Left: New Coldstream Bridge



Right: New Boardwalks

**Clark Wright Conservation Area:**

- Replaced 130m of boardwalk (Ontario Trillium Foundation/Ontario)
- Parking lot upgrades (SCRCF)
- Treads replaced on bridge
- New trail mapping (Ontario Trillium Foundation/Ontario)

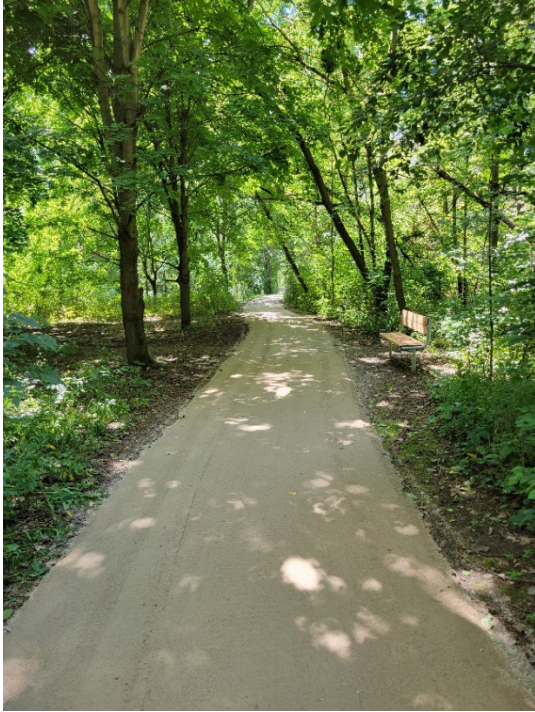


Re-surfaced parking lot at Clark Wright Conservation Area

**Strathroy Conservation Area:**

- 1300m of 2m wide stone dust trail installed (Ontario Trillium Foundation/Ontario)
- Replaced 75m of boardwalk (Ontario Trillium Foundation/Ontario, SCRCF)





Upgraded stone dust trail at Strathroy Conservation Area

**Peers Wetland Conservation Area:**

- Re-established trail loop connection following high water years (flooded trail area)

**Wawanosh Wetlands Conservation Area:**

- 1500m of 2m wide stone dust trail installed (Ontario Trillium Foundation/Ontario)
- New trail mapping (Ontario Trillium Foundation/Ontario)

**A.W. Campbell Conservation Area:**

- Gravel parking pad installed on 18 transient campsites (Southwest Tourism/FedDev Ontario)
- 6 new picnic tables
- 180m of new 2m wide stone dust trail – spring completion (SCRCF)
- 300m of stone dust trail resurfacing – spring completion (SCRCF)
- One new swing set purchased to replace old equipment – spring installation

**L.C. Henderson Conservation Area:**

- Gravel parking pads installed on 6 transient campsites (Southwest Tourism/FedDev Ontario)
- 6 new picnic tables
- 1050m of 2m wide stone dust trail installed (Southwest Tourism/FedDev Ontario)



Stone dust trail at L.C. Henderson Conservation Area

**Warwick Conservation Area:**

- Gravel parking pads installed on 39 transient campsites (Southwest Tourism/FedDev Ontario)
- 10 new picnic tables
- 2 locations planted to pollinator habitat (Canada Nature Smart)
- Two new swing sets purchased to replace old equipment – spring installation
- New drainage installed to reduce standing water on campsites



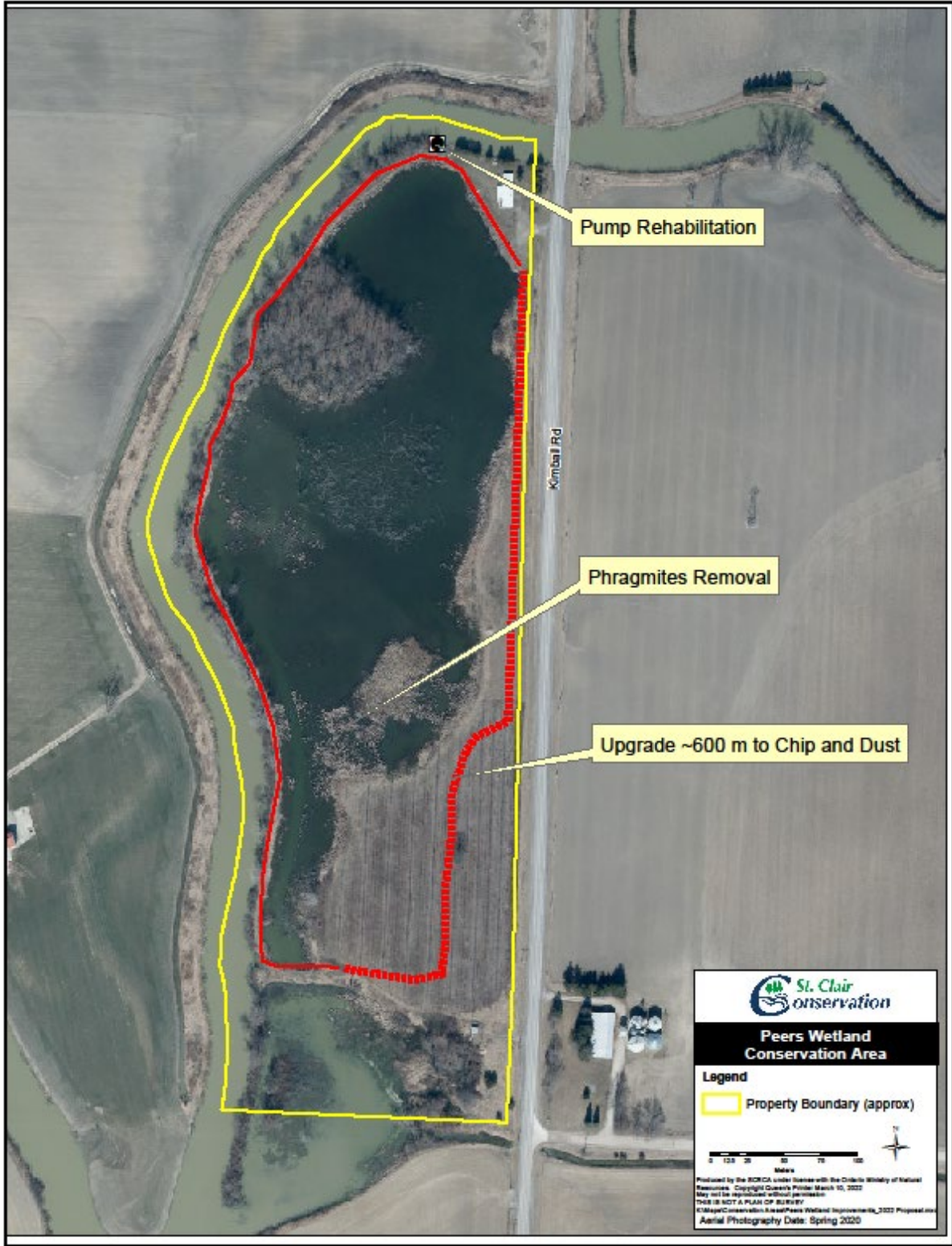
Gravel parking pad being installed at Warwick Conservation Area

**Financial Impact:**

Total grants and donations received for 2022 Conservation Area projects was more than \$440,000.







**Financial Impact:**

It is anticipated that \$50,000 will cover the project expenses.



**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item 17.1 (f)**  
**Report Date:** February 2, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Melissa Deisley, Vitra Chodha, Meagan Weber, Rashida Naznin  
**Subject:** Planning Activity Summary

A summary of staff activity related to Municipal Plan Input and Review is presented below. This report covers the period from November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

Municipal Plan Input and Review			
File Reference	Location	Municipality	Municipal File
PL#2022-0113	6791 Falconbridge Dr (lot west)	Adelaide-Metcalfe	
PL#2022-0122	590 Second Street	Adelaide-Metcalfe	B12-2022
PL#2021-0073	800 Elizabeth Street	Chatham-Kent	D-14 WA/55/22/O 36T-22502
PL#2022-0012	7048 Baseline Road	Chatham-Kent	OPA No. 68 B-07/22 A-05/22
PL#2022-0016	140 Water Street	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0045	11080 Base Line	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0065	29845 St. Clair Parkway	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0073	Glasgow Line	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0081	740 Victoria Avenue	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0085	29569 St. George Street North	Chatham-Kent	B-118/22 A-77/22
PL#2022-0097	207 Wall Street	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0127	24919 Kent Bridge	Chatham-Kent	B-118/22 A-77/22
PL#2022-0129	11620 Croton Line	Chatham-Kent	B-123-22 & B-124-22 A-68-22
PL#2022-0145	29568 Tupperville Road	Chatham-Kent	B-125/22
PL#2022-0148	700 Gillard Street	Chatham-Kent	
PL#2022-0036	1405 Oil Heritage Road	Dawn-Euphemia	B005-22
PL#2022-0128	4591 Edys Mills Road	Dawn-Euphemia	

PL#2018-110	First Ave	Enniskillen	
PL#2018-111	W of Country View Drive, S of Joe Street	Enniskillen	38T-07001
PL#2022-0114	4722 Courtright Line (lot 17 & 18)	Enniskillen	
PL#2022-0124	Parcel bw 3795 & 3841 Petrolia Line	Enniskillen	
PL#2021-0137	5188 Cedar Point Line	Lambton Shores	
PL#2022-0052	9395 Ipperwash Road	Lambton Shores	
PL#2022-0067	6780 East Parkway Drive	Lambton Shores	ZO-16/2022
PL#2022-0130	9643 Ipperwash Road	Lambton Shores	
PL#2022-0139	5296 Broadview Ave	Lambton Shores	A04-2023
PL#2018-119	Timberwalk Trail	Middlesex Centre	39T-MC0401
PL#2021-0113	22603-22669 Vanneck Road	Middlesex Centre	
PL#2021-0136	Hyde Park and Ilderton Road	Middlesex Centre	39T-MC-CDM2203
PL#2022-0059	10651 Ilderton Rd	Middlesex Centre	A-27-2022
PL#2018-109	North of 6810 King Street	Plympton-Wyoming	38T-20001
PL#2018-055	3424 Egremont Road	Plympton-Wyoming	ZBA 2020 11 23 38T-18003
PL#2020-0007	4135 London Line/5655 Kerrigan Road	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2020-0043	Lakeshore and Flemming Road	Plympton-Wyoming	38T-08005
PL#2020-0086	3096 Lakeshore Road	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2021-0081	Lot 16 Con Front, King St	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2021-0088	5894 Douglas Line	Plympton-Wyoming	ZO-13/2022
PL#2022-0083	4890 Forsyth Trail	Plympton-Wyoming	A-19-22
PL#2022-0111	6686 & 6684 Creekside Dr	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2022-0121	5783 Camlachie Road	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2022-0144	4383 London Line	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2022-0155	Hillsboro Road & Townsend Line	Plympton-Wyoming	OPA55 ZBA3-2023
PL#2023-0003	6749 Craigmere Lea	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2023-0005	7988 Norma Ave	Plympton-Wyoming	A-04/23
PL#2023-0006	4925 Edith Lane	Plympton-Wyoming	A-02/23
PL#2018-084	2024 London Line	Sarnia	

PL#2020-0015	1597 London Line	Sarnia	
PL#2020-0029	Kenny Steet & Esso Chemical Drive	Sarnia	
PL#2021-0050	Pamela Court	Sarnia	OPA #39, OPA #45 No. 7-2022-85 of 2022
PL#2022-0062	1891 Michigan Line	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0112	145-151 Mitton St. South	Sarnia	PRE-35-2022
PL#2022-0117	1407 London Line	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0123	Brittoli Avenue	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0126	1567 Michigan Line	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0132	2955 Churchill Line (property east of)	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0134	1832 Lakeshore Road	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0136	2024 London Line	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0143	1741 Confederation Line	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0150	391 & 393 Shepard Street	Sarnia	
PL#2023-0002	587 Cardiff Drive	Sarnia	A62-2022
PL#2023-0007	Lot west of 1527 Old London Line	Sarnia	
PL#2023-0009	2547 Old Lakeshore Road	Sarnia	
PL#2023-0010	1441 Christina St North	Sarnia	
PL#2022-0125	1918, 1824 Concession Drive, Newbury	Southwest Middlesex	
PL#2022-0151	1788 & 1792 Concession Dr	Southwest Middlesex	OPA-01-2023; OPA15 ZBA-01-2023
PL#2023-0001	5771 Falconbridge Drive	Southwest Middlesex	B1-2023
PL#2020-0062	142 West Ward Line, Port Lambton	St. Clair	B-10-20, B-17-21, B-17/22
PL#2021-0112	497, 561 and 571 Moore Line	St. Clair	B/19-21 A-32/21, A-33/21 and A-34/21
PL#2022-0027	4737 Old River Road	St. Clair	B-05-22
PL#2022-0057	2662 Petrolia Line	St. Clair	B-11-22
PL#2022-0074	953 Brigden Road	St. Clair	B-14-22
PL#2022-0084	Boswell Street and Melwood Drive	St. Clair	
PL#2022-0133	4166 St. Clair Parkway	St. Clair	B-24-22
PL#2022-0141	1037 Pointe Line	St. Clair	B-25-2022

PL#2022-0142	4846 St. Clair Parkway	St. Clair	B-26-2022
PL#2022-0146	St. Clair Blvd & Maple Drive	St. Clair	
PL#2022-0147	777 St. Clair Pkwy, Corunna	St. Clair	
PL#2022-0149	3877 St. Clair Parkway	St. Clair	
PL#2019-084	101 Hull Road	Strathroy-Caradoc	
PL#2020-0009	Adelaide Rd & Falconbridge Dr	Strathroy-Caradoc	ZBA21-2022 39T-SC2202
PL#2020-0058	244 Second Street	Strathroy-Caradoc	
PL#2021-0064	137 Frank Street	Strathroy-Caradoc	
PL#2021-0111	S of Wright St, E of Agnes Dr	Strathroy-Caradoc	SPA5-2021
PL#2022-0048	390 Second Street, Secondary Plan Area	Strathroy-Caradoc	ZBA17-2022
PL#2022-0138	95 Caradoc St S	Strathroy-Caradoc	SPA4-2022
PL#2022-0152	9388 Scotchmere Dr	Strathroy-Caradoc	ZBA18-2021 B16-17-2021
PL#2022-0153	7938 Inadale Drive	Strathroy-Caradoc	B18-2022
PL#2023-0008	7115 Inadale Drive	Strathroy-Caradoc	A35-2022
PL#2020-0034	5641 Nauvoo Road	Warwick	
PL#2021-0041	7757 Confederation Line	Warwick	
PL#2021-0135	7023 Egremont Road	Warwick	Z-02-22
PL#2022-0140	5768 Nauvoo Road (Twin Creeks Enviro)	Warwick	
<b>Total Plan Review Items: 93</b>			

## Environmental Assessments

File Reference	Location	Municipality
EA#2022-0008	325 Margaret Ave	Chatham-Kent
EA#2022-0009	10 McDougall Street	Chatham-Kent
EA#2021-005	Bear Creek at Rokeby Line	Enniskillen
EA#2022-0007	700 Christina Street North (Sarnia Jail)	Sarnia
EA#2022-0010	Hwy 402 bw Murphy Rd & Modeland Rd	Sarnia
EA#2022-0002	Line between Lambton + Chatham	St. Clair
EA#2022-0012	790 Petrolia Line, Corunna	St. Clair
EA#2022-0013	1464 St. Clair Pkwy	St. Clair
EA#2020-017	5768 Nauvoo Rd, Watford	Warwick

EA#2022-0011	WM Twin Creeks Environmental Centre	Warwick
<b>Total Environmental Assessments: 10</b>		

## Legal Inquiries

<b>File Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Municipality</b>
LL#2022-0048	29831 Irish School Road	Chatham-Kent
LL#2022-0045	6298 Spruce Street	Lambton Shores
LL#2022-0046	436 & 437 First Avenue	Petrolia
LL#2023-0001	4236 Petrolia Line	Petrolia
LL#2022-0043	418 East Street North	Sarnia
LL#2022-0047	4320 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton	St. Clair
LL#2023-0002	1335 Wilkesport Line	St. Clair
LL#2022-0044	6855 Brick Yard Line (lot west)	Warwick
<b>Total Legal Inquiries: 8</b>		

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item 17.1 (g)**  
**Report Date:** February 2, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Melissa Deisley, Jeff Vlasman, Meagan Weber, Kelsey Oatman, Sarah Snetsinger  
**Subject:** Regulations Activity Summary

A summary of staff activity related to the Conservation Authority's *Development, Interference of Wetlands, and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation* (Ontario Regulation 171/06 under Ontario Regulation 97/04) is presented below. This report covers the period from November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

## Regulations Permits Issued

Application #	Location	Municipality	Proposal	Submitted	Issued	Days
R#2022-0570	28700 Dolphin Road, Strathroy	Adelaide-Metcalfe	install a pool and cabana	Nov-30	Dec-06	6
R#2022-0212	3202 Park Street, Inwood	Brooke-Alvinston	new dwelling	Nov-09	Nov-10	1
R#2022-0082	555 Nelson St, Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent	build a new dwelling	Nov-02	Nov-03	1
R#2022-0128	29568 Tupperville Road, Tupperville	Chatham-Kent	new dwelling	Nov-21	Nov-29	8
R#2022-0356	120 Beattie Street, Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent	conduit under waterway	Jan-05	Jan-06	1
R#2022-0457	35 Greenbriar Trail, Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent	convert basement window to larger egress window	Dec-20	Dec-21	1
R#2022-0531	131 Margaret Ave, Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent	front porch addition and enclosure	Oct-06	Nov-03	28
R#2022-0618	10591 Country View Line, Dresden	Chatham-Kent	build a carport	Oct-11	Nov-03	23
R#2022-0655	4004 Dufferin Ave, Wallaceburg	Chatham-Kent	build a dwelling & accessory buildings	Oct-26	Dec-01	36
R#2022-0667	9219 McCready Line, Tupperville	Chatham-Kent	build new dwelling	Dec-17	Dec-22	5

R#2022-0674	140 Andrew Ave, Wallaceburg	Chatham- Kent	build a seasonal sunroom	Oct-31	Nov-28	28
R#2022-0684	187 Brander Ave, Wallaceburg	Chatham- Kent	replace deck	Dec-08	Dec-13	5
R#2022-0781	13275 Zone Center Line, Thamesville	Chatham- Kent	erosion control project	Dec-15	Dec-22	7
R#2022-0701	1240 Marthaville Road, Dresden	Dawn- Euphemia	install 35m of 1 1/4" plastic gas service	Nov-09	Dec-02	23
R#2022-0752	1442 Dawn Valley Road (closest address)	Dawn- Euphemia	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0755	1640 Mandaumin Road (closest address)	Dawn- Euphemia	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0657	5081 Churchill Line, Enniskillen	Enniskillen	Tributary Re- alignment	Nov-04	Jan-18	75
R#2023-0004	Buttermilk Creek, Petrolia	Enniskillen	Watermain Break under the watercourse	Jan-27	Jan-30	3
R#2021-0394	Northville Road	Lambton Shores	HDPE Pipe and Fiber Optics Installation	Nov-07	Nov-07	1
R#2021-0395	Townsend Line	Lambton Shores	Installation of HDPE pipe and fiber Optics	Nov-07	Nov-07	1
R#2021-0396	Intersection of Jericho & Townsend Line	Lambton Shores	Installation of HDPE pipe and fiber Optics	Nov-07	Nov-07	1
R#2022-0394	6154 Jane Street, Ipperwash	Lambton Shores	double car garage	Oct-19	Dec-23	65
R#2022-0745	5428 Oak Ave, Lambton Shores	Lambton Shores	install a seasonal sunroom	Dec-02	Jan-03	32
R#2022-0693	4310 Petrolia Line, Petrolia	Petrolia	build a new dwelling	Dec-22	Jan-04	13
R#2021-0756	4140 Bluepoint Drive	Plympton- Wyoming	Installation of new steel sheet pile shorewall	Dec-14	Dec-20	6
R#2022-0367	3526 Queen Street, Camlachie	Plympton- Wyoming	install shorewall	Nov-28	Nov-28	1

R#2022-0585	4130 Bluepoint Drive, Plympton-Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	repair groyne	Nov-08	Nov-16	8
R#2022-0586	6838 O'Brien Road (lot beside), Plympton-Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	repair groyne	Nov-09	Nov-16	7
R#2022-0643	4556 William Street, Plympton-Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	install a new shorewall	Oct-28	Nov-30	33
R#2022-0653	4496 Michigan Line, Camlachie	Plympton-Wyoming	build a garage	Dec-09	Dec-12	3
R#2022-0662	4239 Lakeshore Road (closest address), Plympton-Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	bridge repairs	Oct-19	Nov-07	19
R#2022-0671	4875 Michigan Road, Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	build an addition	Dec-22	Jan-04	13
R#2022-0695	4056 Bluepoint Drive (Lot 59), Plympton-Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	build a new dwelling & garage	Nov-07	Jan-13	67
R#2022-0707	3737 Hyslop Line, Camlachie	Plympton-Wyoming	install 90m of 1 1/4" plastic gas service	Nov-10	Nov-23	13
R#2022-0719	6623 Fleming Road, Camlachie	Plympton-Wyoming	install 21m of 1/2" plastic gas service	Nov-17	Dec-15	28
R#2022-0735	3675 Hyslop Line, Camlachie	Plympton-Wyoming	install 32m of 1 1/4" plastic gas service.	Nov-22	Nov-24	2
R#2022-0736	3696 Hyslop Line, Camlachie	Plympton-Wyoming	install 60m of 1 1/4" plastic gas service	Nov-22	Nov-24	2
R#2022-0740	3759 London Line, Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	install 1 1/4" PE 420kPa gas service	Nov-24	Dec-19	25
R#2023-0048	4885 Forsyth Trail, Plympton-Wyoming	Plympton-Wyoming	Covered Deck	Jan-24	Jan-26	2
R#2022-0054	Port of Sarnia Mini-Dock A, western limit of Exmouth Street	Point Edward	Expand their existing dock facility (Mini Dock A)	Dec-06	Jan-18	43



R#2022-0123	2293 Passingham Drive, Sarnia	Sarnia	addition and build detached garage	Aug-16	Nov-02	78
R#2022-0612	653 Cardiff Drive, Sarnia	Sarnia	build a garage	Sep-21	Nov-03	43
R#2022-0620	830 Tudor Close West, Sarnia	Sarnia	build a new dwelling	Sep-20	Nov-04	45
R#2022-0658	1873 London Line, Sarnia	Sarnia	install a SWM	Oct-18	Dec-05	48
R#2022-0717	1715 Plank Rd (closest address), Sarnia	Sarnia	integrity dig	Nov-17	Dec-15	28
R#2022-0732	west of 1010 Plank Road, Sarnia	Sarnia	integrity dig	Nov-22	Nov-23	1
R#2022-0733	west of 1010 Plank Road, Sarnia	Sarnia	integrity dig	Nov-22	Nov-23	1
R#2022-0784	east of 291 Scott Road, Sarnia	Sarnia	integrity dig	Dec-18	Jan-04	17
R#2022-0785	east of 291 Scott Road, Sarnia	Sarnia	integrity dig	Dec-18	Jan-04	17
R#2022-0764	3261 Kimball Road (lot north)	Southwest Middlesex	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0316	4710 Riverside Drive, Port Lambton	St. Clair	replace and expand a sunroom	Oct-24	Nov-14	21
R#2022-0758	2659 Stanley Line (lot north)	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0759	2528 Bickford Line (closest address)	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0760	2268 Oil Springs Line (closest address)	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0761	2784 Telfer Road (lot west)	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0762	1813 Courtright Line	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43

R#2022-0763	3066 Waubuno Road ( lot west)	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0765	1430 Moore Line (closest address)	St. Clair	Dawn Corunna pipeline installation	Dec-15	Jan-27	43
R#2022-0573	7318 Calvert Drive, Strathroy	Strathroy-Caradoc	place fill in regulated area	Dec-19	Dec-19	1
R#2022-0615	225 Riverview Drive, Strathroy	Strathroy-Caradoc	replace one deck, install patio and a deck	Nov-07	Dec-23	46
R#2022-0668	9165 Glengyle Drive, Strathroy	Strathroy-Caradoc	sunroom addition	Nov-21	Nov-28	7
R#2023-0040	7023 Egremont Road, Warwick	Warwick	Change of use	Jan-19	Jan-26	7
<b>Total Permits Issued: 62</b>		<b>Average Number of Days to Issue for this Period: 23</b>				

## Regulations Inquiries

FileReference	Municipality	Location
R#2021-0817	Adelaide-Metcalf	6564 Scotchmere Drive
R#2022-0630	Adelaide-Metcalf	14 Charles Blvd (lot west), Strathroy
R#2022-0696	Adelaide-Metcalf	1872 Melwood Dr, Kerwood
R#2022-0708	Adelaide-Metcalf	26046 Kerwood Road, Strathroy
R#2022-0742	Adelaide-Metcalf	26781 Brady Road, Kerwood
R#2022-0791	Adelaide-Metcalf	4646 Calvert Drive, Glencoe
R#2022-0619	Brooke-Alvinston	Northwest of 8919 Conservation Road, Brooke
R#2022-0744	Brooke-Alvinston	6500 James Street, Inwood
R#2022-0746	Brooke-Alvinston	7523 Petrolia Line, Alvinston
R#2022-0750	Brooke-Alvinston	8257 Petrolia Line, Alvinston
R#2020-0191	Chatham-Kent	29766 Cuthbert Road
R#2021-0038	Chatham-Kent	7 Bayview, Mitchell's Bay
R#2021-0318	Chatham-Kent	2024-2028 Dufferin Ave
R#2021-0765	Chatham-Kent	10256 Base Line, Chatham
R#2022-0435	Chatham-Kent	29 Henson Street (Rolling Acres), Dresden
R#2022-0622	Chatham-Kent	12024 Splinter Line (lot beside), Thamesville
R#2022-0694	Chatham-Kent	11153 Grove Mills Line, Dresden
R#2022-0710	Chatham-Kent	9 Henson St (Rolling Acres), Dresden

R#2022-0714	Chatham-Kent	7374 McCreary Line, Wallaceburg
R#2022-0715	Chatham-Kent	100 Mason Street, Wallaceburg
R#2022-0748	Chatham-Kent	52 Margaret Ave, Wallaceburg
R#2023-0005	Chatham-Kent	Behind 7219 Bassette Line, Wallaceburg
R#2023-0018	Chatham-Kent	24734 Centre Side Road, Chatham
R#2023-0019	Chatham-Kent	9293 Green Valley Line, Dresden
R#2023-0031	Chatham-Kent	45 Bank Street, Tupperville
R#2023-0059	Chatham-Kent	8829 Cedar Hedge Line, Dresden
R#2022-0644	Dawn-Euphemia	1400 Smith Falls Road, Florence
R#2022-0768	Dawn-Euphemia	3791 Bentpath Line, Dresden
R#2022-0773	Dawn-Euphemia	472 Oakdale Road, Florence
R#2022-0788	Dawn-Euphemia	1692 Smith Falls Road (lot across from), Bothwell
R#2023-0034	Dawn-Euphemia	1692 Smith Falls Road (lot across from)
R#2021-0014	Enniskillen	3196 Black Ash Side Road, Enniskillen
R#2022-0563	Enniskillen	3849 Caroline Street (lot beside), Petrolia
R#2022-0592	Enniskillen	3115 Rokeby Line, Enniskillen
R#2022-0776	Enniskillen	4647 Fairweather Road
R#2022-0787	Enniskillen	3520 Oil Springs Line, Brigden
R#2023-0023	Enniskillen	5498 Rokeby Line
R#2023-0035	Enniskillen	3131 Shiloh Line
R#2021-0671	Lambton Shores	6897 Clemens Line
R#2022-0076	Lambton Shores	5424 Oak Avenue, Lambton Shores
R#2022-0688	Lambton Shores	Corner of Fuller Rd & Lakeshore Rd
R#2022-0737	Lambton Shores	6602 Lakeshore Road, Lambton Shores
R#2022-0782	Lambton Shores	9706 Maylard Ave, Lambton Shores
R#2023-0056	Lambton Shores	5498 Beach Street, Lambton Shores
R#2023-0062	Lambton Shores	9024 Wood Drive, Lambton Shores
R#2022-0438	Middlesex Centre	10651 Ilderton Road, Ilderton
R#2023-0025	Oil Springs	4661 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs
R#2023-0028	Oil Springs	4661 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs
R#2022-0775	Petrolia	3922 Tile Yard Road, Petrolia
R#2023-0003	Petrolia	4312 Petrolia Line, Petrolia
R#2022-0096	Plympton-Wyoming	W of Augusta St

R#2022-0450	Plympton-Wyoming	4148 Bluepoint Drive, Plympton-Wyoming
R#2022-0572	Plympton-Wyoming	3140 Egremont Road, Camlachie
R#2022-0590	Plympton-Wyoming	4930 Lakeshore Road, Plympton-Wyoming
R#2022-0601	Plympton-Wyoming	6150 Camlachie Road, Camlachie
R#2022-0603	Plympton-Wyoming	3148 Douglas Line, Camlachie
R#2022-0675	Plympton-Wyoming	6906 Maitland Street, Camlachie
R#2022-0682	Plympton-Wyoming	4196 Bluepoint Drive, Forest
R#2022-0690	Plympton-Wyoming	3320 London Line, Wyoming
R#2022-0703	Plympton-Wyoming	3148 Douglas Street, Camlachie
R#2022-0722	Plympton-Wyoming	4925 Edith Lane, Plympton
R#2022-0739	Plympton-Wyoming	6031 O'Brien Road, Camlachie
R#2022-0766	Plympton-Wyoming	4358 Egremont Road, Camlachie
R#2022-0789	Plympton-Wyoming	3245 Devonshire Road, Camlachie
R#2022-0792	Plympton-Wyoming	3472 Queen Street, Camlachie
R#2023-0009	Plympton-Wyoming	4056 Bluepoint Drive, Plympton-Wyoming
R#2023-0058	Plympton-Wyoming	lot west of 3140 Douglas Street, Plympton-Wyoming
R#2023-0057	Point Edward	500 Helena St, Point Edward
R#2021-0518	Sarnia	6018 Blackwell Sideroad, Sarnia
R#2022-0378	Sarnia	2116 Yonge Street, Bright's Grove
R#2022-0645	Sarnia	1080 Braemar Line, Sarnia
R#2022-0648	Sarnia	494 Lakeshore Road, Sarnia
R#2022-0652	Sarnia	2958 Old Lakeshore Road, Brights Grove
R#2022-0734	Sarnia	1994 Blackwell Road (south of), Sarnia
R#2022-0747	Sarnia	1240 Afton Drive, Sarnia
R#2022-0751	Sarnia	2399 Michigan Line, Bright's Grove
R#2023-0011	Sarnia	2004 Marissa Court, Bright's Grove
R#2023-0015	Sarnia	116 Vidal Street South, Sarnia
R#2023-0027	Sarnia	2432 Churchill Line, Sarnia
R#2023-0032	Sarnia	5208 Telfer Road, Sarnia
R#2023-0041	Sarnia	930 Lakeshore Road, Sarnia
R#2023-0043	Sarnia	west of 1525 Michigan Line, Sarnia
R#2023-0047	Sarnia	1966 Blackwell Rd (across road), Sarnia
R#2023-0049	Sarnia	2469 Old Lakeshore Road, Bright's Grove

R#2023-0050	Sarnia	2304 Jackson Road, Sarnia
R#2023-0054	Sarnia	1525 Michigan Line (lot west), Sarnia
R#2022-0673	Southwest Middlesex	22848 Springfield Road, Appin
R#2022-0685	Southwest Middlesex	1918, 1924 Concession Drive, Newbury
R#2022-0689	Southwest Middlesex	22848 Springfield Road, Appin
R#2022-0712	Southwest Middlesex	22848 Springfield Road, Appin
R#2022-0726	Southwest Middlesex	1761 Concession Drive, Newbury
R#2022-0629	St. Clair	897 Grant Road, Wallaceburg
R#2022-0654	St. Clair	191 Moore Line (closest address), Mooretown
R#2022-0704	St. Clair	427 Pointe Line, Port Lambton
R#2022-0713	St. Clair	2609 Brigden Road, Bridgen
R#2022-0777	St. Clair	4170 Telfer Road, Corunna
R#2022-0803	St. Clair	various
R#2023-0024	St. Clair	890 Waring Road, Port Lambton
R#2020-0476	Strathroy-Caradoc	506 Dewan Street
R#2020-0587	Strathroy-Caradoc	8157 Inadale Road
R#2021-0801	Strathroy-Caradoc	7275 Falconbridge Road, Melbourne
R#2022-0567	Strathroy-Caradoc	623 Saulsbury Street, Strathroy
R#2022-0678	Strathroy-Caradoc	294 Pinetree Lane, Strathroy
R#2022-0683	Strathroy-Caradoc	8532 Glendon Drive, Mount Brydges
R#2022-0716	Strathroy-Caradoc	295/297 Metcalfe Street East, Strathroy
R#2022-0730	Strathroy-Caradoc	420 High Street E, Strathroy
R#2022-0805	Strathroy-Caradoc	415 Metclafe St E, Strathroy
R#2023-0001	Strathroy-Caradoc	133 Front Street East, Strathroy
R#2023-0017	Strathroy-Caradoc	107 Tanton Street, Strathroy
R#2023-0026	Strathroy-Caradoc	34 Briscoe Cres, Strathroy
R#2023-0029	Strathroy-Caradoc	2 Metcalfe Terrace, Strathroy
R#2023-0033	Strathroy-Caradoc	74 Maitland Terrace, Strathroy
R#2022-0223	Warwick	7023 Egremont Road
R#2022-0702	Warwick	6585 First School Road, Watford
<b>Total Regulations Inquiries: 114</b>		

## Regulations - DART Completed Files

File Reference	Municipality	Drain / Watercourse
R#2022-0720	Adelaide-Metcalfe	Beattie Drain
R#2022-0728	Adelaide-Metcalfe	Rapley Drain
R#2022-0754	Adelaide-Metcalfe	Browne Drain Douglas Branch
R#2023-0013	Adelaide-Metcalfe	Morrow Drain
R#2022-0626	Brooke-Alvinston	Cook Drain
R#2022-0631	Brooke-Alvinston	Bass Drain
R#2022-0634	Brooke-Alvinston	Stewart Douglas Drain
R#2022-0635	Brooke-Alvinston	Courtright Drain (East and West)
R#2022-0700	Brooke-Alvinston	15-16 Concession Drain
R#2022-0795	Brooke-Alvinston	LightFoot Oke drain
R#2022-0796	Brooke-Alvinston	Wallis Drain
R#2022-0697	Chatham-Kent	Butler Drain
R#2023-0010	Chatham-Kent	Chinnick Drain
R#2023-0014	Chatham-Kent	McDonald Tap Drain
R#2023-0046	Chatham-Kent	McBrien Drain
R#2022-0769	Dawn-Euphemia	Turner Watson Drain
R#2023-0021	Dawn-Euphemia	Drummon Creek Drain
R#2020-0537	Enniskillen	Lewis McDougall Drain
R#2021-0139	Enniskillen	Phillips Drain
R#2022-0660	Enniskillen	4th Concession Drain
R#2022-0729	Enniskillen	Shepherd Drain
R#2022-0804	Enniskillen	Marthaville Drain
R#2022-0078	Plympton-Wyoming	Highland Creek Drain
R#2022-0692	Plympton-Wyoming	McDonald Drain
R#2022-0799	Plympton-Wyoming	Passingham Ferguson Drain
R#2023-0030	Sarnia	Bissell-McArthur Drain
R#2023-0012	St. Clair	Johnston Drain
R#2022-0801	Strathroy-Caradoc	McEvoy Drain
R#2020-0770	Warwick	Holbrook-Fenner Drain
R#2022-0679	Warwick	Kent-Maidment Drain

**Total DART Permits Issued: 30**

## Regulations Permits - Drains

<b>File Reference</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Drain / Watercourse</b>
R#2022-0525	Chatham-Kent	Courtney Drain
R#2022-0414	Enniskillen	Simpson Drain
R#2022-0131	Plympton-Wyoming	Cow Creek Drain
R#2022-0677	Sarnia	Cole Drain
R#2022-0793	Sarnia	Rooney Drain South
R#2020-0650	Warwick	Moffat Drain-Branch 7 Extension

**Total Regulations Inquiries Regarding Drains: 6**





into our watershed and Lake Erie. This program, also fully booked for winter 2023, will be delivered to 400 students.

**River RAP:** Also sponsored by Friends of the St. Clair River, this program once again returns to the classroom. Demand is high and the program is fully booked. An anticipated 475 students are expected to participate between January and March 2023.

**Spring Water Awareness Schoolyard Program:** Negotiations continue with Plains Midstream Canada to secure funding for this popular program. Teachers have already asked to join a waiting list for if the program becomes available.

**Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability (BASES – formerly SLEA) Programming:** Negotiations continue with BASES to secure funding for this popular program. In the meantime, the “My Environment” program is being booked as a paid program; to date, three classes have participated.

**Outdoor Winter Education Programming:** SCRCA staff encourage outdoor experiences for students during the winter; due to the school’s hesitancy to travel, schoolyard programs are being promoted.

**Field Trips at Henderson Conservation Area:** SCRCA continues to offer winter field trips. Attendance continues to be occasional, but valuable. Two highlights for Winter 2023: a new ‘Winter Tracking’ program, and the recruitment of a new French school for winter programming.

**Nature in your Neighbourhood Schoolyard Programs:**

Schools are still booking schoolyard programs this winter, approximately 200 students are expected to participate.

**\*New – Climate Change Program:** The Education Team’s Co-op Student, Raphael Carriel-Moreault, assisted in creating a new climate-themed program for Grades 5-12 to learn about why climate change is happening, how it affects us, and what we can do about it.

**Maple Syrup Program:** This fee-based program is being offered in two formats for March 2022. Students can participate in the schoolyard, or in-person for a Traditional Field Trip at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area.

**Webinar Programs – Spring 2023:**

St. Clair Education continues to offer fee-based webinars to our local school boards. Lambton Kent District School Board and St Clair Catholic District Schoolboard have partnered to book 15 webinars for the winter/spring 2023 season.

## **Kettle and Stony Point First Nation – Canadian Nature Fund, Year 4:**

St Clair Staff continue working closely with the Principal, Ojibwe Language program, and Hillside teachers to assist with development and delivery of the Land-Based Ed initiative this school year (Sept. 2022-June 2023). Staff have been visiting the school weekly to take 'bushwalks' with each grade in the school (Kindergarten-Gr 8). Outdoor Education 'bushwalks' involve a walking field trip to a local woodlot to participate in various Conservation Education programs. Additional funding is being pursued to continue this program into the future.

### **\*NEW: Programming for Newcomers to Canada**

SCRCA will be partnering with the YMCA to provide presentations, Nature in Your Neighbourhood programs, and field trips to the L.C. Henderson Conservation Area for New Canadians and Refugees. These programs will aim to build relationships between people and the environment in Canada, to help them care for nature, and feel at home in their new country.

### **Community Partnerships:**

Education Staff continue to participate in the following committees: Arbour Week Committee, Lambton County Trails Committee, and Rekindle the Sparks Workshop Planning Committee (for CA Educators across ON).

### **Strategic Objectives(s):**

Goal 4 – Provide recreation and education opportunities for the public to enjoy and learn from our natural environment.

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2023 **Item** 17.1 (i)  
**Report Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Submitted by:** Mike Moroney and Donna Blue

**Subject:** St. Clair River Area of Concern Update

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**Recommendation:**

That the Board accept this update on the status of efforts to address the remaining Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) in the St. Clair River Area of Concern.

**Background:**

**Restrictions on Fish and Wildlife Consumption – BUI #1**

To assist in gathering insight on the habits of recreational and sports anglers, a community fish survey was launched on March 13, 2021 through the Friends of the St. Clair River monthly E-Newsletter. Through the use of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the assistance of Walpole Island First Nation, additional efforts were made to promote completion of the survey. When the survey closed on December 31, 2022, a total of 171 responses had been received. The information collected will be compiled into a report and will assist in the assessment of this Beneficial Use Impairment.

**Restrictions on Drinking Water Consumption or Taste and Odour Problems – BUI #9**

Engagement efforts remain underway to communicate the findings of a draft assessment report that was completed in January 2022 on the restrictions on drinking water consumption or taste and odour problems. The report recommended that this BUI be redesignated to no longer being impaired. Presentations have been made to Aamjiwnaang First Nation Chief and Council, and the Walpole Island First Nation community and Infrastructure Committee. A presentation to the newly elected Walpole Island First Nation Chief and Council is tentatively scheduled for February 14, 2023. A presentation to the Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) will follow. Questions and comments raised during the sessions are documented and responses are provided and tracked for reporting purposes.

**Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat – BUI #14**

In accordance with a key deliverable in the contract agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada, all technical information/data from the habitat working group partners was compiled, organized, and assessed against each of the seven-specific habitat restoration targets to evaluate if each target had been met, and provided evidence to support it. The information was presented in a draft report completed in January 2023. The report includes maps, tables and figures to support the nature of the assessment work conducted and the outcome of the restoration projects, and includes a recommendation that this BUI be redesignated to no longer being impaired. The RAP Coordinator will be seeking input from the

habitat working group on the report before engaging stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public.

### **Workplan**

Development of the 2022-2027 Workplan for the St. Clair River Area of Concern remains underway as input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities is sought on the draft plan. The focus of the plan is on key actions that need to be completed over the next five years to be able to redesignate the five remaining Beneficial Use Impairments to a Not Impaired status.

### **Recent and Scheduled Meetings**

Canadian RAP Implementation Committee (CRIC)

- November 8, 2022
- Next meeting to be scheduled

Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR)

- December 5, 2022
- February 2, 2023

Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC)

- November 1, 2022
- February 16, 2023

### **Outreach and Engagement**

Newsletter - Friends of the St. Clair River and the RAP Office continue to partner on the production of St. Clair River News, a free monthly e-newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to increase awareness and engagement in the Area of Concern and highlight environmental initiatives happening in the region. Link to the most recent Newsletter: [January E-Newsletter](#)

Canadian RAP Implementation Committee: Outreach Subcommittee – Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023

### **Strategic Objectives(s):**

To ensure that our rivers, lakes and streams are properly safeguarded, managed and restored.

### **Financial Impact:**

Funding for the RAP Coordinator position is provided by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The current agreement with MECP is in place until February 28, 2024. The agreement with ECCC is in place until March 31, 2023 and has an option to be extended until March 31, 2024. Steps are underway to confirm implementation of the extension option. The SCRCA is providing monthly updates to MECP and ECCC on the status of the project work.

An invoice was submitted on January 31, 2023 to ECCC in the amount of \$25,251.55 (includes HST) for the completion of the draft BUI #14 draft assessment report.

# Special Events 2023

## **A.W. Campbell Maple Syrup Festival**

Date: Saturday, March 18 to Sunday, March 19, 2023

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Location: A.W. Campbell Conservation Area

## **Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race**

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023

Start Location: Mossie Line at Sydenham River

End Location: Shetland Conservation Area

## **Denning's Memorial Walk to Remember**

Date: To Be Determined

Time: To Be Determined

Location(s): To be Determined

## **Ipperwash Beach Shoreline Clean-up**

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Location: Centre Ipperwash Beach Boat Launch

## **A Geocaching Adventure**

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023

Time: 9 am

Location: Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area

## **Foundation Memorial Forest Dedication**

Date - Sunday, September 24, 2023

Time: 2 pm

Location: Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area

