



# Board of Directors - Notice of Meeting

December 11, 2025 Time: 10:00 am

SCRCA Administration Office (Remote available)  
205 Millpond Cres., ON N7G 3P9

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**Lunch to follow. Please inform Ashley Fletcher in advance if you are unable to attend in person.**

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**December 11, 2025**

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### **Board of Directors Proposed Resolutions**

**1. Land Acknowledgement**

**2. Chair's Remarks**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**3.1 Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors adopts the agenda for the meeting as presented.

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**4.1** It is 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.

**5. Minutes**

**5.1 Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the draft minutes of the Low Water Response Committee meeting, held October 17, 2025 be received for information.

**5.2 Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held October 23, 2025, be approved as distributed.

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors acknowledge the presentation from Craig Paterson, Manager of Biology regarding the Sydenham Phosphorus Reduction Initiative.

**7. Reports**

- 7.1 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 25, 2025 from General Manager Ken Phillips on the Ontario Bill 68, Schedule 3 and Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #025-1257 on the proposed boundaries for regional consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities.
- 7.2(a) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors approves the 2026 General Levy of \$1,760,430.00 with all member municipalities deemed as benefitting and further that the levy be apportioned using the modified current value assessment of each municipality within the Authority's area of jurisdiction.  
**(Weighted Motion)**
- 7.2(b) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors approves the 2026 Budget of \$9,034,753.00 including finalized general levy, updates to specific projects and municipal agreements and comments received to date.
- 7.3 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 5, 2025 regarding document retention and approves the destruction of the identified documents as per the SCRCA Document Retention Policy.
- 7.4 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regarding the disposal of surplus, non-functional or obsolete equipment and further adopts the recommendation to dispose of the items identified within the report.
- 7.5 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated November 18, 2025 on the A.W. Campbell Master Plan and further approves the final draft of the plan including feedback from the indigenous, stakeholder and public consultation process.
- 8. Consent Agenda**
- 8.1 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and endorses the recommendations accompanying Items 8.1 (a) - 8.1 (j).

## 9. Correspondence

- 9.1 (a) **Moved by:** **Second**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the resolution, dated October 8, 2025 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urging the Province of Ontario to reconsider the planning and regulation fee freeze applied to Conservation Authorities.
- 9.1 (b) **Moved by:** **Second**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the resolution, dated October 29, 2025 from the Municipality of Calvin in support of the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urging the Province of Ontario to reconsider the planning and regulation fee freeze applied to Conservation Authorities.
- 9.2 (a) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the correspondence, dated October 21, 2025 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the objection to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's Hearing Guidelines, adopted on September 18, 2025.
- 9.2 (b) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the correspondence, dated November 4, 2025 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in support of Plympton-Wyoming's stance on the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's Hearing Guidelines, adopted on September 18, 2025.
- 9.2 (c) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the correspondence, dated November 11, 2025 from the Township of St. Clair in support of Plympton-Wyoming's stance on the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's Hearing Guidelines, adopted on September 18, 2025.
- 9.3 (a) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the correspondence, dated October 8, 2025 from Mr. Brian Wilmers to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in support of Plympton-Wyoming's stance on the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's Hearing Guidelines, adopted on September 18, 2025.
- 9.3 (b) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the correspondence, dated October 7, 2025 from Ms. Debbie Harrison Rumberger to the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in support of Plympton-Wyoming's stance on the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's Hearing Guidelines, adopted on September 18, 2025.

- 9.4 (a) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the resolution, dated November 24, 2025 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in response to the Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* requesting reconsideration of proposed boundaries and consultation with stakeholders.
- 9.4 (b) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the resolution, dated November 25, 2025 from the Municipality of Shuniah, outlining concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration
- 9.4 (c) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the resolution, dated November 26, 2025 from the Township of O'Connor, outlining concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration
- 9.4 (d) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the resolution, dated November 28, 2025 from the City of Windsor, outlining concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration
- 9.5 (a) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the letter, dated November 26, 2025 from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) regarding concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration.
- 9.5 (b) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the letter, dated November 27, 2025 from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) regarding concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration.
- 9.5 (c) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the letter from the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) regarding concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration.

9.5 (d) **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors receive for information the letter from the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) regarding concerns with Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act* and resolution opposing the proposed boundary configuration.

**10. In-Camera**

10.1 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors move in-camera at \_\_\_\_ a.m. to discuss conservation awards and personnel information with the General Manager, Manager of Communications, Director of Finance, and Administrative Assistant/ Board Coordinator remaining.

10.2 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the Board of Directors rise and report at \_\_\_\_ a.m.

**11. New Business**

**12. Adjournment**

12.1 **Moved by:** **Seconded by:**  
That the meeting be adjourned.



## Low Water Response Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Remote via Zoom

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**Members Present:** Greg Grimes, Authority Chair; Don McCabe, Director; Niraula Rajan, OMAFA; Kristen Rodrigues, Vice Chair; Lorie Scott, Director; Ryan Smith, MECP

**Member Regrets:** Hugh Geurts, MECP; Adam Kilner, Director; Jason LeHouillier, MECP; Deanna Nemeth, OMAFA; Representative of Caradoc Sands; Representative of SWMC Low Water Response; Ian Veen, Director

**Staff Present:** Emily De Cloet, Coordinator of Flood Forecasting and Warning; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant/Board Coordinator; Andrew McIntyre, Water Resources Technician; Ken Phillips, General Manager

### 1. Land Acknowledgement

A land acknowledgment was read by Chair Greg Grimes which recognized the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority watershed as part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations, who have a sacred responsibility to preserve the land and water of southwestern Ontario. Also acknowledged are the Treaties that allow the SCRCA to work alongside the First Nation Communities of Kettle and Stony Point, Aamjiwnaang and Bkejwanong to ensure we share the responsibility of preserving the land and water.

### 2. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Greg Grimes, who, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

The Chair 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.

### 4. Presentation

Coordinator of Flood Forecasting and Warning, Emily De Cloet presented an overview of the Ontario Low Water Response program, the current watershed conditions and status.

**LWRC-25-01**

**Scott – Rodrigues**

**“That the Low Water Response Committee acknowledges the verbal presentation on the Ontario Low Water Response Program, dated October 17, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

**LWRC-25-02**

**Rodrigues – Scott**

**“That the Low Water Response Committee acknowledges the verbal presentation on the Current Watershed Conditions and Status Assessment, dated October 17, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

## **5. Status Confirmation**

**LWRC-25-03**

**Rodrigues – Scott**

**“That the Low Water Response Committee confirms a Low Water Response Level I for the watershed, thereby officially declaring the watershed status as such.”**

**CARRIED**

**LWRC-25-04**

**Scott – Rodrigues**

**“That the Low Water Response Committee acknowledges that upon declaration of a low water status, SCRCA staff will notify the relevant provincial and municipal agencies, as well as industry partners and First Nations of the confirmed low water status. The committee further acknowledges the intent to circulate the declaration of a Low Water Level to local media agencies.”**

**CARRIED**

## **6. Discussion and Action Plan**

**LWRC-25-05**

**Scott – Rodrigues**

**“That the Low Water Response Committee acknowledges the discussion around what actions, if any, are to be taken, including the intent of the Committee to meet in the future to reassess the watershed conditions.”**

**CARRIED**

## **7. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next Low Water Response Committee Meeting is to be tentatively scheduled for the end of November, 2025.

**8. New Business**

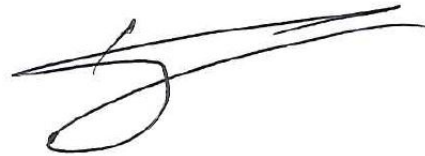
**9. Adjournment**

**McCabe – Scott**

**LWRC-25-06**

**“That the meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**



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**Greg Grimes**  
**Chair**

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



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: October 23, 2025      Time: 10:00 a.m.  
SCRCA Administration Office  
205 Millpond Cres., Strathroy

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**Directors Present:** John Brennan, Terry Burrell, Sue Cates, Greg Grimes, Chair; Aaron Hall, Frank Kennes, Brad Loosley, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Don McCabe, Don McCallum, Steve Miller, Kristen Rodrigues, Vice-Chair; Ian Veen, Jerry Westgate

**Directors Remote:** Al Broad, Pat Brown, Rhonda Jubenville (arrived at 10:29 a.m.), Lorie Scott (arrived at 10:10 a.m.), Brian White (arrived at 10:23 a.m.)

**Directors Regrets:** Aaron Hall, Adam Kilner

**Staff Present:** Donna Blue, Manager of Communications; Emily De Cloet, Coordinator of Flood Forecasting and Warning; Melissa Deisley, Director of Planning and Regulations; Chris Durand, Manager of IT and GIS; Emily Febrey, Communication and Outreach Specialist; Ashley Fletcher, Administrative Assistant and Board Coordinator; Kate Jamieson, Payroll/Accounting Clerk; Chunng Li, Director of Corporate Services; Tim Payne, Manager of Conservation Lands; Ken Phillips, General Manager; Kelli Smith, Lands Technician; Greg Wilcox, Manager of Conservation Areas

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### 2. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Greg Grimes, who, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Board was reminded of the evening's Honouring the St. Clair River event and informed of the SCRCA's declaration of a level 1 low water condition.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

**BD-25-67**

**Kennes - MacKinnon**

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

The Chair 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.

#### **5. Minutes**

##### **5.1 Board of Directors September 18, 2025**

**BD-25-68**

**Burrell – Brennan**

**“That the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held September 18, 2025, be approved as distributed.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **6. Presentations (none)**

#### **7. Staff Reports**

##### **7.1 General Manager’s Report**

A verbal report was provided by General Manager(GM), Ken Phillips.

The September 22, 2025 Conservation Ontario Council meeting was attended by the GM and Chair, Greg Grimes. The Minister of Conservation, Environment and Parks was expected to provide remarks and answer questions, however the Minister, nor any Ministry representatives were in attendance.

The first reading of the Ontario omnibus Bill 56, *Building a More Competitive Economy Act*, 2025 took place on October 20, 2025. To date, no mention has been made of changes to Conservation Authorities.

**BD-25-69**

**Brown – Broad**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the verbal report from the General Manager.”**

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 2026 Nominating Committee**

**BD-25-70**

**Burrell – Kennes**

**“That the 2026 Nominating Committee consisting of the following four directors representing the four districts of the Authority being Sarnia, Lambton, Chatham-Kent, and Middlesex be: Terry Burrell, Betty Ann MacKinnon, Pat Brown, Rhonda Jubenville and further that the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for the 2026 committee membership be presented at the Annual General Meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

## **7.3 2026 Meeting Dates**

**BD-25-71**

**Miller – Cates**

**“That the Board of Directors approves the 2026 tentative schedule of meetings for the Board of Directors and Committees, dated September 24, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 2026 Draft Budget**

General Manager, Ken Phillips provided a verbal reminder that he is available upon request to attend upcoming municipal council meetings to discuss the SCRCA draft budget.

**BD-25-72**

**Kennes – Westgate**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the 2026 Draft Budget of \$9,034,753 with a proposed municipal general operating levy of \$1,743,739 and general capital levy of \$16,691, and further that the Board of Directors direct staff to circulate the draft budget booklet to member municipalities for information and input, and to post on the Governance section of the SCRCA’s website in accordance with Ontario Regulation.”**

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 Hearing Committee Training**

General Manager, Ken Phillips reminded Directors to forward any questions related to hearings and guidelines in advance so that they may be addressed during the presentation. Directors are also reminded that the training session is open to all directors,

but is deemed mandatory for Hearing Committee members.

**BD-25-73**

**Burrell – Kennes**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated September 24, 2025 giving notice of the mandatory training for all Hearing Committee members on Thursday, December 4, 2025.”**

**CARRIED**

**7.6 A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Septic/Sewer Upgrade**

Director’s request a report to the board with expected timelines for the replenishment of land reserves and further that future budgets consider and reflect the potential failure of septic systems at all 3 campgrounds.

**BD-25-74**

**Cates – Broad**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report dated October 1, 2025 regarding the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area septic/sewer upgrade and further, approves option 1, a raised bed absorption trench septic system with gravity sewers, for application to the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks for an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).”**

**CARRIED**

**7.7 Coldstream Conservation Area Master Plan**

**BD-25-75**

**Veen – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledges the report regarding the updated Master Plan for Coldstream Conservation Area; and further directs staff to proceed with stakeholder and public consultation.”**

**CARRIED**

**8. Informational Items**

- 8.1 (a) Business Arising**
- (b) Current Watershed Conditions**
- (c) Regulations Activity Summary**
- (d) Planning Activity Summary**
- (e) Revenue and Expenditures**
- (f) Disbursements**
- (g) General Levy Update**
- (h) Communications Update**

**(i) AOC Report**

**BD-25-76**

**MacKinnon – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors approves the consent agenda and receives the accompanying items 8.1 (a) through 8.1 (i) as information.**

**CARRIED**

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 Letter from Plympton-Wyoming Re: 2026 Budget**

**BD-25-77**

**Jubenville – Scott**

**“That the Board of Directors acknowledge the letter from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the SCRCA 2026 budget.**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Letter of Support from Jessica Jessome**

**BD-25-78**

**Kennes – Burrell**

**“That the Board of Directors receive for information the e-mail received on October 6, 2025 from Jessica Jessome supporting Conservation Authority funding and fair hearing guidelines.”**

**CARRIED**

**10. New Business (none)**

Director Kristin Rodrigues brought forth concerns regarding the condition of trails and maintenance at the Esli Dodge Conservation Area. Manager of Conservation Areas, Greg Wilcox will contact the Municipality of Lambton Shores, who currently lease and maintain the land.

Director Don McCabe requests an update report on the Sydenham Phosphorus Reduction Initiative program.

Director Pat Brown requested information regarding the Water Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) and Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation funds (DMAF) and whether plans are in place to address shoreline projects along the St. Clair River. Staff informed that these grants have moved to a multi-year grant funding model and therefore are not

available to apply for at this time. Staff will provide further updates when these funds are open for applications again.

Director Brad Loosley provided thanks to staff for reducing the draft 2026 budget from 8% to 5%.

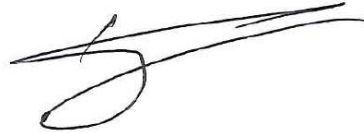
**11. Adjournment**

**BD-25-79**

**Veen – Cates**

**“That the meeting be adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**



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**Greg Grimes**  
**Chair**

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

**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2025  
**Report Date:** November 25, 2025  
**Submitted by:** Ken Phillips

**Item 7.1**

**Subject:** Bill 68 Schedule 3 and ERO Posting #025-1257 "Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities"

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Directors receive for information and discussion the report on Bill 68 Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2025 and the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting #025-1257 "Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities".

## **Background:**

On October 31, 2025, the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) announced intentions to create a new provincial, board-governed agency, called the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA). The OPCA will provide centralized leadership to Ontario's conservation authorities (CAs). It was also announced that there would be a consolidation of the 36 CAs into 7 Regional CAs. The SCRCA is proposed to be grouped in the Lake Erie Region Conservation Authority (LERCA) that also contains the Grand River, Long Point Region, Kettle Creek, Catfish Creek, Upper Thames, Lower Thames and Essex Region conservation authorities.

On November 6, 2025, Schedule 3 of Bill 68 was released and included changes to the Conservation Authorities Act to create the new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency. The Bill received Royal Assent on November 27, 2025.

## **Summary of Schedule 3 of Bill 68 "Plan to Protection Ontario Act"**

This schedule outlines the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act that create of a new board-governed agency (OPCA). The OPCA will provide centralized leadership to the 7 regional CAs. The OPCA has the authority to:

- Oversee the governance of authorities and other aspects of authorities such as their operations, including the programs and services they provide, to further the purposes of the Act.
- Oversee the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for authorities in Ontario.
- Promote consistent policies, standards and fees for programs and services provided by authorities.

- Assess and report on the effectiveness of authorities in furthering the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in watersheds in Ontario, including outcomes related to the implementation of their programs and services.
- Oversee and evaluate the financial performance of authorities to ensure their long-term operational and capital financial sustainability, including the financial sustainability of their programs and services required under section 21.1.
- Guide and evaluate strategic planning by authorities to ensure it aligns with provincial objectives.
- Support the development and implementation of a standardized and centralized system for processing applications for permits issued by authorities.
- For the purpose of recovering the costs and expenses the OPCA incurs, it has the ability to determine the amounts of the costs and expenses that the authorities collectively owe to the OPCA and apportion those amounts to the authorities.

The OPCA would be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 5-12 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Members will require experience in public administration and CA programs and services. There is no mention of regional representation. Members will serve a term of up to 3 years (maximum 9 years total) and would meet a minimum of four times per year. The OPCA can issue direction to CAs to address key performance indicators (KPI), service standards, information technology, procurement, training of members and employees, budgeting, asset management plans, strategic plans with approval of the Minister. The Secretary of the Cabinet will appoint the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the OPCA and thereafter, the Board will appoint and employ the CEO. The CEO is under the supervision and direction of the Board of Directors and will not be accountable to the regional boards.

### **Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities ERO Posting #025-1257**

The province is seeking feedback on a proposal to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into 7 regional jurisdictions. The boundaries of the new consolidated regions were based on watershed-based jurisdiction, reducing overlap and administrative duties, balancing expertise across CAs and service continuity. The proposal states that the regional CAs will continue with current programs and services, including managing their lands and recreational trails.

The proposed regions are as follows:

<b>Proposed Regional CA</b>	<b>Number of Existing CA's/ Municipalities</b>
Lake Erie Regional CA	8/81
Huron Superior Regional CA	7/78
Western Lake Ontario Regional CA	4/ 28
Central Lake Ontario Regional CA	1/17
Eastern Lake Ontario Regional CA	7/48
St. Lawrence Regional CA	5/46
Northeastern Ontario Regional CA	4/19

On November 7, 2025, the “Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities” (ERO #025-1257) was posted to the Environmental Registry for a 45- day consultation period. The public is invited to comment on the proposed configuration of 7 regional CAs including the proposed Lake Erie Region. The consultation period closes on December 22, 2025

Implementation of the new framework, including one board for each of the 7 regional CAs is expected to occur following the municipal elections on October 26, 2026. At an information session on November 18, 2025, representatives from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) indicated that the boards for each region would be comprised of 12 to 15 members. No information was provided regarding how the board representation would be distributed among the 81 municipalities. The SCRCA and its current board will continue to operate without disruption until October 26, 2026. For scale, the area covered by LERCA is over 23,000 sq/km. The current SCRCA boundary is 4,100 sq./km.

The posting requests feedback to the following discussion questions which are especially relevant to the planning for the future organizations:

- **What do you see as key factors to support a successful transition and outcome of regional conservation authority consolidation?**
- **What opportunities or benefits may come from a regional conservation authority framework?**
- **Do you have suggestions for how governance could be structured at the regional conservation authority level, including suggestions around board size, make-up and the municipal representative appointment process?**
- **Do you have suggestions on how to maintain a transparent and consultative budgeting process across member municipalities within a regional conservation authority?**

**• How can regional conservation authorities maintain and strengthen relationships with local communities and stakeholders?**

A Ministry session held on November 18, 2025 emphasized that responses should also identify “What cannot be lost.” It is recommended that comments be provided to acknowledge and support the province’s goals of improved efficiency, consistency and fiscal prudence in conservation service delivery, but also explain that the proposed “Lake Erie Region” configuration would:

- Create a geographically vast and administratively complex entity, joining 81 southwestern rural and urban municipalities throughout the province with little shared watershed connection or economic alignment
- Dilute local accountability and municipal partnership, contrary to the principle that decisions are best made closest to the communities they effect.
- Generate substantial transition costs (staff integration, governance restructuring, IT infrastructure etc.) that would divert resources from front-line service delivery and delay measurable outcomes, contrary to the province’s own business-planning principles of value for money, cost containment and service continuity.
- Delay implementation of a customer service improvements related to policy initiatives currently underway.

Conservation Ontario is drafting comments for the ERO positing and they will be passed along as soon as there are available. The SCRCA Chair and the General Manager have been invited to attend a session in London on December 12, 2025 to discuss and provide feedback on the proposed boundaries.

**Financial Impact:**

At this time, no definitive cost analysis has been conducted by the province as to what the impact will be for each regional conservation authority. It would be imperative for the province to fully fund the amalgamation costs for the proposed regions.







**Strategic Objectives(s):**

**Goal 3.9 Management of Authority Owned Lands**

Through the completion and implementation of Property Management Plans, the Authority continues to manage its lands to balance revenue production with effective management of woodlands, wetlands, and biodiversity.



## A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Master Plan



Last Management Plan: March 1981

Date Updated: November 2025

## Acknowledgements

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area is the product of Mr. Archibald (Archie) W. Campbell's passion for conservation and his forethought to provide the first right of purchase of the land to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. The wishes of Mr. Campbell were that the land be used in perpetuity for a park, a recreation area or for reforestation. The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority continues to honor those wishes and preserve the natural features and park for its visitors and future generations to come.

## Executive Summary

The A.W Campbell Conservation Area was purchased by the Sydenham Valley Conservation Authority, now the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA), in 1967 from the estate of Archibald (Archie) W. Campbell. Archie Campbell's determination to practice conservation led to specific conditions being attached to the purchase including that the land be used in perpetuity for a park, a recreation area or for reforestation.

In following with the purchase conditions, the SCRCA developed the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area to provide an intensive recreational area and initiate an educational program compatible with the area's natural ecosystem all while demonstrating proper resource conservation and management procedures. Since the time of acquisition, the property has seen the creation of two large reservoirs to enhance the recreational use of the property as well as the development of camping which started on the west side of the property. Today, a total of 112 seasonal campsites, 18 transient campsites and 3 group campsites make up the camping program at the property. A network of trails traverse the natural areas providing further passive recreation opportunity.

The purpose of this plan is to provide direction for the management of A.W. Campbell Conservation Area for the next 10 to 20 years. As part of the future development of the property the SCRCA drafted various concepts for the camping program that were included in the draft plan that was available for public comment. The preferred camping concept for 43% of respondents was Concept 2a in which both overnight and seasonal camping on the property is maintained while also re-introducing overnight campsites to the west side of the property. This concept aligns closely with the current camping program but allows for some additional camping opportunities for overnight campers.

In August 2025, the SCRCA put forth the A.W Campbell Master plan for indigenous, stakeholder, and public comment. Community consultation for the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area took place in the form of an online survey which was active for a period of 45 days. This consultation was advertised through social media, the authority website, and in local newspapers: Sarnia News Today, Petrolia Independent, and the Sarnia Observer.

The following Stakeholders were contacted for feedback during the consultation process: Local Indigenous Communities, Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, and the Community Friends of Campbell House.

A total of 39 responses were received by a variety of affiliations including Indigenous Community, Municipal Partner, Campers and the General Public. Campers were the dominant respondents making up over half, of which 61% of those campers were seasonal campers and 39% were transient or overnight campers.

The consultation survey was a valuable method to obtain feedback on specific issues discussed in the draft plan. As previously stated, this plan is intended to provide direction

for the management of the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area for the next 10-20 years.  
Updates may be completed during this time on an as needed basis.

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## Land Acknowledgement

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority acknowledges that its watershed is part of the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Chonnonton Nations who have a sacred responsibility to preserve the land and water of southwestern Ontario. The SCRCA acknowledges the Treaties that allow us to work alongside the First Nation Communities of Kettle and Stony Point, Aamjiwnaang and Bkejwanong (Walpole Island) to ensure we share the responsibility of preserving the land and water.

## Goals and Objectives

This master plan will serve to direct staff in forecasting the necessary upgrades and maintenance for the property. It will prioritize the protection, management and enhancement of habitats on the property and benefit wildlife within the watershed. This plan will also encourage public safety, environmental education, passive and active recreation and a healthy environment within our watershed for the next 10-20 years. The plan will align with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority's core values.

### Vision

- *A healthy and sustainable natural environment in the St. Clair Region.*

### Mission

- *to provide leadership through coordination of watershed planning, implementation of resource management programs and promotion of conservation awareness, in cooperation with others.*

This plan supports the following goals and objectives as outlined in SCRCA's strategic plan.

### **Goal 1. Provide recreation and education opportunities for the public to enjoy, learn from, and respect our natural environment**

*Through the lands we manage and own, as well as the educational programs we deliver, the SCRCA provides opportunities for our citizens to understand and appreciate the value of their natural environment as well as the social and economic benefits of protecting that environment.*

#### **Objective**

- *Ensure the conservation lands remain valuable assets to the community and can withstand the pressures of growth and climate change*

### **Goal 2. Protect, manage and restore our woodlands, wetlands and natural habitat.**

*Because what we do on land is reflected in our water and ecosystems, the SCRCA develops programs that protect our land resources and promotes*

*watershed stewardship practices that lead to healthy, sustainable communities and industries.*

### **Objective**

- *Manage Authority owned lands through a balance of revenue production and effective management of woodlands, wetlands and biodiversity*

## Purpose of the Plan

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Master Plan has been prepared as a reference document to guide the use, management, operation and development of this property while meeting the goals and objectives of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA). This master plan provides broad context direction for day-to day operation and includes existing management practices and recommendations for the property while integrating input from stakeholders and the public.

## Existing Conditions

### General Description

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area consists of 331 acres (134 ha) and is made up of forest, two engineered reservoirs, meadowland, and recreational area including 130 seasonal and overnight campsites, and three small group campsite areas. Facilities include a workshop, two washroom buildings with showers and flush toilets, laundry facility, pool, 3 picnic pavilions, two playgrounds, and a recreation center for the use of the campers. The property boasts over 4.5 km of nature trails highlighting the biodiversity on the property. Morrough Creek and its floodplain winds through the property adding to its aesthetic.

### Location Details

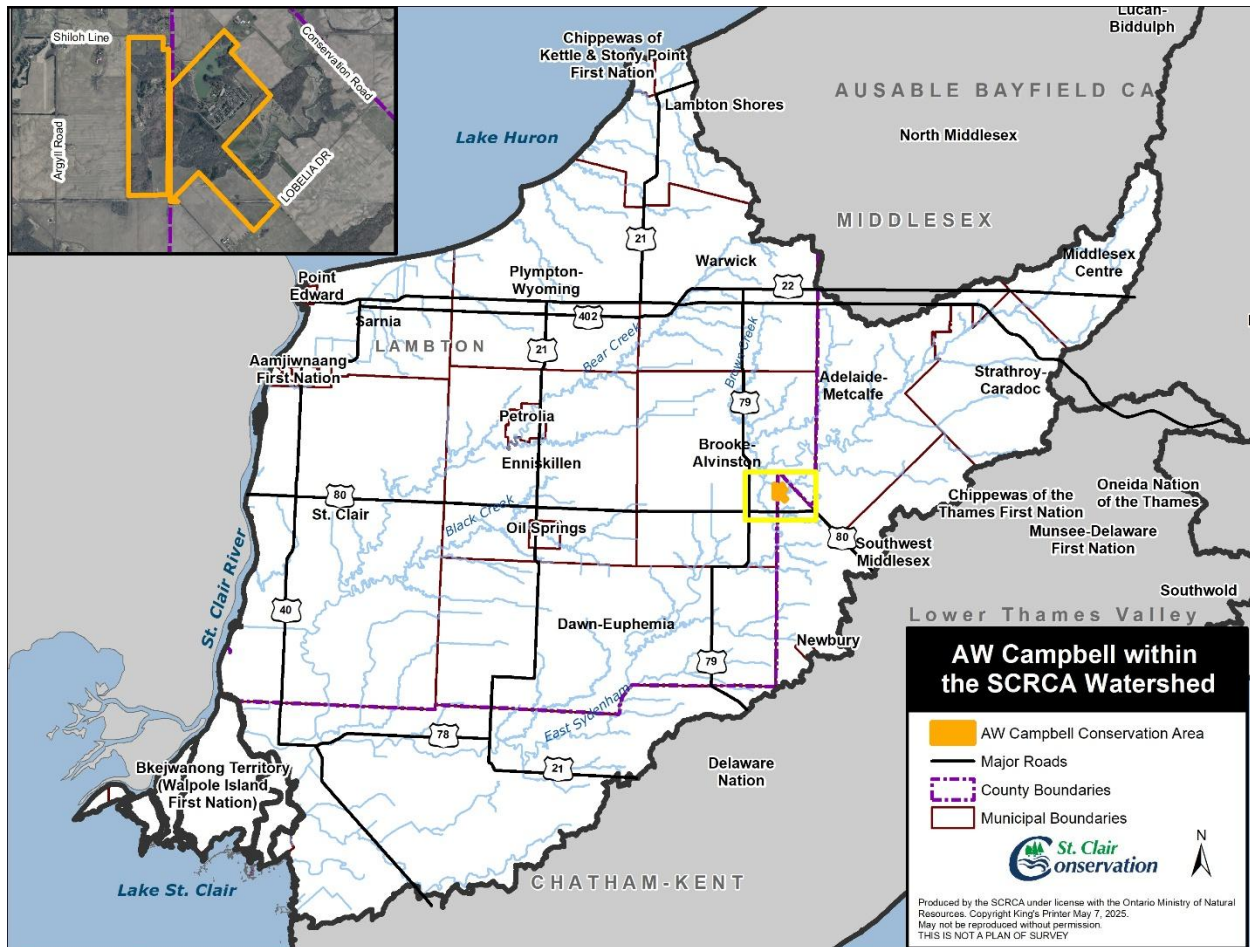


Figure 1 Regional Context Map

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area is located on Shiloh Line approximately 4km east of the village of Alvinston Ontario and situated on the border of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston, County of Lambton, and the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, County of Middlesex, at the peak of Mosa. The next closest communities are Inwood (14km west), Glencoe (15km south), Watford (17km north), and Strathroy (28km northeast).

<b>Area</b>	331 acres (133.98 ha)
<b>Address</b>	8477 Shiloh Line, Alvinston ON
<b>Lot and Concession</b>	Pt Lot 23, Con 6, and Pt Lot 1, Lot 2-4 Con 11
<b>Municipality/Town/City</b>	Municipality of Brooke Alvinston (Brooke Twp), and Municipality of Southwest Middlesex (Mosa Twp)
<b>County/Region</b>	Lambton County, County of Middlesex
<b>Watershed</b>	Upper Sydenham River Sub-Watershed
<b>Ecodistrict</b>	7e-2
<b>Latitude</b>	42.8237920000000 -81.8304790000000
<b>Longitude</b>	42.8246770000000 -81.8376700000000
<b>Zoning of the Property</b>	Locally Significant Natural Area, Open Space

Table 1: Location Details

## Site Acquisition

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority purchased the property in 1967 from the estate of Archibald (Archie) W. Campbell. The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority was willed the first right of purchase to the property at a predetermined rate. Specific conditions were attached to the purchase including that the land be used in perpetuity for a park, a recreation area or for reforestation. Archie's determination to practice conservation and promote public awareness assisted the preservation of numerous large trees on the property. The SCRCA's reinforcement of these ideals has enabled the public to appreciate viable conservation procedures over the years.

## Site History

### Pre-Acquisition

The A.W. Campbell Conservation lands were originally acquired by Neil Campbell as part of his Crown Land grant in 1868. Originally from Argyllshire on the west coast of Scotland, he immigrated to New Glasgow along the shore of Lake Erie before settling in Alvinston. The 50-acre hilly property was covered in hardwood forest containing trees up to 8 feet in diameter. Land was cleared to construct a log cabin and for crop planting, roughly 2 to 5 acres were cleared for production each year. Due to the risk of spring flooding, the Campbell family sought higher and safer land for the final location of the homestead which is why it was constructed on the top of the hill.

The family was largely self-sufficient growing crops, raising livestock and planting an orchard around the house to feed the family.

### Post Acquisition

After the purchase of the property in 1967, the property was formally named the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area. The initial goals for the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area were to provide a location to demonstrate proper resource conservation and management procedures, develop an intensive recreational area and initiate an educational program compatible with the area's natural ecosystem. The SCRCA has completed 47 acres (19 hectares) of reforestation since the time of acquisition, the majority of which occurred in the late 1970's and 80's.

Immediate development activities that took place in the late 60's through to the 70's consisted of the creation of three water impoundments to store spring runoff, the development of nature trails, tree planting, development of an education center, roads, a parking lot, picnic and camping facilities.

### Impoundments

The largest earth berm dam forms an 18-acre lake having a maximum depth of 5.5m, constructed in 1968 and composed of compacted impervious clay fill and grassed to prevent erosion. The dam is controlled by a bottom draw valve. This structure is inspected by a third party every 5-10 years. The second smaller earth berm dam was constructed to maintain a

2-acre impoundment northwest of the old Campbell House; this is also controlled by a bottom draw valve. The third and smallest dam was constructed out of wood, lined with plastic and is located along the abandoned trail.

### *Camping*

Camping facilities were first established on the west side of the property which consisted of 12 15-amp sites, 3 30-amp sites, an un-serviced group area that accommodated small scouting groups, the CN train station served as the safety area for the scouts during poor weather conditions. A dump station and septic system were installed but has since been decommissioned. Water came from the well at the Campbell House and a small water tower was constructed on site but has since been removed. The 18-acre lake served as the main swimming location for the property and surrounding area for many years.

As the demand for camping was growing, the eastern side of the park was developed for seasonal and overnight camping consisting of 112 seasonal campsites, 18 transient campsites and 2 group campsites and completed by the early 1980's. The well on the west side was removed from service in 2000-2001 following the Walkerton tragedy. Since removal of the well limited camping use has occurred on the west side of the property. To improve visitor experience and expand camping on the east side of the property, facilities including a visitor center (originally a concession booth), pool (2001, after reservoir was determined to be unsafe for swimming), washroom and shower facilities, septic system, water treatment system (2000) and well were developed. Over the years, other recreational features and improvements have been constructed on the property to provide activities for campers and visitors alike, including playgrounds and sport facilities.

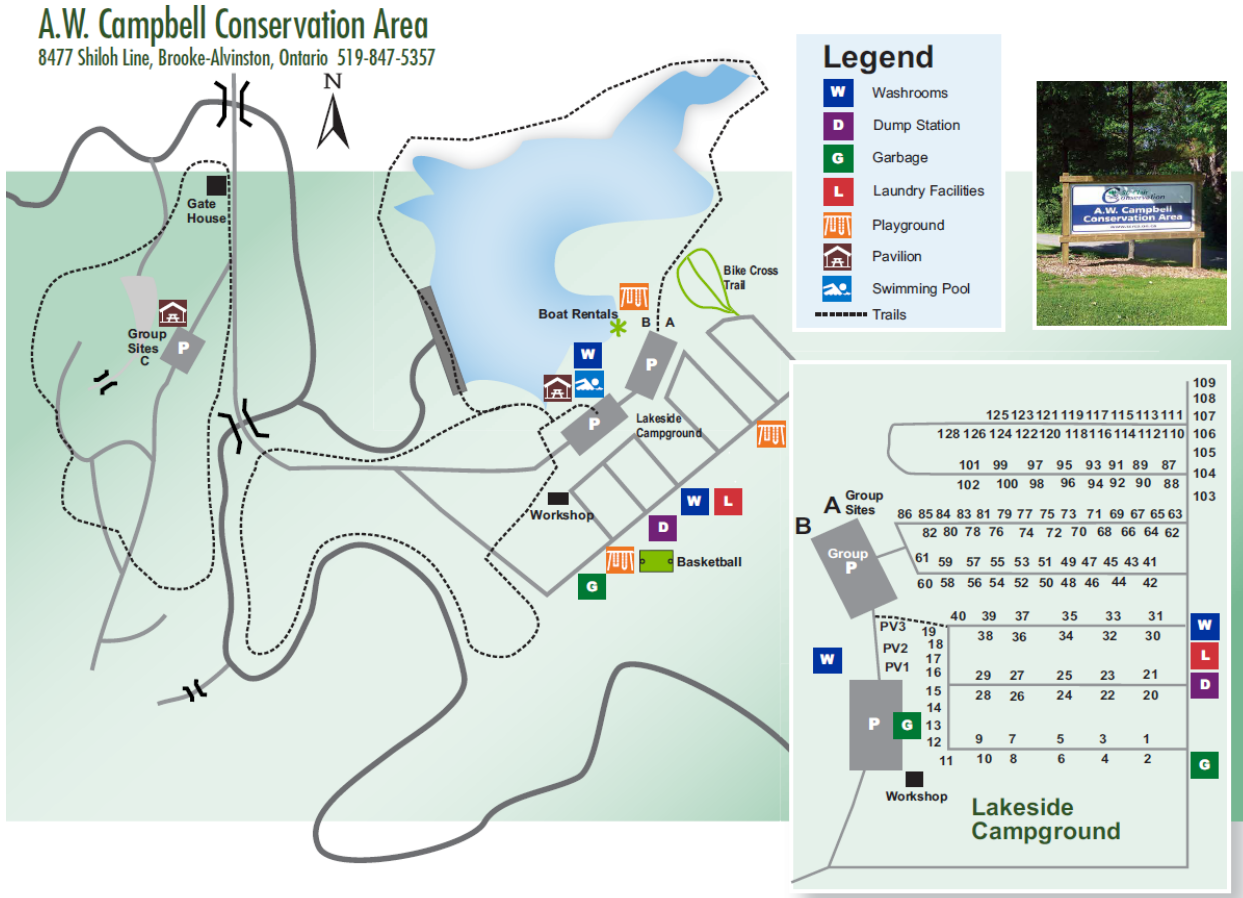


Figure 2 Current Map depicting campsites at A.W. Campbell Conservation Area

### Education

Education was a prominent activity planned as part of the acquisition of the property. The initial concept for the property was to develop an outdoor education school consisting of studies in natural sciences with topics such as agriculture and land use, hydrology and meteorology, forestry and ecology, wildlife identification and recreation. In 1969, the Authority acquired the Newbury CN Rail Station which served as the outdoor education school from 1969 until the mid-90's when a new outdoor classroom was constructed at the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area. With the Lorne C. Henderson classroom located closer to schools in Sarnia and Petrolia, programming ceased at A.W. Campbell CA, the building fell into disrepair and was removed from the property in 2015. A plaque stands in the location of the old railway station commemorating the building. Another program that ran early after acquisition was the Maple Syrup program where students learned about the methods of maple syrup production. For many years the Authority used a Sugar Shack on-site to host demonstrations. However, in 2015, it was removed due to the poor condition of the building.

Education programming ran on site until the early 2000s before transitioning fully to Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area. The Maple Syrup program is still active on the property seeing students attend one week in March each year and open to the public during the Maple Syrup Festival, an annual event for visitors to learn about the methods of maple syrup production.

### *Campbell House Museum*

The original homestead of Archie Campbell was left on-site at the time of acquisition. Constructed between 1875 and 1880 the structure consists of a board and batten siding on a wood frame. The house was raised on footings with a small cold cellar dug under the kitchen. From the 1970's to the early 80's the farmhouse was operated as a museum. The idea behind the museum was to showcase the typical farmhouse of the era and provide a step back in time for visitors. The museum was laid out as though the residents had stepped out for the day with many artifacts of the period donated by local residents. By the late 1980's through to early 2000's the museum operation was reduced to one weekend a year during the Maple Syrup Festival. In 2001, the museum was broken into, and many artifacts were stolen. Since 2001 the Campbell House Museum has remained closed to the public. As of 2024, due to safety concerns and structural integrity of the building, the Authority made the difficult decision to remove it. In 2024, SCRCA received approval from the Municipality to remove the building.

### *Conservation Authority Programs/Services*

Due to changes under section 21.1(1) and (2) to the *Conservation Authorities Act* R.S.O. 1990, c.27 as amended and prescribed through Ontario Regulation 686/21 Mandatory Programs and Services, the SCRCA is required to categorize all programs of the authority into three categories (Category 1, 2 and 3). The dams located on the property fall within Category 2. Category 2 programs and services are those that a conservation authority provides at the request of a Municipality. The funding is provided by the benefiting Municipality.

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area's camping program is a Category 3 program under Ontario Regulation 686/21 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for Mandatory Programs and Services. Category 3 programs and services are those that the conservation authority determines are advisable to provide, to further the purposes of the Act. Revenue for this Category 3 program is self-generated through fees for use including:

- Camping fees (seasonal and overnight)
- Day-use fees
- Seasonal passes
- Pavillion Rentals
- Firewood sales

Fees are adjusted annually, for current fee information go to the SCRCA website at [www.scrca.on.ca/conservation-lands/](http://www.scrca.on.ca/conservation-lands/)

## Environmental Features

### Ecological/Zoning Designations

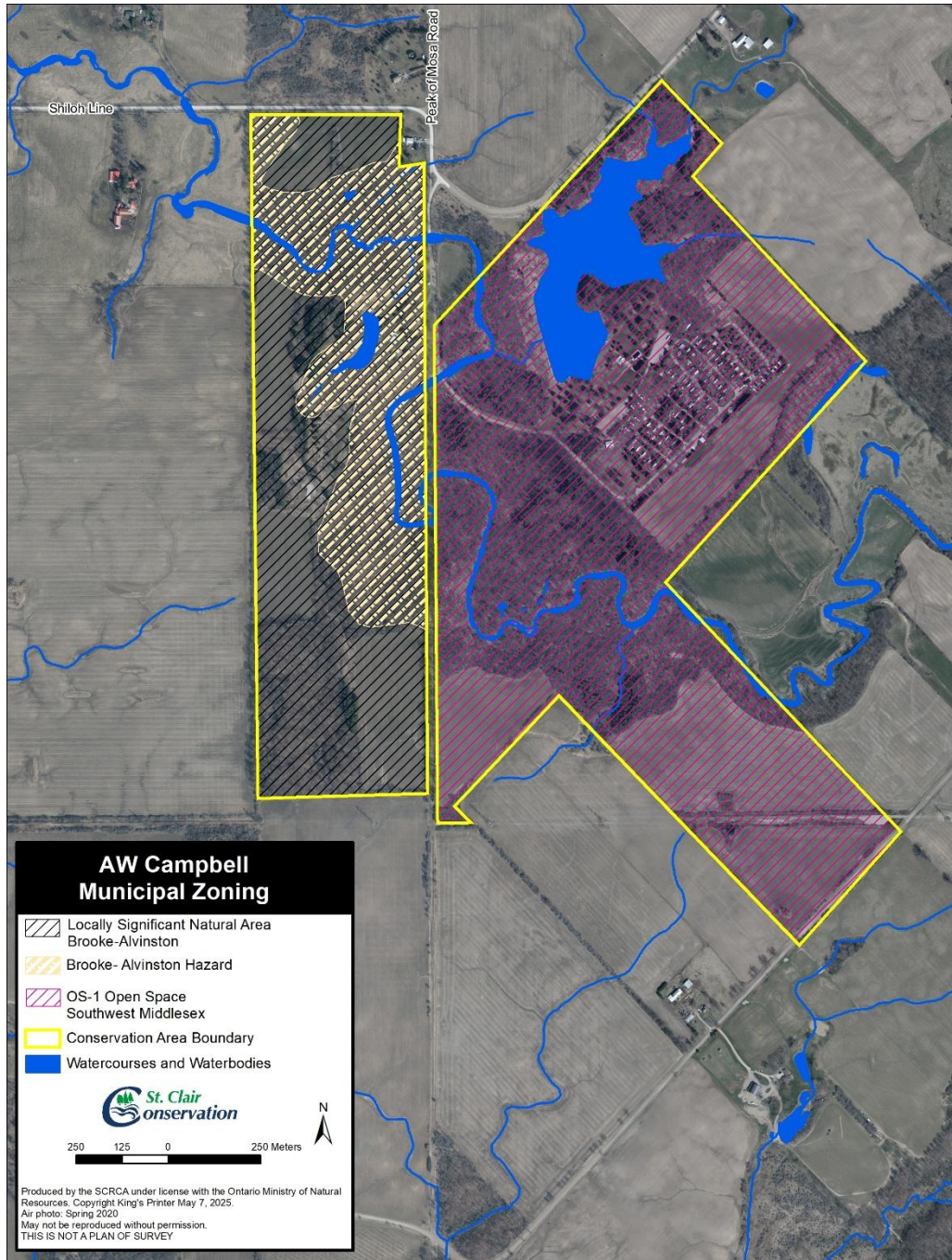


Figure 3 Zoning Designations Map

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area is part of the following environmental designations:

The Lambton County Official Plan and Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston zoning designate the property as

- Locally significant natural area
- Open Space

The Middlesex County Official Plan and Natural Heritage Study designate the property as

- Open Space
- Significant meadow
- Thicket
- Mixed woodland
- Wetland swamp
- Valley land

Figure 3. Zoning Designations Map shows the zoning information for Middlesex and Lambton Counties where Figure 4. Natural Heritage Designations map highlights the natural heritage features identified.

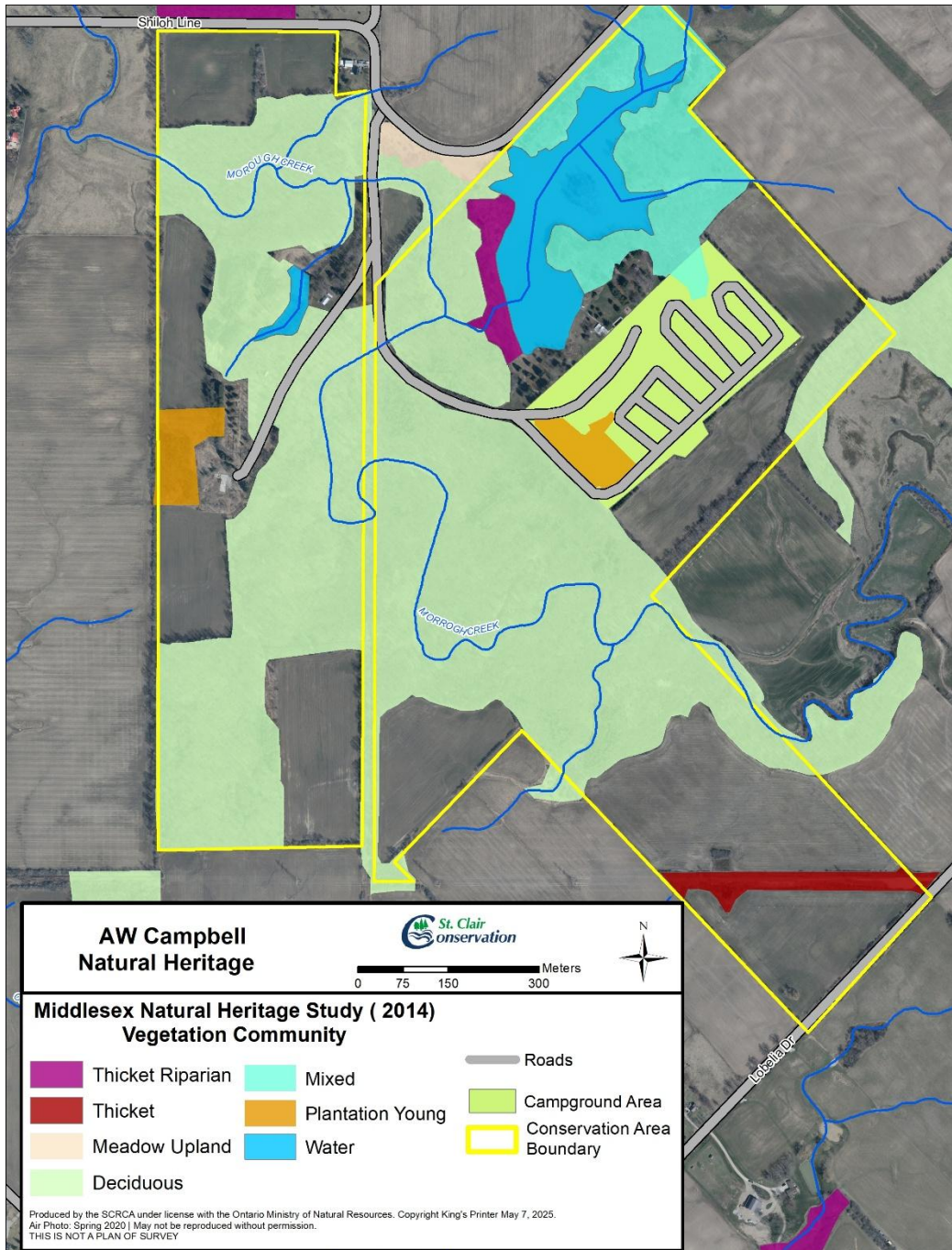


Figure 4 Natural Heritage Designations Map

Portions of the property are designated Community Conservation Lands (CCL), a category under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. This is a voluntary program to recognize, encourage and support the long-term stewardship of specific categories of conservation land by offering a tax exemption to those landowners who agree to protect the natural heritage values of their property. To continue participating in this program, it is required that SCRCA does not commercially harvest the woodlands included in the program. (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/community-conservation-lands-guide>)

## Natural Hazards and Hydrology

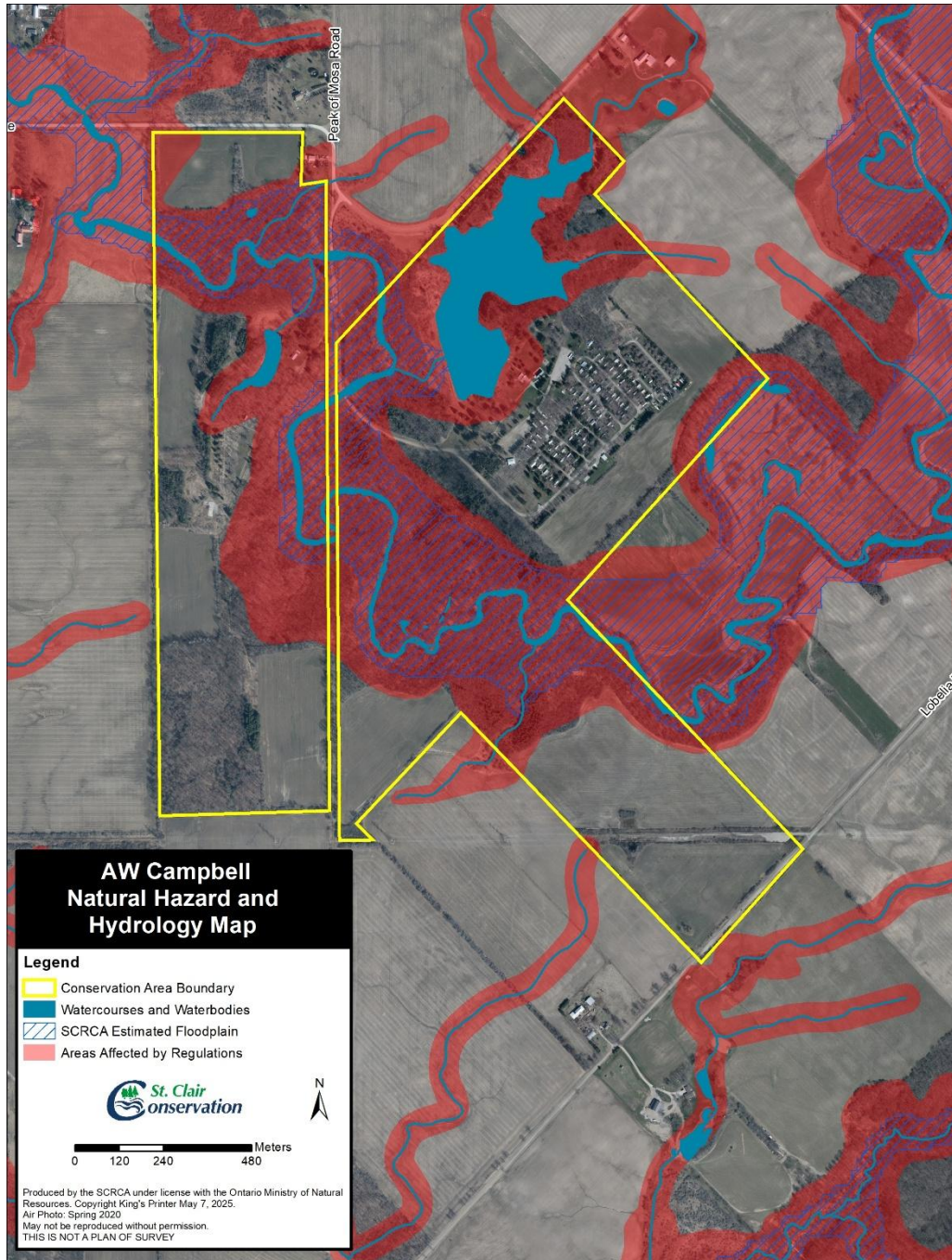


Figure 5 Natural Hazards and Hydrology Map

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area properties are traversed by Morrogh Creek, a meandering watercourse with an average width of 15m. During the summer months, the river is low and slow moving, but its velocity and volume increases greatly during spring flooding and large flashy storms. Morrogh Creek receives water from many grassed channels and intermittent streams adjacent to the cultivated fields, tablelands and valley

slopes. Approximately 48% of the property is within the area regulated by the Conservation Authority.

Several localized depressions of standing water filled with marsh and grass vegetation demonstrate the floodplain's low soil permeability and poor drainage. As is characteristic of meandering streams, the outside valley slopes of Morrogh Creek's meanders are naturally most susceptible to erosion. The meandering actions of the creek, reinforced by annual spring and minor flash flooding could potentially erode steep banks along the outside of meander curves. Removal of vegetation that presently stabilized these slopes should be carefully avoided.

### ELC Inventory

The Ecological Land Classification system (ELC) is a hierarchical system that identifies and describes areas of land with similar physical features. The purpose of the ELC is to help classify land, through mapping, into ecological units for planning and resource management.

Ecological Land Classification surveys were completed by staff in May of 2024. The property is located in:

Ecozone	Mixedwood Plains
Ecoregion	Lake Erie-Lake Ontario
Eco District	7E-2, St. Thomas

A total of 11 vegetation communities were identified on the 134-hectare property, including four forested communities, one woodland community, one mixed meadow community, open water, plantations and communities with cultural influence consisting of row crop agriculture, parkland and trailer park/campground. Locations are displayed on the map below and further described in the following table (Figure 6).

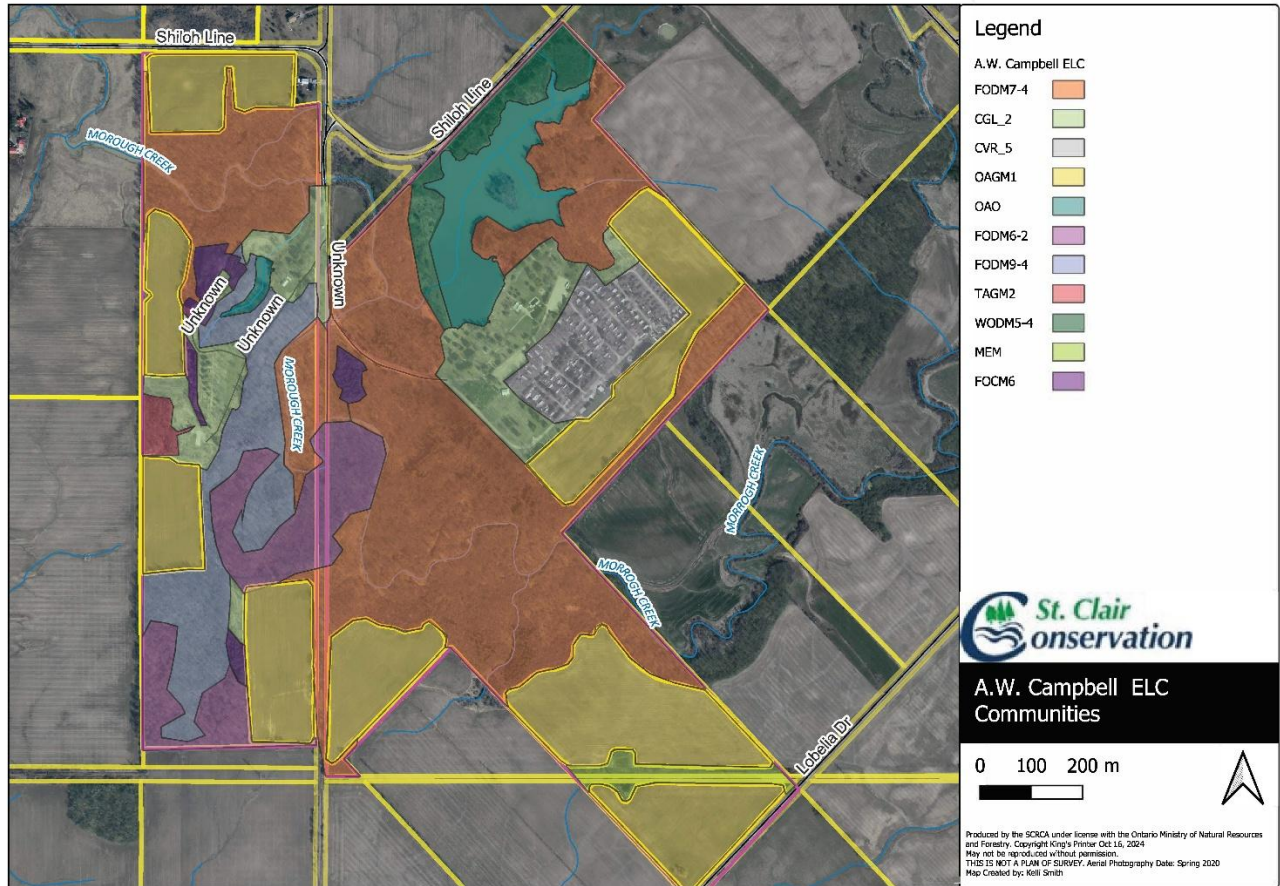


Figure 6 ELC Vegetation Communities Map

### Vegetation Community sizes

Vegetation Community	ELC Code	Vegetation	Environment	S-Rank	Size (ha)
Fresh-Moist Black Walnut Lowland Deciduous Forest	FODM7-4	Not given	- Typically associated with riparian zones and terraces; stream and river banks and floodplains	S2, S3	39.26
Fresh-Moist Shagbark Hickory Deciduous Forest Type	FODM9-4	- Shagbark hickory with red maple, white ash and green ash - Blue beech and running strawberry bush - Wild geranium, with avens, jack-in-	- Moist clays >> fine loams - Lower topographic positions and bottomlands - Absence of really wet species suggests a drying of soil during the season	Not listed	9.42

		the-pulpit and violets			
Naturalized Coniferous Plantation	FOCM6	Not given	Not given	Not listed	1.87
Fresh-Moist Sugar maple-Black maple Deciduous Forest Type	FODM6-2	Not given	- Moist yet well drained sites, often along floodplains	S3?	8.44
Fresh-Moist Hawthorn/Apple Deciduous Woodland Type inclusion Dry-Fresh White Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation Type	WODM5-4 incl FOCM6-1	Not given	Not given	Not listed	4.40
Medium Mineral Mixed Plantation Type	TAGM2	Not given	- Loamy substrates	Not Listed	0.72
Mixed Meadow	MEM	- Mix of grass-like and broadleaf species	Not given	Not listed	1.74
Open Aquatic	OAO	Not given	Not given	S5	6.51
Annual Row Crop - Agriculture	OAGM1	Not given	Not given	Not listed	35.24
Parkland	CGL_2	Not given	Not given	Not listed	4.97
Trailer Park	CVR_5	Not given	Not given	Not listed	10.85

Table 2 Vegetation Community Description and Size

Two of the vegetation communities are made up of provincially significant ecosites. The Fresh-Moist Black Walnut Lowland Deciduous Forest Type (FODM7-4) has an S-rank of S2, S3 which is Rare to Uncommon in Ontario with an estimated less than 100 occurrences and an estimated areal extent of less than 1000 ha and is considered to have a very small range in the province (less than 3%). The Fresh-moist Sugar maple-Black maple deciduous forest type (FODM6-2) has an S-rank of S3? Meaning this type of community is ranked as Rare to Uncommon but not enough numeric data is known. It is estimated there are less than 100 occurrences in the province of this community and an estimated areal extent of less than 25000ha and it is considered to have a very small range (less than 3%).

Reference: *Natural heritage resources of Ontario: S-ranks for communities in site regions 6 and 7* <https://www.ontario.ca/document/significant-wildlife-habitat-technical-guide/appendix-j-natural-heritage-resources-ontario-s-ranks-communities-site-regions-6-and-7#section-7>

## Species – Flora and Fauna

The following table provides a list of species that were witnessed incidentally during the 2024 site visits. Supplemental surveys and research have been conducted on the property by other organizations and academic institutions resulting in additional species records (see Appendix C). SCRCA staff have identified two provincially rare flora species on the property, one of which is a species at risk.

Flora

Floral Inventory							
Scientific Name	Common Name	CW	GRank	COSEWIC	Nrank	SARO	SRank
<i>Rubus x neglectus</i> ( <i>Rubus idaeus</i> ssp. <i>strigosus</i> X <i>Rubus occidentalis</i> )	Black, Red, and Hybrid Raspberry		GNA		NU		SNA
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Basswood	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	3	G5		N5		S4
<i>Calystegia sepium</i> ssp. <i>americana</i>	American False Bindweed	0	G5T5		N5		S5
<i>Phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>americanus</i>	American Reed	-3	G5T5		N5		S4?
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumn Olive	3	GNR		NNA		SE3
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	Bitternut Hickory	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Acer nigrum</i>	Black Maple	3	G5		NNR		S4?
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black Walnut	3	G5		N4		S4?
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>	Blue Ash	3	G5	THR	N3	THR	S2?
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Blue-beech	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Ranunculus hispidus</i>	Bristly Buttercup	0	G5		NNR		S3
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Circaea canadensis</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i>	Canada Enchanter's Nightshade	3	GNR		NNR		S5
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	3	G5		NNR		S5
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Sanicula odorata</i>	Clustered Sanicle	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common Buckthorn	0	GNR		NNA		SE5
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Common Burdock	3	GNR		NNA		SE5
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Common Dandelion	3	G5		N5		SE5
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear Chickweed	3	GNR		NNA		SE5
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping Jennie	-3	GNR		NNA		SE5
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly Dock	0	GNR		NNA		SE5
<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>	Cut-leaved Toothwort	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Crataegus mollis</i>	Downy Hawthorn	0	G5		NNR		S4S5
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Eastern Hop-hornbeam	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	European Honeysuckle		GNR		NNA		SEH
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	0	GNR		NNA		SE5
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	-3	G5		N5		S4
<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>	Hemp Dogbane	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb-Robert	3	G5		N4		S5
<i>Ranunculus recurvatus</i>	Hooked Buttercup	-3	G5		NNR		S5

<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit	-3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Lesser Duckweed	-5	G5		N5		S5?
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May-apple	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Cattail	-5	G5		N5		SE5
<i>Ribes rubrum</i>	Northern Red Currant	5	G4G5		NNA		SE5
<i>Alisma triviale</i>	Northern Water-plantain	-5	G5		N5		S5
<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	Poison Ivy	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Ribes cynosbati</i>	Prickly Gooseberry	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-osier Dogwood	-3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Vitis riparia</i>	Riverbank Grape	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	-3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark Hickory	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Silver Maple	-3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i>	Spinulose Wood Fern	-3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Spotted Geranium	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Geum vernum</i>	Spring Avens	3	G5		N4		S4
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Malus coronaria</i>	Sweet Crabapple	5	G5		NNR		S4
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	Three-flowered Bedstraw	3	G5		NNR		S5
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	3	G5		N4N5		S4?
<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	Virginia Waterleaf	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	3	G5		N5		S4
<i>Populus alba</i>	White Poplar	5	G5		NNA		SE5
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Erythronium albidum</i>	White Trout-lily	3	G5		N4		S4
<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>	White Vervain	0	G5		N5		S5
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild Strawberry	3	G5		N5		S5
<i>Agrimonia striata</i>	Woodland Agrimony	3	G5		N5		S4
<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	Yellow Birch	0	G5		N5		S5

Table 3 Flora species observed on the property

## Fauna

The following table lists the fauna species observed during the 2024 field surveys. SCRCA staff identified four species at risk fauna on the property, three of which are designated as Special Concern provincially and federally and one has been designated as Threatened.

Fauna Species Inventory				
Common Species Name	Scientific Species Name	Srank	COSEWIC	SARA STATUS
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	S5	0	0
white-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	S5	0	0
Red-winged blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	S5	0	0

midland painted turtle	Chrysemys picta marginata	S4	SC	Special Concern
wood frog	Lithobates sylvaticus	S5	0	0
red admiral	Vanessa atalanta	S5B	0	0
american bullfrog	Lithobates catesbeianus	S4	0	0
canada goose	Branta canadensis	S5	0	0
yellow warbler	Setophaga petechia	S5B	0	0
song sparrow	Melospiza melodia	S5	0	0
mourning dove	Zenaida macroura	S5	0	0
warbling vireo	Vireo gilvus	S5B	0	0
rose-breasted grosbeak	Pheucticus ludovicianus	S5B	0	0
snapping turtle	Chelydra serpentina	S4	SC	Special Concern
field sparrow	Spizella pusilla	S4B, S3N	0	0
gray catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	S5B, S3N	0	0
american crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	S5	0	0
blue jay	Cyanocitta cristata	S5	0	0
american robin	Turdus migratorius	S5	0	0
red-eyed vireo	Vireo olivaceus	S5B	0	0
wood thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	S4B	THR	Threatened
american toad	Anaxyrus americanus	S5	0	0
eastern chipmunk	Tamias striatus	S5	0	0
red-bellied woodpecker	Melanerpes carolinus	S5	0	0
Eastern Towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	S4B, S3N	0	0
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	S4B	0	0
Brown-headed cowbird	Molothrus ater	S5	0	0
Yellow-rumped warbler	Setophaga coronata	S5B, S4N	0	0
house wren	Troglodytes aedon	S5B	0	0
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	S5B	0	0
eastern wood-pewee	Contopus virens	S4B	SC	Special Concern
indigo bunting	Passerina cyanea	S5B	0	0
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	SNA	0	0
Common yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	S5B, S3N	0	0

Table 4 Fauna species observed on the property

## Forest Management

Plantations have been established at various locations within the property as noted in the ELC designation. SCRCA staff completed a forest inventory in 2006, and mapping was updated in 2012. This inventory looked at the forested areas, woodlands, and plantations throughout the property and identified management actions and noted damage caused by insects, disease and pests (see Appendix B). Although there is currently no active harvesting planned, woodland management in the form of tree

removal may occur. Updated forest inventories, forest health monitoring and climate change may suggest a more active management role of the woodlands.

There are currently no proposed planting projects on the property, however, infill plantings of existing plantations may occur as required. The SCRCA may also investigate other planting opportunities if/when appropriate which could include future reforestation of areas that are not currently in natural cover. This would align with the overall goals and objectives of the property since the time of acquisition.

It is also noted that as the effects of a changing climate become more prevalent the growth and health of the forests will be affected. One anticipated change is the lack of available moisture as temperatures increase. This will put certain native woody species outside of their current and historic growth zones. To mitigate these impacts, the SCRCA will ensure species diversity is maintained or increased in the forest communities and encourage or introduce drought tolerant species or those with the greatest climatic range for planting or reforestation projects to ensure the sustainability of these forests.

## Site Use

### Current Land Uses

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area provides active recreation in the form of seasonal and overnight campsites, supervised swimming and outdoor education opportunities. Passive recreation is also available in the form of nature trails. Additional facilities and programs are on site to serve the needs of visitors to this property. There are 80 acres of agricultural land on the property leased to a tenant farmer through a 5-year lease agreement. The following table identifies the permitted uses on the property.

Permitted Site Uses			
Activity	Permitted (Yes/No)	Occurring (Yes/No)	Notes: (e.g. Conditions, Parties Involved, Start/End Date)
<b>Passive Recreation</b>			
Dog Walking	Yes	Yes	Dogs must be on a leash and under control of the owner at all times
Fishing	Yes	Yes	Must follow Provincial regulations and guidelines. Where requested, collaboration with indigenous communities is encouraged
Foraging (Food Gathering)	No	No	Where requested, collaboration with indigenous communities is encouraged

Motorboat Use	No	No	Not permitted on the reservoirs
Paddling	Yes	Yes	Paddling is permitted on the reservoir and is encouraged through the rental of canoes and kayaks, or visitors are welcome to use their own.
All-Terrain Vehicle Use	No	Yes	Damage is occurring to property including on trails and in the riverbed
Horseback Riding	No	No	
Hunting	No	No	
Mountain Biking	Yes	Yes	Bikes are permitted on marked trails but should remain aware of other users and travel at a modest speed
Hiking	Yes	Yes	Permitted only on marked trails
Snowmobiling	No	No	
Observing/Photographing Nature	Yes	Yes	
Swimming	Yes	Yes	Only in pool, reservoir is unsafe for swimming and posted as such
Recreational Drone Use	No	No	Permission may be available by permit.
<b>Active Recreation</b>			
Soccer	No	No	
Frisbee Golf	Yes	Yes	Older style course, no basket on poles and poles in close proximity
Mini Golf	No	No	Historic course removed in 2016 due to flooding issues, investigate re-development
Snow Shoeing	Yes	No	
Playgrounds	Yes	Yes	
<b>Camping</b>			
Overnight Camping	Yes	Yes	34 overnight camping sites including three group (16) campsites
Seasonal Camping	Yes	Yes	112 seasonal campsites
Campfires	Yes	Yes	In designated fire pits on campsites and in Group C pavilion fireplace

Table 5 Permitted site uses

*\*\*Some unpermitted activities may be assessed on a case by case basis and special permission can be granted in certain circumstances.*

## Land and Resource Management Activities

The SCRCA may conduct a variety of activities to improve the land and natural resources of the property. These activities are described below.

Fish Stocking – fish stocking has occurred on the property in the past when funding for such activities was available. Although there is no current fish stocking occurring it is an activity that may be done where the SCRCA feels the activity will improve the natural ecosystem function and/or improve recreational opportunities.

Forestry (reforestation, harvesting) - these activities are not active on a yearly basis but could be completed when recommended through the Forest Management Plan.

Planting (native species, other) - this activity occurs minimally throughout the property and generally consists of infill planting in low numbers through the SCRCA memorial tree program.

Invasive Species Management – ongoing activity, use of manual and/or chemical control when needed. The scope of the project varies depending on funding.

Herbicide Application – in general herbicide is not used on the property (with the exception of agricultural areas), limited spot spraying for poison ivy or for invasive species control may be completed where necessary.

Prescribed Fire – although prescribed fire is used as a management activity on some properties particularly in prairie or pollinator habitat the use of prescribed fire is not a control method used or recommended at this property.

### Adjacent Land Use

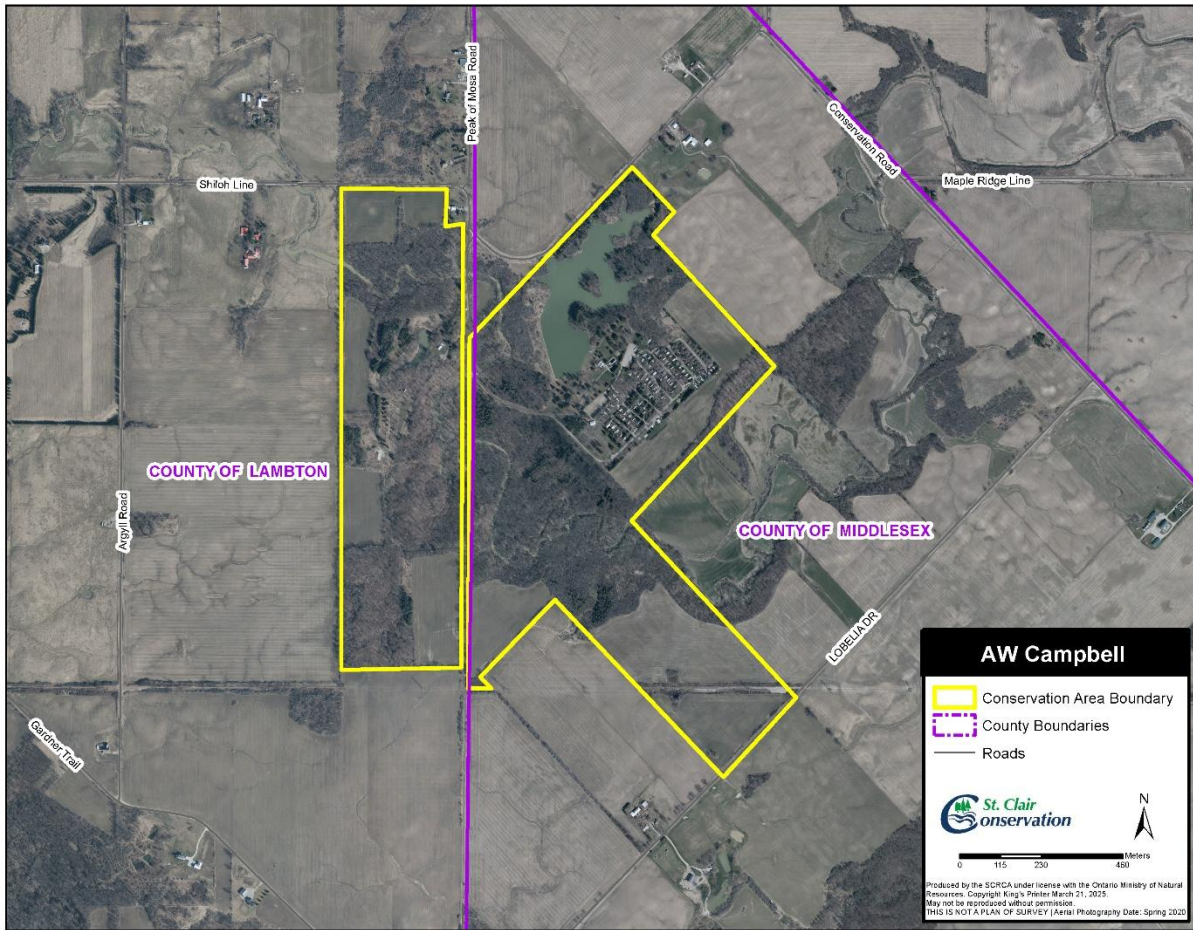


Figure 7 Adjacent land use surrounding A. W. Campbell CA

The A.W. Campbell Conservation Area is in a rural area, adjacent land uses consist predominantly of agricultural land and a few rural residential properties. Pastureland and row crop are the predominant forms of agriculture in the area. The closest urban area is Alvinston.

The boundaries indicated on this map are approximate and not to survey grade.

## Development and Infrastructure Buildings and Structures

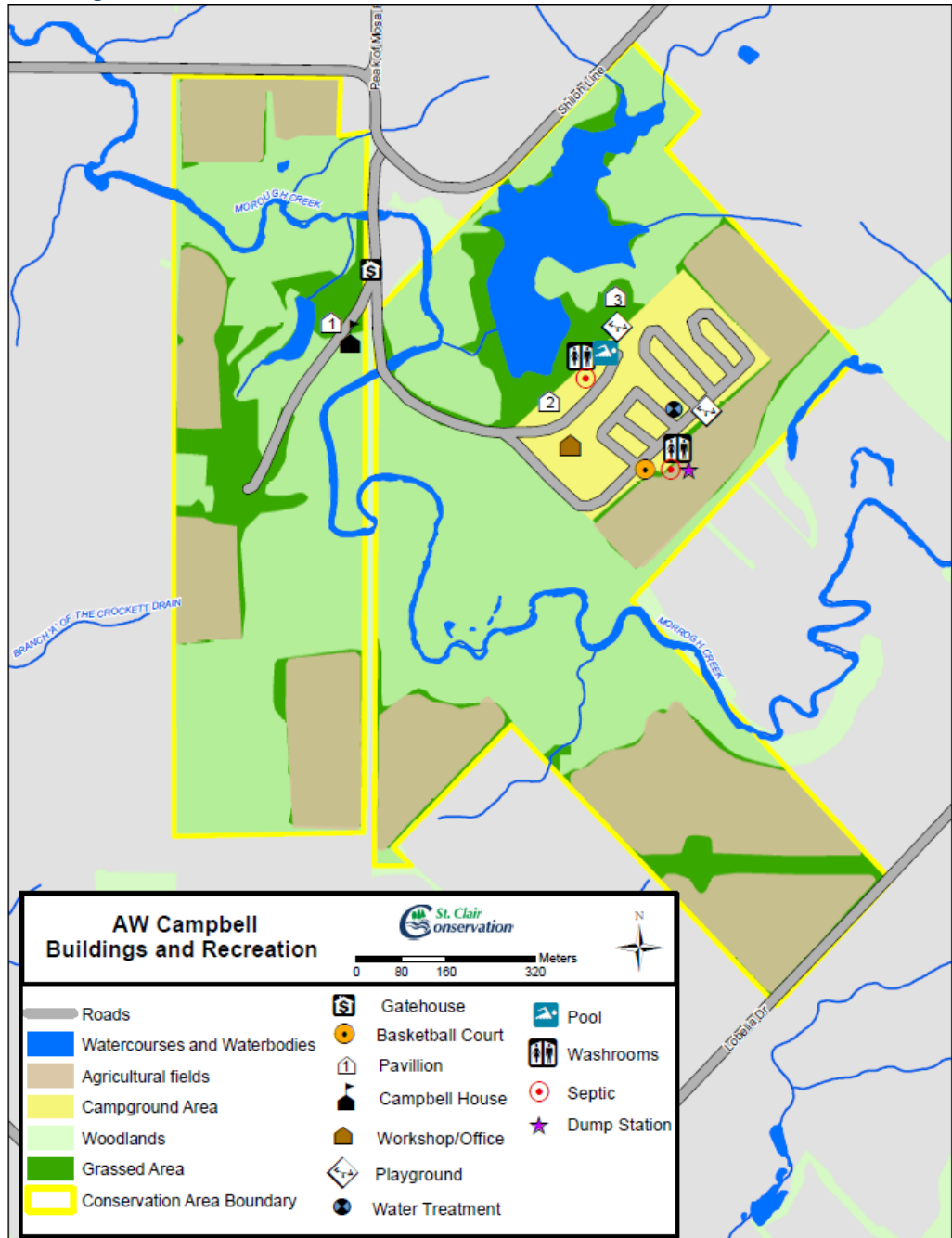


Figure 8 Buildings and Structures

Description	Comments
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<p>Rectangular Pavilion #1 - 22' x 40' with steel roof, concrete floor, and 6"x6" wood posts. Includes stone fireplace and steel chimney; located in Group C camping on west side of property</p>	<p>Popular feature of Group C camping area. Not available for pavilion rentals as it is connected/included with Group C camping. Located next to small pond/reservoir. Chimney and fireplace were repaired in 2023, this repair has extended the life of the firepit in the short term. Some repairs/upgrades will be required in the near future.</p>
<p>Gatehouse - 12'x12' vinyl sided building with steel roof on cement pad; located at property entrance</p>	<p>Currently it does not function as a gatehouse but could again in the future. It would require computer/internet connection and staffing resources to operate as a gatehouse. Without controlled access, day-use revenue does not accurately reflect visitation, honor system is ineffective. Automated gate would be beneficial.</p>
<p>Workshop - 45'x32' pole structure with steel clad roof and walls. Two bay workshop with attached office, staff lunchroom and storage located centrally on east side of property</p>	<p>Workshop constructed in 2008 Office and lunchroom added in 2015. It is sufficient for staff needs.</p>
<p>Hexagonal pavilion (#2) - 30' diameter with steel roof and steel posts on cement pad in central day use area, across from workshop</p>	<p>In fair condition Used occasionally for bands and other campground events (generally low use) The relatively small pavilion can host a limited number of visitors.</p>
<p>Hexagonal pavilion (#3) - 30' diameter with steel roof and posts on cement pad located within Group Camp B</p>	<p>Desirable feature for Group Camping patrons. Concrete in rough shape, heaves and cracks. For continued use, it will require new concrete.</p>
<p>Visitor center and Pool Washroom - 24' x 24' block wall washroom and shower area, 22' x 40' board and batten pine sided visitor center including kitchenette, 40' x 18' covered porch with wood posts, entire building has steel clad roof and concrete floor</p>	<p>Visitor center is well used but limitations due to size. Used for Bingo, bands (exterior), cards, etc. Accessibility issues - Step in building not accessible to everyone. Showers are necessary for pool operation. Showers also used by Group A and B campers. Showers re-done in 2001. Investigate unisex showers with exterior entry Some repairs/upgrades to the covered porch will be required in the near future for continued use.</p>

<p>Main washroom building - 22' x 30' block wall with steel clad roof and concrete floor located to the south of the main campground; includes laundry facilities (freestanding 8'x 8' pine sided garden shed)</p>	<p>Building last renovated in 2007/08 and was fully renovated at that time. Includes both men's and women's washrooms and showers. This is considered the main washroom building and is used by both transient and seasonal campers. The current location of water heaters (in maintenance corridor) is crowded and difficult to access for maintenance. Can not be replaced in current location. Investigate exterior showers (unisex) and consider reconfiguring the building when next renovated. More than one machine for laundry may be beneficial as demand increases. Investigate a larger building for laundry and potentially including space for water heaters.</p>
<p>Water Treatment Building - 8' x 12' steel clad walls and roof on cement pad; includes water treatment System (chlorination system) drinking water well located adjacent to the building.</p>	<p>Constructed in 2000, not much has changed since. Multiple staff trained as small drinking water systems operators. Not wired for a generator, it does not function during power outages.</p>
<p>Dumping Station and septic system - (septic tank, gravity feeds to leaching bed) located on southern boundary of seasonal camping area</p>	<p>Station and septic system currently being designed for replacement and environmental compliance approval. Occasionally has congestion as trailers line up to use dump station on common departure days.</p>
<p>Campbell House - Board and batten siding on wooden frame, cold cellar under Kitchen. Located on the western portion of the property across from Group C camping. This is the original homestead of Archie Campbell.</p>	<p>Approved by Municipality for demolition in near future, based on safety concerns/structural engineer's report.</p>

Table 6 Description of Building and Structures

Roads and Trails

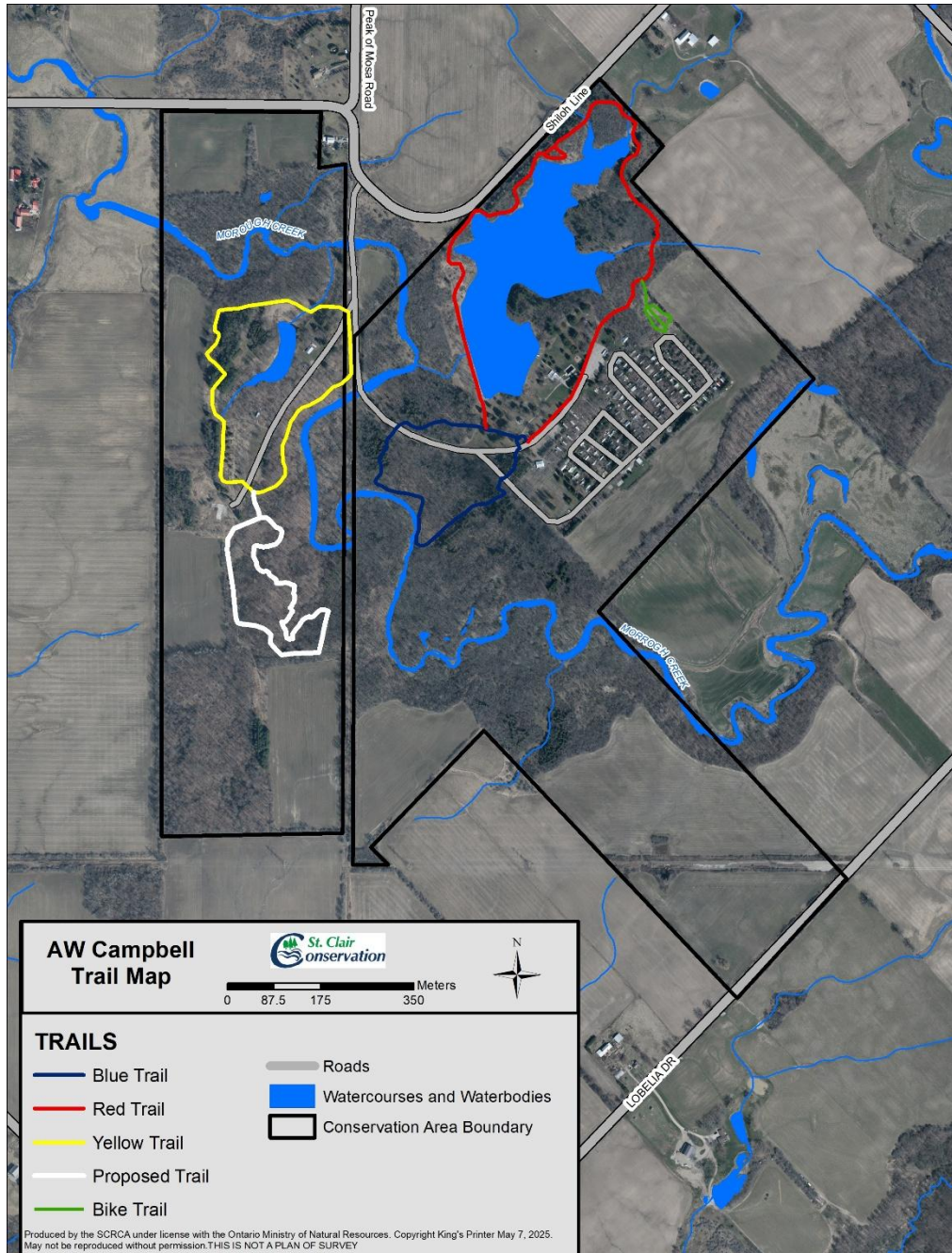


Figure 9 Trails, Roadways and Recreational Infrastructure

Description	Comments
Campbell trail (yellow) – 1.1km loop on west side of property from gatehouse, along Morrough Creek, across road, north through plantation and around 2-acre reservoir.	Trail provides viewing access to Morrough Creek, Sugar Maple Bush, Plantation, and a small reservoir. Natural trail surface.

	<p>There are some wet sections along low lying areas next to the river.</p> <p>Portion adjacent to roadway (by gatehouse) is not well defined.</p> <p>Dock at 2-acre reservoir for fishing and nature viewing.</p> <p>Commonly used by day-use and dog walkers as trail runs past gatehouse parking area.</p>
<p>Lake Trail (red) – This 1.7km trail generally circles the large reservoir.</p>	<p>Provides aesthetic views of the reservoir.</p> <p>Used for fishing access to reservoir.</p> <p>Top of earthen berm (dam) makes up a portion of the trail.</p> <p>Trail surface material is natural with some areas of stone dust.</p> <p>A portion of this trail has permitted golf cart use.</p> <p>Multiple small boardwalks are located along the lake trail.</p> <p>No signage indicating trail head, some visitors have had difficulty locating trail access.</p>
<p>River Trail (blue) – This 0.9km trail is found just west of the main campground and day-use area. It takes visitors through a black walnut lowland area.</p>	<p>Trail within rare Black Walnut Lowland Deciduous Forest, lots of wildlife noted in the loop.</p> <p>Trail is well used, centrally located in the park.</p> <p>A large section of trail lies within the floodplain.</p> <p>ATV use noted along and through river, causing damage.</p>
<p>Proposed white trail (Wilderness trail) – Located south of the yellow trail through a Maple Forest. The proposed route is 1.0km.</p>	<p>Original loop had significant ATV damage (ruts) and aging bridges prompting the Authority to no longer maintain or map this trail.</p> <p>ATVs often enter from end of Junction Road, hard to control access along this property line.</p>

	<p>Two bridges in poor condition, one was removed in spring 2024, the other removed in spring of 2025</p> <p>Was a popular trail when open and in better condition.</p> <p>If restored, new route should avoid the need for large bridges.</p>
<p>Main Parking lots - located in the day-use area across from the workshop and adjacent to the pool, gravel surface</p>	<p>Generally sufficient space for current uses.</p> <p>Narrow often leaving cars parking on only one side.</p>
<p>Kid's Bike course - along eastern boundary of property</p>	<p>Small course, suitable for young riders.</p> <p>Chip and dust course prone to erosion on slope. Can lead to rills on trail.</p> <p>No obstacle features along trail.</p>

Table 7 Description of Roads and Trails

### Power Lines, Pipelines and Easements



Figure 10 Hydro Line and Hydro Corridor locations on the property

Description	Comments
Hydro Corridor	Large corridor with steel structure runs along the southern end of the property through the agricultural field.
Hydro Poles	Four hydro poles run into the property from Shiloh Line.

Table 8 Description of Hydro Lines and Corridor

Recreational Infrastructure  
(see Figure 7)

Description	Comments
25 x 50 inground pool – ~5’ max depth with 10’ x 12’ steel clad pool shed on cement pad	<p>Pool is well used on weekends. Popular feature for both transient and seasonal campers. Typically, open July and August when lifeguard on duty 11am – 7pm. Some use by adults, largely used by kids. Significant repairs/upgrades required in the near future (tile replacement, plaster repair, concrete resurfacing, safety cover, pumps) Significant challenges in recent years to attract and retain lifeguards. Have had reduced operating hours over the past two seasons due to lifeguard shortages. Class A pool requires lifeguards to operate.</p>
Playground – located in day-use area adjacent to the pool	<p>Equipment in fair condition, installed in 2010. Designed for users ages 18 months to 12 years.</p>
Playground – little tikes brand, located south of seasonal camping	<p>Installed in 2002, equipment in fair condition but with some compliance issues. Designed for users ages 5 to 12 years old. Swing set replaced in 2024.</p>
Kayak and Canoe rentals - located in day use area adjacent to the reservoir. Dock is 5’x15’ with a 5’x10’ ramp to shore.	<p>New aluminum pole dock with cedar decking installed in spring of 2025. Canoes and kayaks provide visitors an opportunity to explore the reservoir. Low rental revenue, many visitors bring their own canoe/kayak.</p>
Beach Volleyball court - located east of day use area adjacent to Group B campsite	<p>Poorly used in the current location as it is behind group camping. Visitors are hesitant to use it due to proximity to group camping. Located in a heavily shaded area, sand is slow to dry out.</p>
Horseshoe pits (2) - located at the south end of seasonal camping area	<p>In fair condition, minimal use by campers.</p>
Basketball court - cement 40’x20’ pad	<p>Used both for basketball and road hockey. Facility is older and in poor condition. Usage varies year by year based on the current seasonal camper population.</p>

	Small court is more suitable for kids.
Disc golf - course located in day use area across from workshop	Outdated course, minimal use, not a very big space/area. Posts only as targets, no modern baskets/chain.
Mini-golf	Course removed due to flooding in late 2014. A portable 9-hole course was constructed in 2017, however, it has not been a popular activity as the portable course has poor playability.
Overnight Camping (18 campsites) - Overnight campsites have gravel parking with a picnic table and firepit 40' x 50' site size.	Well used, during the summer and weekends throughout the season Sites are all side by side along a single road. All sites have water and 30-amp hydro connection. No sewers. Campers have access to dump station at no additional charge. Camping season runs from May 1 <sup>st</sup> to the Sunday following Thanksgiving.
Group Camping (16 service connections) Sites A, B and C	Group areas A and B have 30-amp hydro and water connections for individual trailers. Group C has 30-amp hydro connections for individual trailers. Camping season runs from May 1 <sup>st</sup> to the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Produce less revenue than other transient campsites per connection.
Seasonal Camping (112 sites)	All campsites have 30-amp hydro and water connections. Sites vary in size from 35' x 50' to 52' x 105'. Most sites have mature trees and are heavily shaded. Seasonal campers organize events throughout the camping season on a volunteer basis. Camping season runs from May 1 <sup>st</sup> to the Sunday following Thanksgiving. It is a very popular form of camping and the SCRCA often has a waitlist of interested campers.

Table 9 Description of Recreational Infrastructure

### Dam and Reservoir

The 18-acre reservoir located on the property is a popular feature providing recreational opportunities to campers and visitors through canoe and kayak rentals, wildlife

observation, and fishing opportunities. Swimming was a popular activity at the time of construction until the 1990's when high bacteria levels found in the water made it unsafe for swimming. Cautionary signage has since been posted to warn visitors. Access to the reservoir is from the day use area where a removable dock is installed next to the canoe and kayak rental stand. A trail system exists along the perimeter of the lake, providing viewing opportunities and access to unofficial fishing locations.

The reservoir is fed by three intermittent watercourses (dry for part of the year) that drain upstream agricultural land. The reservoir is controlled by a bottom draw valve and overflow outlet into Morrough Creek downstream. Online ponds have the potential to have negative impacts on the water quality of a system by disrupting the natural flow, increasing nutrient and sediment retention, increasing water temperatures, and hindering the movement of fishes and other aquatic organisms.

The shoreline of the reservoir is also contributing to some of the sedimentation due to the erosion and slumping of the banks that has occurred over time. This has led to shallower depths along the edges of the lake making some areas less functional for recreation.

Due to the increase in nutrients and bacteria in the water algal blooms have been observed in the reservoir and in one instance toxic blue-green algae was documented. It is unclear whether it is point source or non-point source factors contributing to the high nutrient levels in the reservoir.

### Educational Opportunities

As previously discussed, prior to construction of the education building at L.C. Henderson Conservation Area in the mid 1990's the A.W Campbell Conservation Area was the primary outdoor education center for the SCRCA. At that time all the programming was moved to the new location. The education department continues to run the maple syrup program for one week of the year at A.W. Campbell.

The maple syrup program provides a history and demonstration of maple syrup production in Canada.

Through discussions with the education department there is no immediate need or active requests for additional programming at the A.W Campbell Conservation Area.

### Sweet Maple Syrup (Grade FDK – 3)

*Available MARCH 2025*

How was Maple Syrup discovered? How has it been produced over the years? Are Maples the only trees that make syrup? Why is Maple Syrup an important part of Canadian and French Canadian culture? Find out the answers to these questions and more by visiting A.W. Campbell Conservation Area for a FIELD TRIP! This program offers a fun and interactive mix of learning – activities, games, and songs in the Sugar Bush!

## Site Concepts for Camping

Alternative development proposals have been formulated and evaluated during the preparation of this plan. Using the background information and understanding the current use and demand for the existing conservation area the SCRCA proposes four camping concepts for consideration.

### Concept 1

This development concept looks at transitioning the campground to exclusively seasonal camping. To do this the SCRCA would look at converting all overnight camping sites to seasonal sites along with breaking up Group campsites A and B and creating three or four seasonal sites. This will remove Group Camp C from the west side of the property. Recommendations include:

- Transition site 110-128 to seasonal
- Transition Group A and B to 4 seasonal sites
- Abandon Group C campsites
- Switch to a less expensive software system to manage seasonal reservations

### Financial Analysis

Recommendation	One time cost	Annual Revenue
Convert 18 transient sites to seasonal	10000	
Convert Group A/B to four seasonal sites	5000	-8000 revenue
Reduced software expense		+3000 savings
Abandon Group C camping		-6000 revenue
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>-\$11,000 annually</b>

Overall, this concept will have a small revenue reduction from our current program but will streamline operations with some cost savings. By converting Group Camp areas A and B into seasonal sites, additional hydro will be available to power a future visitor's centre or Electric Vehicle charging station. Focusing solely on seasonal camping will allow for easier adoption of an automated gate system, improving security at the conservation area. An automated gate would also increase the day-use revenue collected. Expansion to the west side of the property would not be feasible in this concept as it would require construction of a new sewer lines, septic system and weeping bed. This would not be cost effective for the creation of approximately 14 campsites (maximum number of sites with available hydro).

Pros	Cons
Streamlined operations, reduced maintenance and software expenses	Reduced opportunity for the public to enjoy transient camping
Further meets current demand for seasonal camping	Loss in revenue from transitioned campsites
Reduced maintenance of transient campsites	Authority would not have any group camping areas
Easier to install and manage automated gate (no integration with transient camping software)	Current overnight sites are smaller than current seasonal, would require some alterations
Reduces conflict between seasonal/transient campers	Risk that if seasonal demand drops, some sites may become vacant
	Loss of exposure to transient campers. Transient campers often become seasonal campers.

Table 10 Scenario 1 Pros and Cons

### Concept 2

Concept 2 is split into 2a and 2b. In both scenarios SCRCA would maintain a similar mix of seasonal and transient camping as the current camping program and add new transient campsites on the west side of the property. The difference between concepts will be the inclusion of roofed accommodations to some of the new campsites in option 2b. Figure 10 provides a potential location for the re-establishment of campsites on the west side of the property.

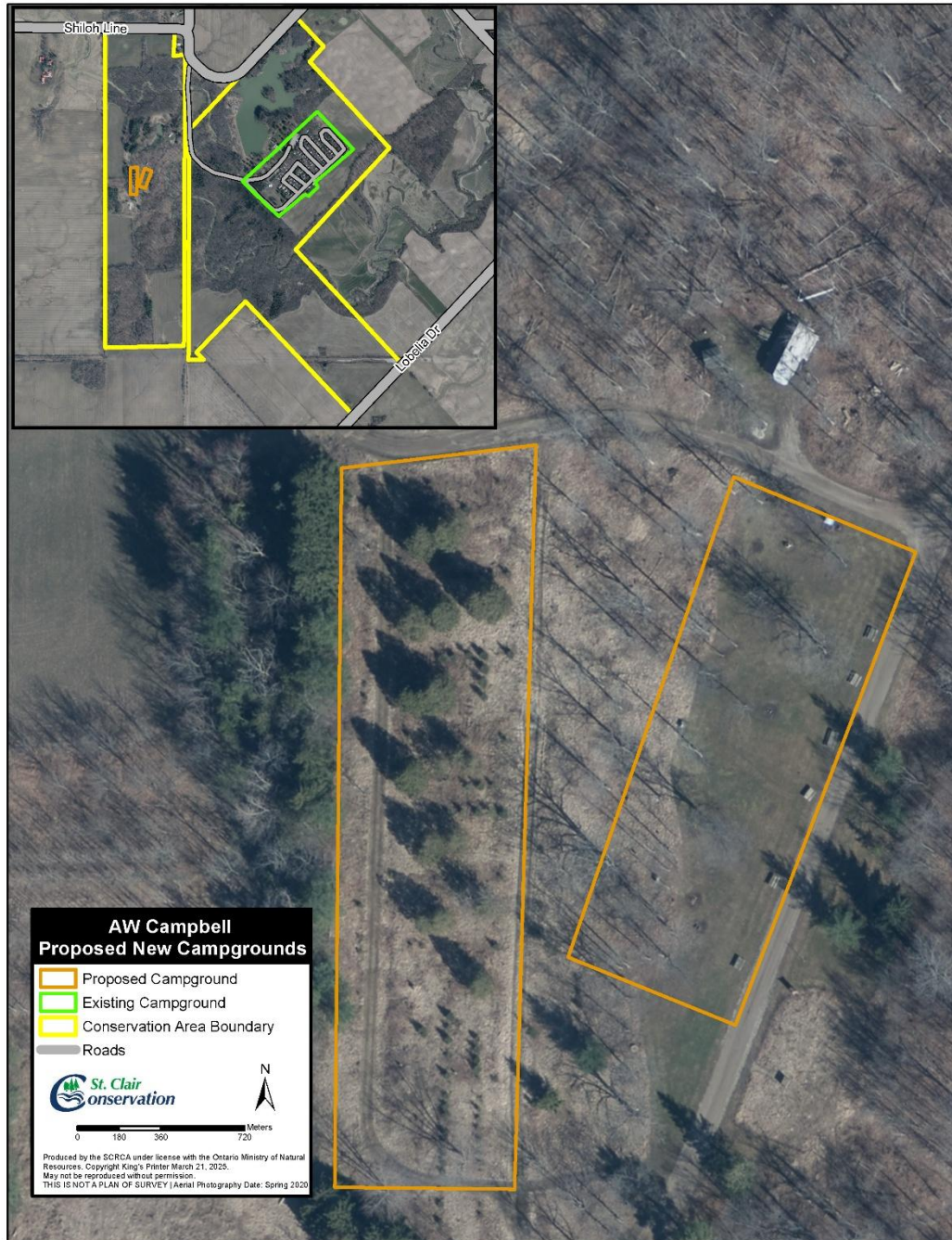


Figure 11 Proposed location of re-established campsites or camping facilities

### Concept 2a

This concept aims to maintain both overnight and seasonal camping on the property while also re-introducing camping on the west side of the property along with other development/upgrades. Camping on the west side of the park could include an additional 14 transient campsites. Campsites would operate in a consistent manner with our current program. There is a limited amount of hydro available, and the number of campsites created would not generate enough revenue to justify the construction of a

new washroom facility. Portable washrooms would be provided, and campers would have to travel to the main washroom facility for access to shower facilities.

Recommendations include:

- Add approx. 14 30-amp transient campsites with water supply, which would require re-establishment of a well, water treatment, hydro upgrades, road improvements, site creation, firepits, picnic tables, and portable washrooms
- Improve road on the west side of property
- To add 14 sites on the west side of the property, group c camping would need to be abandoned and the hydro re-directed to the new campsites.

Although group A and B camping areas are better utilized than group C, consideration should be given to converting these group camp areas into 4 or 5 transient or seasonal campsites. Currently group A and B have a combined 10 30-amp hydro connections. Reducing it to 4 or 5 would free up hydro for either a future new visitor center or for electric vehicle charging stations. This transition is anticipated to reduce revenue by \$8000 annually. This could be done later, when ready for the installation of either a new visitors center or electric vehicle charging stations.

#### Financial Analysis

	One time cost	Annual
Add 14 transient sites on west side	145,000	+38,000 revenue
Abandon Group C camping		-6,000 revenue
Convert Group A/B to four seasonal or transient sites	5,000	-8,000 revenue
<b>Total</b>	150,000	+24,000

Pros	Cons
Maintain opportunities for transient campers	Capital cost to expand camping
Transient campers often transition to seasonal over time	New campsites will be further from shower facilities
Add additional revenue through expansion of camping opportunities	Will have to improve the hill to the west side of property to withstand more traffic
Potential to meet demand for additional seasonal sites	SCRCA would no longer have a group camping area if group sites A and B are converted
Operating both seasonal and transient sites provides flexibility to adapt to future market demand changes	

Table 11 Scenario 2 pros and cons

### Concept 2b

Like Concept 2a, this concept will aim to maintain both overnight and seasonal camping opportunities while re-introducing camping to the west side of the property along with other development/upgrades. As with the previous option, camping on the west side of the park could include upwards of 14 campsites, 6 to 8 of which could be roofed accommodations (small cabins or yurts) and the remaining transient campsites. Roofed accommodations would require more staff resources for cleaning after visitors leave and before new visitors arrive but would otherwise operate in a consistent manner as the current camping program. There is a limited amount of hydro available, and the number of campsites created would not generate enough revenue to justify construction of a new washroom facility. Portable washrooms would be provided, and campers would have to travel to the main washroom facility for access to shower facilities.

The following recommendations would allow for expansion of camping to the west side of the property that includes roofed accommodations.

- Add 6-8 serviced campsites with small 1 room cabins or yurts
- Add 6-8 30-amp transient campsites
- Development of new campsites would require re-establishment of a well, water treatment, hydro upgrades, road improvements, site creation, firepits, picnic tables, and portable washrooms
- Abandon group site C camping to supply hydro to new campsites

### Financial Analysis

- Small cabin costs will vary depending on size and features of the cabins and are estimated to be between \$35,000 and \$65,000 each in addition to the \$145,000 campsite development costs identified in option 2a
- Yurts will vary depending on size and features and are estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 each
- Yurts rent at a similar rate to cabins, they are less expensive to construct, but have a shorter lifespan

The demand for roofed accommodation is increasing and they are expected to generate between \$7,500 and \$11,000 annually per unit (before expenses)

- The initial investment for cabins/yurts is much higher and the estimated payback (8-10 years) will take longer, however this would fill a demand we currently do not accommodate

	One time cost	Annual
<b>Develop 14 campsites</b>	145,000	
<b>Rent out 8 transient campsites</b>		+24,000
<b>Rent out 6 small cabins (least expensive cabins)</b>	210,000	+45,000
<b>Abandon Group C camping</b>		-6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>355,000</b>	<b>+63,000</b>

Pros	Cons
Provide roofed accommodations	Capital cost to build cabins
Maintain opportunities for transient campers	Capital cost to expand camping
Transient campers often transition to seasonal overtime	New campsites will be further from shower facilities
Add additional revenue through expansion of camping opportunities	Will have to improve the hill to the west side of property to withstand more traffic
Operating both seasonal and transient sites provides flexibility to adapt to future market demand changes	Increased staff time to clean cabins between visitors
Largest future revenue increase	Future maintenance costs to upkeep cabins
Could choose option 2a as a phase 1, add roofed accommodations at a future date as a phase 2	

Table 12 Scenario 3 pros and cons

### Concept 3

The third concept is to maintain the existing camping program without expansion and only look to improve the existing infrastructure. Recommendations include:

- No concept specific recommendations
- See general recommendations

### Financial Analysis

- There would be no significant capital investment required for new infrastructure.
- The revenue would remain relatively the same with this concept as there are no major changes to the current operations of the property.

Pros	Cons
Requires no significant capital investment into new infrastructure	Stagnant revenue
Reduced risk if future camping demand is lower	
Focus on maintaining or improving existing facilities	

Table 13 Scenario 4 Pros and Cons

## Concept Evaluation

Staff reviewed each concept against the following criteria and then rated it on a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being the lowest and 4 being the highest score.

1. Future economic self-sufficiency of camping program.
2. Implementable within a practical time span (considers cost and other challenges to implementation).
3. Simplicity of operations for staff and low staffing cost
4. Flexibility/Adaptability to variations in future user demand.
5. Enhance the quality of visitor experience.

### Evaluation

	Concept 1	Concept 2a	Concept 2b	Concept 3
<b>Economic Self-sufficiency</b>	2	2	3	2
<b>Practical Timing</b>	3	2	1	4
<b>Operations</b>	4	3	2	3
<b>Adaptability to future user demand</b>	1	3	3	2
<b>Enhance visitor experience</b>	1	3	3	2
<b>Total</b>	11	13	12	13

Table 14 Evaluation of concepts based on criteria

### Preferred Concept

The preferred concept as identified by 43% of respondents (during public consultation) is Concept 2a in which both overnight and seasonal camping on the property is maintained while also re-introducing overnight campsites to the west side of the property. This concept aligns closely with the current camping program but allows for some additional camping options for overnight campers. Some of the responses for why this is the preferred concept include:

“Having weekend sites available is great for family and friends visiting”

“It would maintain the current infrastructure while also expanding at a far lower cost than roofed accommodations”

“Prevent overcrowding during peak season.”

“More overnight campsites will be available”

Public comments showed support for continued group camping opportunities. To expand overnight camping opportunities, Group C camping would need to be closed to allow the hydro to be repurposed for the new campsites. Group A and B camping should continue, if hydro is needed for a new visitor center, solar power should be considered.

## General Management Recommendations

Final Management Recommendations are listed below. To achieve these goals, funding will be secured through conservation areas revenue, grants, and donations.

Action	Recommendation	Cost**
<b>Signage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a new trail map and access point signage including accessibility information (x3 install locations)</li> </ul>	\$3,000-\$4,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and install wayfinding signage</li> </ul>	\$800-\$1,500
<b>Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-establish 4<sup>th</sup> trail loop (proposed white trail) on west side of property and re-route to avoid construction of large bridges and repair ATV damage*</li> </ul>	\$8,000-\$10,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close off access at dead end of Junction road</li> </ul>	\$5,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deter ATV use of trails (including signage, barricade and fencing)</li> </ul>	\$5,000-\$7,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace aging boardwalks where needed on Lake Trail</li> </ul>	\$5,000-\$10,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better define the Yellow trail route along roadway by gatehouse (stone dust installation)</li> </ul>	\$2,000-\$3,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install stone dust upgrades to portions of the trails not impacted by flooding</li> </ul>	\$5,000-\$15,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve surfacing on kid's bike trail</li> </ul>	\$3,500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate feasibility of improving one or more trails for improved accessibility, i.e. hard surfacing <b>(public consultation indicated a desire for an accessible trail)</b></li> </ul>	unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add obstacles/features to kid's bike trail</li> </ul>	\$1,500 - \$2,500

<b>Forest Management/Natural Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote natural regeneration of Blue Ash through canopy opening and/or vegetation removal, (<a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/recovery-strategy-blue-ash">https://www.ontario.ca/page/recovery-strategy-blue-ash</a>)</li> </ul>	Staff Time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate areas in plantations for infill planting</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only native species or those acceptable to the area will be planted for forestry or wildlife habitat on the property</li> </ul>	NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thin plantations where needed to improve health and growth of the plantation</li> </ul>	Staff Time
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect natural and sensitive features by controlling/restricting usage</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of hazard trees as per the SCRCA Hazard Tree Policy</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any trees cut, or debris falling naturally, will be removed from trails, parking lots, or other managed areas as necessary, with an appropriate amount of material left onsite to decompose naturally</li> </ul>	Unknown
<b>Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities for secondary access during high water or emergency events*</li> </ul>	Unknown
<b>Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate removal of pool and installation of splashpad or complete pool upgrades*. <b>Based on public comments, pool upgrades should be prioritized over splashpad. Consider splashpad only if lifeguard shortages worsen and pool is frequently closed.</b></li> </ul>	Splashpad \$300,000+ Pool Upgrades \$100,000-\$150,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace basketball court with a larger facility, install better quality hoops that extend further into court</li> </ul>	\$50,000-\$80,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the feasibility of pickle ball court</li> </ul>	\$50,000-\$70,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider a multi-sport facility (basketball &amp; pickleball)*</li> </ul>	\$100,000-\$200,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of permanent 9-hole mini-golf course with improved drainage if required</li> </ul>	\$20,000 and up
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of shuffleboard</li> </ul>	\$20,000-\$30,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install a disc golf course on the west side of the park, 6-9 hole course with modern baskets etc.</li> </ul>	\$15,000-\$25,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the beach volleyball court</li> </ul>	\$2,500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate feasibility of new recreational opportunities such as corn hole, holey board, etc.</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If playground replacement required, consider installation of a natural playground. <b>Based on public comments, consider one larger playground to replace the two smaller playgrounds in the future.</b></li> </ul>	\$50,000 - \$250,000
<b>Washroom Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade septic system</li> </ul>	1.5 to 2 million including installation of sewers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace and reconfigure water heaters in the main bathroom to allow maintenance access</li> </ul>	\$10,000 plus \$15,000 new building
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate demand/feasibility of larger laundry building with second set of machines</li> </ul>	\$15,000 - \$30,000 new building
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade to exterior entry showers for both washrooms</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure washroom facilities are accessible</li> </ul>	Unknown
<b>Camping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See preferred concept selection on page 38 above</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install an automated gate to improve security and collection of day-use fees*</li> </ul>	\$35,000-\$40,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of metered hydro for seasonal campsites</li> </ul>	\$100,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities for improved wifi to individual seasonal campsites. Could include options such as hard wiring individual services, promotion of 3<sup>rd</sup> party cellular or satellite service.</li> </ul>	unknown
<b>Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace concrete in Group B pavilion (or remove pavilion if Group B camping is abandoned in the future)</li> </ul>	\$10,000-\$12,000 for new concrete
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrades to Group C pavilion (replace wood posts and fascia)</li> </ul>	\$8,000-\$12,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrades to existing visitor centre including new concrete (40'x18') porch and replace wood porch posts</li> </ul>	\$20,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade aging hydro services</li> </ul>	\$25,000-\$100,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities to set up annual inspections with the Electrical Safety Authority to ensure compliance with Electrical code in the park.</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the road up the hill to the west side of the park to reduce and mitigate washouts</li> </ul>	\$5,000 - \$10,000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate feasibility of new visitor center for campground events, location to be determined</li> </ul>	\$55-\$65 per sq ft
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wire the water treatment building for a generator</li> </ul>	\$2,500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve seal of building envelope in water treatment building</li> </ul>	\$2,500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add second lane at sewage dump station to reduce congestion. <b>To be completed as part of larger septic system upgrade.</b></li> </ul>	Consider as part of larger septic project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete removal of Campbell House and commemorate appropriately</li> </ul>	\$20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate need for electric charging stations*</li> </ul>	\$25,000-\$30,000 for dual port	

		*insufficient hydro available currently
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where hydro limitations exist, solar power should be considered when appropriate</li> </ul>	Unknown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a new visitor centre is constructed, repurpose the old building as a Wifi café*</li> </ul>	\$10,000 - \$15,000 for interior renovation
<b>Invasive Species</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locate areas of buckthorn and remove</li> </ul>	Ongoing and grant dependent
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Phragmites patches and control using manual and chemical options</li> </ul>	

Table 15 General Management Recommendations

\*\* Budget costs are in 2025 dollars, projects and budgets to be reviewed prior to implementation.

\*\*\* Major capital items dependent on fundraising/grant.

### *Additional Details for Select Recommendations\**

#### Re-establish 4<sup>th</sup> Trail Loop (Proposed white loop – see figure 8)

The 4<sup>th</sup> trail loop on the west side of the property should be re-established to increase the length of nature trails. The previously established route was removed from the trail network due to ATV damage and the unsafe conditions of two old bridges. The previous bridge locations had steep ravines and hill slopes that require large span bridges (24-32') which are expensive to replace. The new trail route would seek a path that would utilize small boardwalks to cross drainage rather than large-span bridges. Damage caused by ATVs would require repair. Installation of signage, barricades, and gates should be explored to deter future ATV use of this area.

#### Access to Property

Currently the A.W Campbell Conservation Area has only one access to the property. This access is off Shiloh Line and provides access to both the west and east side of the property. The east side of the property is accessible by crossing twinned culverts over Morrogh Creek. In extreme rain events, the water in Morrogh Creek has overtopped this road and prevented those on the east side of the property from leaving. It is important that the campers, park staff and emergency services have access to both sides of the park in all conditions. The SCRCA will investigate an emergency access route along the reservoir toward Shiloh Line.

#### Pool vs Splashpad

The pool at the A.W Campbell Conservation Area was installed in the early 2000's. The pool is a popular feature at the park. However, there have been issues in recent years due to a shortage of lifeguards. Additionally, the pool is aging and will soon require significant investment. Some of the issues with the pool include cracks/heaving in the cement deck which may lead to tripping hazards, repairs required to the plaster bottom, and the tile on the sides need replacement. Other upgrades that may be required include re-constructing the pump building and installing a safety cover for the off season. The cost to fully upgrade and restore the pool is estimated at \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Since before the Covid-19 pandemic SCRCA has encountered challenges with obtaining lifeguards. Since the pandemic, this has become a greater challenge. The pool is open for a short 10-week duration during the summer months and operates 8 hours each day. With difficulties in hiring and retaining lifeguards, we have experienced early pool closures or daily closures, shortened seasons and disappointed campers. The SCRCA budgets approximately \$20,000 annually on lifeguard wages at A.W. Campbell.

It is recommended that an alternative feature like a splash pad be investigated to replace the pool. A splashpad provides the opportunity for a longer season (14 to 16 weeks, weather dependent), longer hours of operation, no requirement to have lifeguards on duty, and reduces risk and liability to the Authority, all while still providing a safe place for campers to cool down during hot and humid days. A 2023 cost estimate to remove the pool and install a splashpad was provided to the Authority at approximately \$300,000.

### New Recreation Area

The recreational facilities at the A.W Campbell CA are largely original to the park, and some features like the permanent mini golf course have been removed in recent years due to wet conditions in the location and aging infrastructure. Other features like the basketball court are undersized and in poor condition. To revitalize the recreational facilities at the park it is recommended that a new location be investigated to provide a central location for multiple recreational facilities to be located. The area across from the workshop in the day-use area may provide the necessary location for this development as it is relatively flat, close to the staff office/workshop for ease of dealing with any issues/concerns and centrally located for both campers and day-use visitors to the park. Figure 10 provides a proposed location for the new recreation area and visitor center.

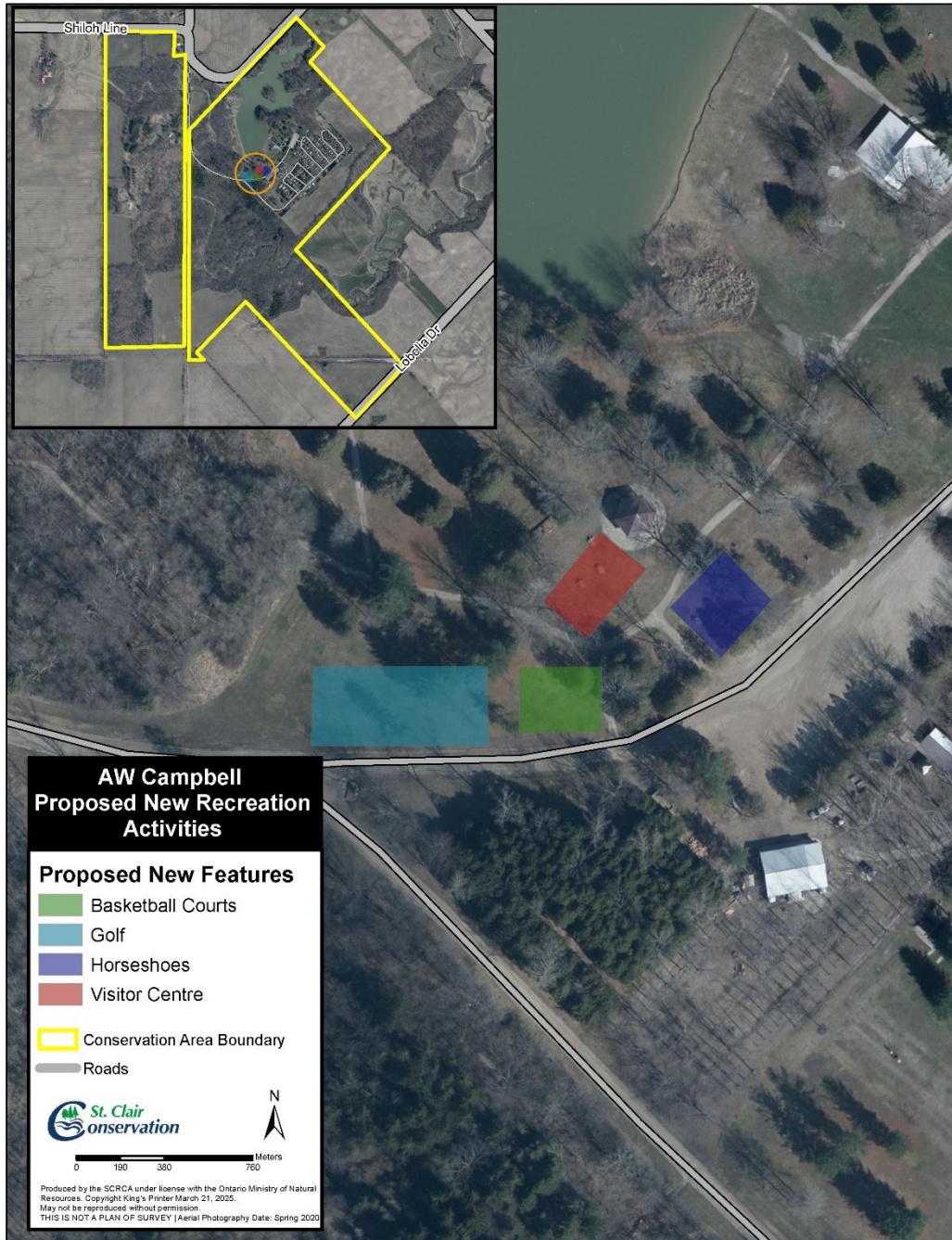


Figure 11 Proposed New recreation area and visitor center

### Visitor Center and Wi-Fi Cafe

The current visitor center is too small and undersized for larger camping events. The layout of the building does not provide adequate space for large groups and the step located in the center of the room impedes accessibility. It is recommended that a new larger facility be constructed to provide access for large camping events. This new visitor center could be constructed adjacent to the pavilion across from the workshop.

The pavilion will remain in place and provide additional covered seating for large events. This location would be ideal as it would overlook the reservoir. To power this facility, hydro would need to be re-directed from other park uses. The most feasible option would be to convert Group A and B camping to 4 or 5 individual campsites and repurpose the remaining hydro for the visitor's center. Alternatively, a solar power option could be explored. **Public comment supports the continued operation of group camping. Priority for this facility would be to use solar power for electrical needs.**

The existing visitor center could be re-purposed as a Wi-Fi café and used for small gatherings or groups to play cards or act as a games room.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

In looking towards the future as Canada has set goals for 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035, the campground may require future charging stations be installed on the property to accommodate this transition. The SCRCA should be prepared for grant opportunities that come available. Due to the limited amount of hydro available alternative power sources will be required to free up hydro for this service. Level 2 charging stations can require up to 100amps per charging port. Past grant funding opportunities required a minimum of 4 charging ports per site to be eligible for funding. A.W. Campbell Conservation Area does not have the available hydro to install 4 charging ports without closing a significant number of campsites. Staff will continue to investigate opportunities to add EV charging without significantly reducing revenue at the CA.

### Automated Gate

The SCRCA should consider the installation of an automated gate at the A.W Campbell Conservation Area. An automated gate would provide improved security for the park, increase revenue from day-use visitors by taking away the current honor system for gate fees, and eliminate the need for staff in the gatehouse. The automated gate would be most feasible with the transition of the park to Concept 1 (all seasonal campsite) but could also be used with transient camping when the reservation software and gate software are integrated successfully. The integration of software is currently under investigation through the current reservation software system used by the SCRCA. The installation costs of the automated gates are estimated at \$30,000 and revenue generated from the gate fee is estimated to be >\$2,000 annually.

### Metered Hydro (section added following public comment period)

Hydro usage in the park is currently shared amongst campers and is included as a flat rate in the seasonal fees with water usage. To ensure a fair distribution of costs to those using the most power, the SCRCA could install metered hydro at each seasonal campsite. This would encourage hydro conservation and may reduce the overall hydro consumption in the conservation area. Cost of installation is anticipated to be \$95,000

to \$100,000. This would include a hydro meter for each of the 112 seasonal campsites. Some additional staff time is required to invoice for hydro usage.

### Improved Wi-Fi access (section added following public comment period)

A key theme discussed in the public consultation was the request and desire to have improved Wi-Fi access at seasonal campsites. With the changing technology like video streaming and the ability for new trailers to run various components via Wi-Fi the SCRCA should be prepared to provide or source this service. Options to get Wi-Fi to sites include hard wiring, satellite or cellular. To hardwire directly to each seasonal campsite may be cost prohibitive. The option to use either cellular or satellite units to supply internet is a much more feasible option and could be promoted by the SCRCA to interested campers. Local internet providers have been contacted to determine the feasibility of providing this service to sites. Campers wishing to have access to WIFI could contact 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers and purchase this service.

### Scout/Community Group Camping Restoration (section added following public comment period)

Scout camping was historically active on the west side of the property and was used frequently in the early 70's and 80's. As part of the restoration of camping on the west side of the park it is recommended that SCRCA consult with youth camping groups like Scouts, Guides, Church Groups etc., to determine whether there is sufficient demand for a camping facility. Due to the requirement for water and hydro at this site, only a few locations may be suitable for this camping area. It is noted that this development would only be considered at a time when the overnight camping on the west side of the property is restored.

## Community Consultation for the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area.

Community consultation for the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area took place in the form of an online survey which was active for a period of 45 days. This consultation was advertised through social media, the authority website, and in local newspapers: Sarnia News Today, Petrolia Independent, and the Sarnia Observer.

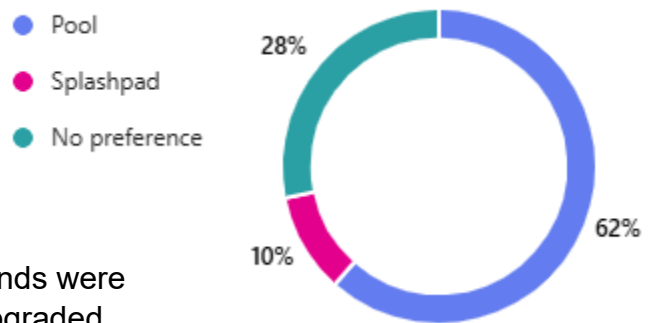
The following Stakeholders were contacted for feedback during the consultation process: Local Indigenous Communities, Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, and the Community Friends of Campbell House.

A total of 39 responses were received by a variety of affiliations including Indigenous Community, Municipal Partner, Camper and the General Public. Campers were the dominant respondents making up over half, of which 57% of those campers were seasonal campers and 39% were transient or overnight campers.

The consultation survey was a valuable method to obtain opinions and feedback on specific issues the SCRCA is considering as well as the overall draft plan. The following summary outlines some of the key themes noted in the results of the survey (refer to appendix D and E for individual comments).

Nature enjoyment, hiking and camping are the dominant uses of the A.W Campbell Conservation area with recreational facilities making up another notable use. Several respondents noted invasive species control is an important activity and made requests for a nature trail to be improved for better accessibility. SCRCA staff have provided further recommendations to the table.

Regarding whether a pool or splashpad is the preferred option for a water feature at the property, most respondents (62%) were in favor of keeping the pool as it provides more benefits to a greater range of ages.







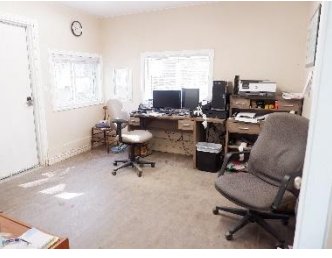

Commenters also identified which recreational amenities would benefit from upgrade/updates. In addition to the improvement of hiking trails, the playgrounds were identified as an amenity that should be upgraded.

Some suggested that rather than updating both playgrounds, a larger playground in one location may be more practical. When asked what amenities should be added to the property, 40% of respondents would like to see mini golf return to the park. Additionally, 33% of respondents are interested in adding pickleball to the property.

When asked what is seen as a higher priority between a new visitor center or electric vehicle charging stations, the dominant response is a new visitor center. Other concerns identified from public comment include the discussion of metered hydro, improvement to WiFi access and an opportunity to restore Scout Camping on the property. These topics have been added to the recommendations table and are further discussed within that section.

## Appendix A: Photos of the Site

### Buildings and Infrastructure

		<p>Rectangular pavilion #1 in Group C Camping area with stone fire pit (inset) and chimney</p>
		<p>Gatehouse</p>
		<p>2-bay workshop, includes office (inset), lunch room and storage area.</p>
		<p>Hexagonal pavillion #2 located across from Workshop in day-use area</p>





		<p>Hexagonal pavillion #3 behind Group B camping</p>
		<p>Pool, washroom, and visitor center located in day use area</p>



Main washroom building located south of seasonal camping, includes laundry facilities










Chlorinated water treatment system located in pumphouse

		<p>Dumping station located along south side of property</p>
		<p>Campbell House</p>
<p>Roads and Trails</p>		
		<p>Smallest dam structure located along the abandoned trail</p>
		<p>Boardwalk/dock located on small reservoir adjacent to group C camping</p>

		<p>Parking Lot A in front of workshop</p>
		<p>Parking Lot B east of Pool</p>
		<p>Reservoir and dam on Morrogh Creek, overflow structure (inset)</p>
		<p>Bike Trail located on west side of property</p>

Recreation

	<p>Playground designed for ages 18 months to 12 years, installed in 2010, located in day use area adjacent to pool.</p>
	<p>Little tikes Playground designed for ages 5-12 years old, installed in 2002, located along south of seasonal camping east of the washroom building.</p>
	<p>Canoe and Kayak storage (dock not pictured, prior to installation of new dock)</p>

	<p>The beach volleyball court located adjacent to group camp B and pavilion #3.</p>
	<p>Horshoe pits located along southern edge of campground between seasonal camping and the agricultural field.</p>
	<p>Basketball court located on southern edge of campground west of washroom building.</p>
	<p>Disc Golf course located in day use area across from Workshop and adjacent to pavilion #2</p>



### Camping at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area

First photo depicts the Group B campsites with access to pavilion #3

Second photo depicts the Group A campsites

Third photo shows the overnight campsites located on the west side of the property, these sites currently act as overflow sites.

Fourth photo depicts Group C camping with access to pavilion #1

The final photo highlights a seasonal campsite on the property



## Appendix B: A.W Campbell Conservation Area Forest Inventory 2006

### **A.W. Campbell Conservation Area**

AW Campbell CA is a 125 ha (310 ac) property with 145 campsites on 5.0 ha. There is an additional 11.1 ha of mowed day use facilities. A total of 16.1 ha are mowed and used for recreation. There are 69.0 ha of other forested area on the property. Mature woodlands make up 35.3 ha. Second growth woodlands developed either through natural regeneration or plantations or a combination make up 33.7 ha.

Ash content varies from 10% to 35% and is a very common species in the campground and day use areas. It would be prudent to plant sugar maple or other trees through the memorial tree program in sections with significant ash numbers to avoid devastation at some time. DED killed most of the white and red elms and all the rock elm on this property between 1960 and 1972. It was quiet until 1989 when young elms got large enough to supply habitat for elm bark beetles to over-winter. They have been spreading the disease which is killing both red and white elm since that time. However, some of the originals are still alive and should not be cut down until they die. Purging buckthorn was observed in several locations. It should be searched out and destroyed in late October and early November. Norway maple is another exotic which should be removed before it spreads and eliminates other native species.

ATV's are using the area in the winter tearing up slopes, sod and running over small trees and shrubs. They are going in and out by lifting the loose cable at the entrance.

Deer are starting to produce a browse line in some areas and are definitely over browsing some species of trees and shrubs. Rabbit browsing is also a problem in some locations.

If it is desirable to cut firewood on site, there are clumps of trees scattered throughout the property which are too dense and could be marked for thinning. Firewood can currently be cut from hundreds of small dead elm in areas 1, 3 and 9. Hazard trees could also be cut for firewood. Those trees in areas difficult to access with equipment can simply be left on the ground for wildlife.



As white tailed deer numbers increase beyond the carrying capacity of the land one of the first signs of habitat destruction is the appearance of a browse line.

**Total Forested Area:** 84.5 ha (208.8 ac)

**1) Natural Reforestation around Morrough Lake**

**Area:** 11.1 ha (27.4 ac)

**Species Composition:** Hawthorn 40%, white and green ash 15%, white elm 10%, eastern cottonwood 10%, black walnut 5%, black cherry 5%, other species 15% (American crab apple, red oak, white spruce, white cedar, bitternut hickory, hard maple, Norway spruce, white pine, ironwood, bur oak, red elm, Carolina poplar and silver maple).

**Regeneration:** There is scattered regeneration of white ash and black walnut amongst the hawthorn.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Grey dogwood, wild plum, red-osier dogwood, European highbush cranberry, wild rose, honeysuckle, lilac, sandbar willow, autumn olive, feral apple, choke cherry, silky dogwood, purging buckthorn and grape.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area varied from 2 to 16 with an average of 7.4 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

BA Distribution

	Pole 10-24 cm		Small Sawlog 26-36 cm		Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm		Large Sawlog 50-60 cm		X Large Sawlog 62 cm +		Total	
	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS
B.A.	4.7	0	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.4	0
Total	4.7		2.7		0		0		0		7.4	

**Diseases and Insects:**

Spruce gall aphid  
Nectria on black walnut  
Dutch elm disease on white and red elm

**Management and History:** This area is old pasture land followed by a complete tree removal in the late 1960s. It was mowed with bush hogs until 1976. When the mowing ceased the hawthorns and other species sprang back. White pine spruce and cedar were hand planted among the hawthorn in the 1980s.

**Observations:**

- This area is mostly hawthorn with scattered white ash, black walnut and white elm.
- The hard maple and bitternut hickory are regeneration sized trees found on the hill area southeast of the creek out flow into the lake.
- This area is too thick with hawthorn to harvest any of the white and green ash and white elm when killed by EAB or DED.
- Numerous deer beds were noted on the southeast side of the lake.
- The white cedar are dying out from shading.
- There are ATV's using the trail around the perimeter of the lake.

**Recommendations:**

- The purging buckthorn should be located and destroyed and the populations of other invasive exotics such as autumn olive, European honeysuckle, lilac and cranberry should be reduced.
- Annual monitoring along the trails for hazard trees should be done and the trees identified and removed.

**2) Forested area along the southeast side west of property**

**Area:** 2.3 ha (5.6 ac)

**Species Composition:** White ash 30%, hard maple 20%, bur oak 20%, bitternut hickory 10%, white elm 10%, ironwood 5%, other species 5% (black cherry, basswood, shagbark hickory, blue-beech, hawthorn and blue ash).

**Regeneration:** Hard maple and sparse white ash.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Choke cherry, raspberry species, grape and poison ivy.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area readings varied from 16 to 30 with an average of 22.1 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

BA Distribution

	Pole 10-24 cm	Small Sawlog 26-36 cm	Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm	Large Sawlog 50-60 cm	X Large Sawlog 62 cm +	Total
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	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS
B.A.	12.7	0.7	5.3	0	2	0	0.7	0	0.7	0	21.4	0.7
Total	13.4		5.3		2		0.7		0.7		22.1	

**Diseases and Insects:**

Black knot on choke cherry  
Dutch elm disease on white elm

**Management History:** There is no record of any management done in this area since it was removed from cattle pasturing at the time of purchase, in 1965. At that time it was a lightly wooded pasture.

**Observations:**

- This area does not have enough merchantable timber for harvesting.
- There are no trails or evidence of people using this area.

**Recommendations:**

- An improvement thinning could be done in this area to reduce the amount of ash and give other species more room to grow.
- It can be done as a fuel wood cut.

**3) Day Use and Campground**

**Area:** 10.7 ha (26.4 ac)

**Species Composition:** Eastern cottonwood, white cedar, red cedar, white spruce, white pine, Norway spruce, northern catalpa, sycamore, red maple, white ash, black walnut, tulip tree, European mountain ash, bur oak, European willow and peach leaf willow.

**Regeneration:** There is no regeneration.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Red-osier dogwood and highbush cranberry.

**Diseases and Insects:** There were no diseases or insects recorded.

**Management and History:** This area is mowed on a regular basis. There are a few large stock trees planted annually throughout this area in conjunction with the memorial tree program.

**Observations:**

- This area has a mix of species.
- The newest campsites have been recently planted with 4 to 10 cm diameter ash trees. There are also a couple of areas with blocks of ash trees planted.

- The trees of concern for EAB are small and can easily be removed and replaced with other species if the EAB infests Campbell C.A.

### Recommendations:

- Annual monitoring throughout this section for hazard trees should be continued and the trees identified and removed.
- If the emerald ash borer infests this area the ash trees will need to be replaced on the camp sites and in the day use area.



Trees provide important amenities to campgrounds and day use areas while providing habitat for several species of wildlife.

#### 4) New Forest

**Area:** 9.9 ha (24.3 ac)

**Species Composition:** Black walnut 40%, white elm 20%, white ash 10%, bur oak 10%, eastern cottonwood 5%, Norway spruce 5%, red elm 5%, other species 5% (hawthorn, ironwood, red oak, black cherry, white cedar, bitternut hickory, hard maple, white pine, Carolina poplar, red pine, Manitoba maple and black ash).

**Regeneration:** There is advance regeneration of white ash and white elm.

**Shrubs and vines:** Highbush-cranberry, red-osier dogwood, American plum, grey dogwood, honeysuckle and grape.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area readings varied from 4 to 32 with an average of 17.2 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

**BA Distribution**

	Pole 10-24 cm		Small Sawlog 26-36 cm		Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm		Large Sawlog 50-60 cm		X Large Sawlog 62 cm +		Total	
	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS
B.A.	10	0	5.2	0	0.8	0	0	0	1.2	0	17.2	0
Total	10		5.2		0.8		0		1.2		17.2	

**Diseases and Insects:**

Dutch elm disease on white and red elm  
Septoria canker on Carolina poplar  
Nectria canker on black walnut and basswood

**Management and History:** There is a trail system throughout this area. Some of the trail has been abandoned and rerouted. Strips were cut through the hawthorn on 20 foot centres and planted with white pine, Norway spruce and black walnut in 1984. The project was successful.

**Observations:**

- This area consists of advanced regeneration, polewood and some small sawlog sized trees.
- There are also a few X large trees near the creek.
- There is a browse line developing because of the deer.
- Two dead medium size ash were noted along the trail beside the creek, one of the trees top has fallen onto the trail.

**Recommendations:**

- Annual monitoring along the trails for hazard trees should be continued and the trees identified and removed.
- Something needs to be done about the deer population before they not only eat all of their feed and starve but destroy other species habitat as well.

**5) Natural Reforestation Floodplain both sides of Morrrough Creek**

**Area:** 7.8 ha (19.2 ac)

**Species Composition:** Hawthorn 90% and other species 10% (white ash, black walnut, white elm, soft maple and peach leaf willow).

**Regeneration:** here is sparse regeneration of black walnut and white ash.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Purging buckthorn

**Diseases and Insects:**

Dutch elm disease on white elm

**Management and History:** There are walking trails in this area. No other management has occurred since the Authority quit mowing this area in 1976.

**Observation:**

- This area is mainly hawthorn with approximately 1200 stems of hawthorn per hectare.

**Recommendations:**

- With the number of hawthorn present there is no room for planting other species unless the hawthorn is strip cut.
- The purging buckthorn should be located and destroyed.
- The trails need to be monitored annually for hazard trees.

## 6) Second Growth Forest south of Morrough Creek

**Area:** 10 ha (24.7 ac)

**Species Composition:** Black walnut 20%, white ash 20%, ironwood 20%, hawthorn 10%, shagbark hickory 5%, red elm 5%, red oak 5%, bur oak 5%, basswood 5%, other species 5% (white elm, white pine, red pine, white spruce, soft maple, American beech, trembling aspen, bitternut hickory and American crab apple).

**Regeneration:** Regeneration consists of white ash and hard maple.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Grey dogwood, choke cherry, prickly ash, highbush cranberry, European honeysuckle, wild plum and grape.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area varied from 10 to 22 with an average of 16.5 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

BA Distribution

Pole 10-24 cm		Small Sawlog 26-36 cm		Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm		Large Sawlog 50-60 cm		X Large Sawlog 62 cm +		Total	
AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS

B.A.	10	0	4.5	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	0	15	1.5
Total	10		4.5		1		1		0		16.5	

**Diseases and Insects:**

Dutch elm disease on white elm

**Management History:** There are walking trails in this area. A few coniferous trees were planted during the 1970's to encourage reforestation. No other management has been done. There is an old flowing well with a casing in this section of the creek.

**Observations:**

- This area is a side hill and does not have enough merchantable timber for harvesting.
- This area does have a trail system.
- An X-large tree has fallen across Morrough Creek where the wooded area and the neighbour's field meet.

**Recommendation:**

- Annual monitoring along the trails for hazard trees should be done and the trees identified and removed.

**7) Mature Tolerant Hardwood**

**Area:** 6.6 ha (16.4 ac)

**Species Composition:** American beech 40%, hard maple 25%, shagbark hickory 10%, white and green ash 10%, bur oak 5%, ironwood 5%, other species 5% (bitternut hickory, red oak, basswood, soft maple, blue-beech, black walnut, white elm, eastern cottonwood and white pine).

**Regeneration:** Regeneration is mostly American beech, white ash and hard maple, with some shagbark and bitternut hickory.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Choke cherry, poison ivy and grape.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area varied from 12 to 20 with an average of 17.5 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

**BA Distribution**

	Pole 10-24 cm		Small Sawlog 26-36 cm		Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm		Large Sawlog 50-60 cm		X Large Sawlog 62 cm +		Total	
	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS
B.A.	4.5	2	5	0.5	3	1	0.5	0	0	1	13	4.5

Total	6.5	5.5	4	0.5	1	17.5
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**Diseases and Insects:**

Nectria canker on basswood  
Dutch elm disease on white elm

**Management History:** A timber mark and commercial harvest was conducted in 1984 and firewood was harvested from the area in 1995. There are also permanent sample plots established in area 7 but they were not located during the inventory.

**Observations:**

- A stick nest and deer paths were observed.
- There is a white pine plantation 0.4 acres in size on the east side of the area.
- There is an old concrete block shed located north of the white pine plantation.
- West of the shed, there is a small planting of black walnut.

**Recommendations:**

- There is ample regeneration and with the low basal area and lack of large and X-large trees there is no need for any type of cutting at this time.

**8) Well Drained Tolerant Hardwoods**

**Area:** 9.3 ha (22.9 ac)

**Species Composition:** White and green ash 35%, hard maple 30%, American beech 15%, ironwood 10%, bitternut hickory 5%, other species 5% (white elm, black walnut, red elm, basswood, red oak, white pine, blue-beech, shagbark hickory, black cherry, hawthorn and blue ash).

**Regeneration:** Hard maple is the main regeneration component in both early and advanced regeneration layers. White ash, bitternut hickory, basswood and American beech are also regenerating. There are pockets of blue ash regeneration.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Choke cherry and grape.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area varied from 20 to 32 with an average of 24.8 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

BA Distribution

Pole 10-24 cm		Small Sawlog 26-36 cm		Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm		Large Sawlog 50-60 cm		X Large Sawlog 62 cm +		Total	
AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS

B.A.	9.2	0	6.8	0.4	4.8	0	2.8	0	0.8	0	24.4	0.4
Total	9.2		7.2		4.8		2.8		0.8		24.8	

**Diseases and Insects:**

Sooty mould on American beech  
 Nectria canker on basswood and black walnut  
 Eutypella canker on hard maple  
 Dutch elm disease on white elm  
 Ash heart rot

**Management History:** In 1985 Kevan Baker established five permanent plots in this area.

**Observations:**

- Several trees were marked for removal and are still standing.
- There are dead standing American beech, bitternut hickory and hard maple of the medium and large size class.

**Recommendations:**

- An improvement harvest could be done to reduce the amount of ash and some poor quality trees.
- The permanent plots should be sampled.

**9) Plantation**

**Area:** 1.3 ha (3.2 ac)

**Species Composition:** Black walnut 75%, Carolina poplar 10%, soft maple 5%, other species 10% (Kentucky coffee tree, white cedar and Norway spruce).

**Regeneration:** There was no regeneration recorded.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Honeysuckle and raspberry species.

**Diseases and Insects:** Septoria canker

**Management History:** This is a planted area; it was maintained for day use for several years.

**Observations:**

- There is one Kentucky coffee tree producing seed pods.
- The Carolina poplar is in fair condition.

**Recommendations:**

- The dead and dying Carolina poplar could be removed.

**10) Day Use / Plantations and Campground**

**Area:** 5.4 ha (13.3 ac)

**Species Composition:** White ash, soft maple, bur oak, bitternut hickory, hard maple, hawthorn, red elm, eastern cottonwood, white spruce, white cedar, white pine, red pine, Scots pine, Kentucky coffee tree, weeping willow, Carolina poplar, black cherry, sycamore, feral apple, honey locust, black walnut, tulip tree and Japanese heart nut.

**Regeneration:** No regeneration was noted.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Autumn olive, American plum, purging buckthorn, nannyberry, European highbush-cranberry, caragana and European honeysuckle.

**Diseases and Insects:**

Nectria on black walnut and Japanese heart nut  
Butternut blight on Japanese heart nut

**Management History:** This area was planted from 1890 to 1993, with the majority between 1980 and 1993. There are a few campsites in this area. The area is mowed on a regular basis.

**Observations:**

- The newer campsites have medium to large trees around them - some of which are ash.
- Ash trees in this area make up about 30% of the stand. The majority are in the 4 to 10 cm diameter class.
- There are several dead pole size white elms as well as one white elm over a metre in diameter.

**Recommendations:**

- The purging buckthorn should be located and destroyed
- An improvement thinning in the pine plantation should be done within the next five years to release the white pine and promote other species.
- The European willow on the dam should be removed and the stump treated so its roots do not cause the dam to be breached.
- Annual monitoring in this area for hazard trees should be done and the trees identified and removed.

**11) Plantation/Old Nursery**

**Area:** 3.1 ha (7.7 ac)

**Species Composition:** White pine 35%, white and green ash 25%, black walnut 15%, white cedar 5%, other species 20% (Norway spruce, Carolina poplar, red oak, northern catalpa, European mountain ash and bitternut hickory).

**Regeneration:** Bitternut hickory and black walnut.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Raspberry species

**Disease and Insects:**

Septoria canker

**Management History:** This was a crop field with serious erosion problems planted to trees as a nursery. The open areas resulted from the trees being moved out to other locations. It is no longer used as a nursery.

**Observations:**

- There are approximately 300 stems of ash in the plantation near the workshop.
- The spacing is 1 meter between trees and 3 meters between rows.
- There is a trail system through one part of the area.

**Recommendations:**

- The open areas could be replanted to fill in the plantation.
- Annual monitoring in this area for hazard trees should be done and the trees identified and removed.

**12) Forest at Morrough Creek and West of Entrance Lane**

**Area:** 7 ha (17.3 ac)

**Species Composition:** Black walnut 30%, white elm 25%, white and green ash 15%, red elm 15%, hawthorn 10%, other species 5% (white pine, eastern cottonwood, peach leaf willow, black cherry, bur oak, hackberry, sycamore, blue-beech, ironwood, Carolina poplar, black ash and hard maple).

**Regeneration:** Black walnut, green ash and advanced white elm.

**Shrubs and Vines:** Choke cherry, European highbush-cranberry, American plum, European honeysuckle, raspberry species and purging buckthorn.

**Basal Area:**

Basal area varied from 10 to 20 with an average of 15.87 m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

BA Distribution

	Pole 10-24 cm		Small Sawlog 26-36 cm		Medium Sawlog 38-48 cm		Large Sawlog 50-60 cm		X Large Sawlog 62 cm +		Total	
	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS	AGS	UGS
B.A.	7.3	1.3	4	0	1.3	0	1.3	0	0.67	0	14.57	1.3
Total	8.6		4		1.3		1.3		0.67		15.87	

**Diseases and Insects:**

Black knot on choke cherry  
Dutch elm disease on white elm  
Nectria canker on black walnut and red elm  
Hickory bark beetle  
Septoria canker on Carolina poplar

**Management History:** This area was previously used as pasture even after purchase by the Conservation Authority. Part of it was maintained with mowers until approximately 1980.

A variety of tree and shrub species were planted between 1970 and 1990, including black walnut, white & red pine, Carolina poplar and European cranberry.

**Observations:**

- There are a few open areas of herbaceous vegetation.
- Hawthorn is the most common species in the flood plain area.

**Recommendations:**

- The purging buckthorn should be located and destroyed.

## Appendix C: Species List

Common Species Name	Scientific Species Name
( <i>Rubus idaeus</i> ssp. <i>strigosus</i> X <i>Rubus occidentalis</i> )	<i>Rubus x neglectus</i>
Agrimony	<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>
American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>
american bullfrog	<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>
american crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
American False Bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i> ssp. <i>americana</i>
American Reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>americanus</i>
american robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
american toad	<i>Anaxyrus americanus</i>
Autumn Olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>
avens	<i>Geum canadense</i>
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>
basswood	<i>Tilia americana</i>
Bitternut Hickory	<i>Carya cordiformis</i>
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i> var. <i>serotina</i>
Black Maple	<i>Acer nigrum</i>
black snakeroot	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>
bladder sedge	<i>Carex intumescens</i>
Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>
Blue Ash	<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>
blue jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>
Blue-beech	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>
bottlebrush grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>
Bristly Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus hispidus</i>
Brown-headed cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
	<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i> var. <i>lateriflorum</i>
Calico aster	
Canada Enchanter's Nightshade	<i>Circaea canadensis</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i>
canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
canada wild-ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i> var. <i>virginiana</i>
clearweed	<i>Pilea pumila</i>
Cleavers	<i>Galium spurium</i>
Clustered Sanicle	<i>Sanicula odorata</i>
Common Burdock	<i>Arctium minus</i>
Common Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>
Common Mouse-ear Chickweed	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i> ssp. <i>vulgare</i>
common white snakeroot	<i>Ageratina altissima</i> var. <i>altissima</i>

Common yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Creeping Yellow Loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>
Curled Dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>
Cut-leaved Toothwort	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>
dame's rocket	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>
Downy Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus mollis</i>
Dwarf ginseng	<i>Panax trifolius</i>
early meadow-rue	<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>
eastern chipmunk	<i>Tamias striatus</i>
Eastern Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
Eastern Hop-hornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>
Eastern White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
eastern wood-pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>
enchanter's nightshade	<i>Circaea canadensis</i>
European Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>
European Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>
European Red Currant	<i>Ribes rubrum</i>
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
false nettle	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>
field sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
gray catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>
great blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
Green dragon	<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>
Harbinger-of-spring	<i>Erigenia bulbosa</i>
heart-leaved aster	<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>
Hemp Dogbane	<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i> var. <i>hypericifolium</i>
Herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>
Hooked agrimony	<i>Agrimonia gryposepala</i>
Hooked Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus recurvatus</i> var. <i>recurvatus</i>
house wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
indigo bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>
lance-leaved figwort	<i>Scrophularia lanceolata</i>
large-flowered bellwort	<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>
Long-headed anemone	<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>
lopseed	<i>Phryma leptostachya</i>
mayapple	<i>Papaipema rutila</i>
May-apple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>
midland painted turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta marginata</i>

moonseed	<i>Menispermum canadense</i>
mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Narrow-leaved Cattail	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>
Northern Water-plantain	<i>Alisma triviale</i>
Ostrich Fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>
Poison Ivy	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> var. <i>radicans</i>
Prickly Gooseberry	<i>Ribes cynosbati</i>
Raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>
red admiral	<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>
Red Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>
red-bellied woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>
red-eyed vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Red-osier Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Red-winged blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Riverbank Grape	<i>Vitis riparia</i>
rose-breasted grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
sedge	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i> ssp. <i>americana</i>
Sensitive Fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>
Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>
sharp-lobed hepatica	<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>
small Duckweed	<i>Lemna minor</i>
small white aster	<i>Symphotrichum racemosum</i>
snapping turtle	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>
song sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Spinulose Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i>
Spotted Geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>
spotted jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>
Spring Avens	<i>Geum vernum</i>
Squirrel-corn	<i>Dicentra canadensis</i>
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>
Sweet Crabapple	<i>Malus coronaria</i>
Three-flowered Bedstraw	<i>Galium triflorum</i>
Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
virginia smartweed	<i>Persicaria virginiana</i>
Virginia Waterleaf	<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i> var. <i>virginianum</i>
warbling vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>
White Poplar	<i>Populus alba</i>
White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>
White Trout-lily	<i>Erythronium albidum</i>
White Vervain	<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>

white-tailed deer  
wild leek  
Wild Strawberry  
wood frog  
wood nettle  
wood thrush  
Woodland Agrimony  
wood-sorrel  
Yellow Birch  
yellow pimpernel  
yellow warbler  
Yellow-rumped warbler

*Odocoileus virginianus*  
*Allium tricoccum* var. *burdickii*  
*Fragaria virginiana* ssp. *glauca*  
*Lithobates sylvaticus*  
*Laportea canadensis*  
*Hylocichla mustelina*  
*Agrimonia striata*  
*Oxalis corniculata*  
*Betula alleghaniensis*  
*Taenidia integerrima*  
*Setophaga petechia*  
*Setophaga coronata*

## Appendix D

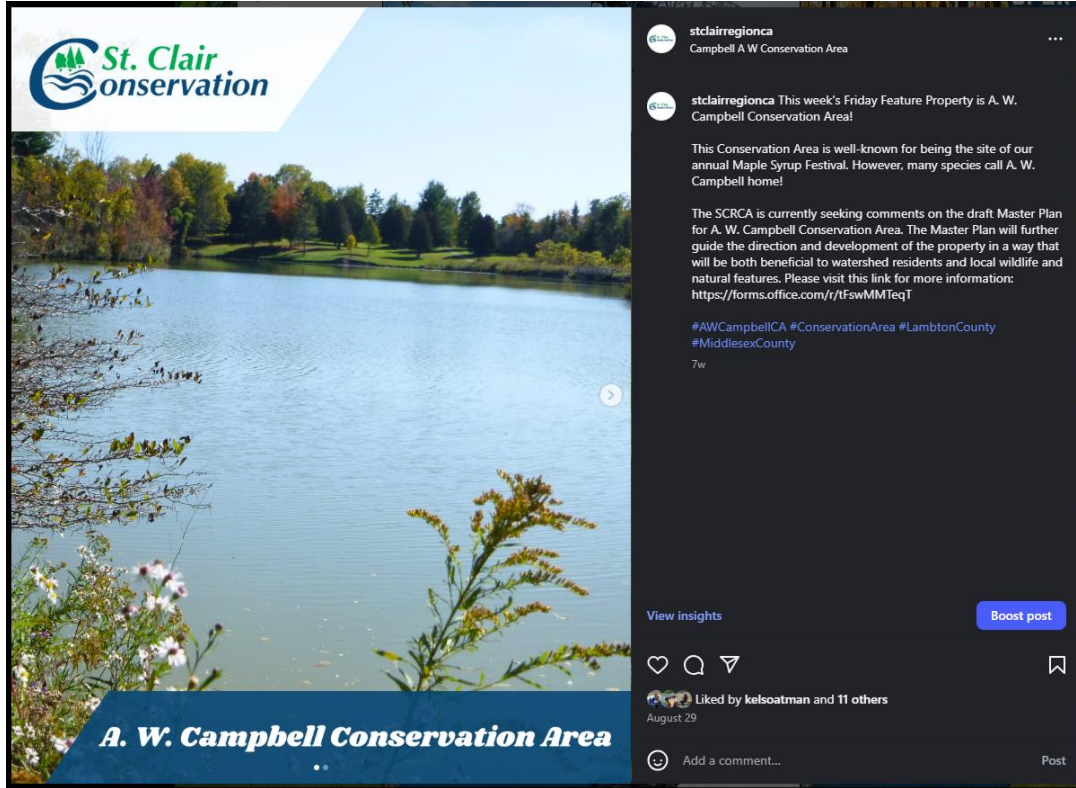
Community Consultation for the Vision of the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area.

Community consultation for A.W. Campbell Conservation Area took place in the form of an online survey for 45 days. The event was advertised by local media print and radio, social media, and on the Authority website.

The following Stakeholders were contacted for feedback during the consultation process.

42 Number of community members participated.




The image is a screenshot of a Facebook post. At the top, the profile picture of St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is visible, followed by the text "St. Clair Region Conservation Authority is at Campbell A W Conservation Area." and "Published by Emily DF · 29 August · Brooke-Alvinston". The main text of the post reads: "This week's Friday Feature Property is A. W. Campbell Conservation Area! This Conservation Area is well-known for being the site of our annual Maple Syrup Festival. However, many species call A. W. Campbell home! The SCRCA is currently seeking comments on the draft Master Plan for A. W. Campbell Conservation Area. The Master Plan will further guide the direction and development of the property in a way that will be both beneficial to watershed residents and local wildlife and natural features. Please visit this link for more information: <https://forms.office.com/r/tFswMMTeqT>". Below the text are four location tags: "Municipality of Brooke Alvinston", "County of Lambton", "Middlesex County", and "Municipality of Southwest Middlesex". The post features two images: a landscape view of a lake with trees in the background, and a group of people sitting on a wooden bridge over a stream in a wooded area. At the bottom of the post, there are interaction options: "See insights and ads", "Boost post", "St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and 7 others" (with a like icon), "4 shares", "Like", "Comment", and "Share". A comment input field at the very bottom shows "Comment as St. Clair Region Conservation Authority" with icons for emojis, photos, and videos.



## Appendix E

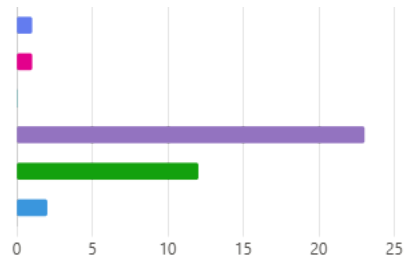
### Public Comments/Feedback from Online Survey

### Responses Overview Active

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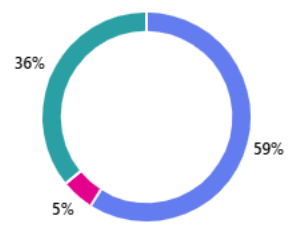
1. Which best describes your affiliation to the property?

- Indigenous Community 1
- Municipal Partner 1
- Community Group 0
- Camper 23
- General Public 12
- Other 2



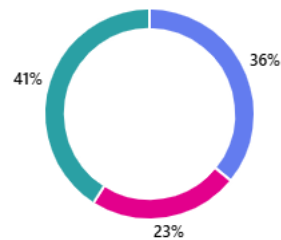
2. Are you a frequent visitor of the A.W Campbell Conservation Area?

- <5 visits/year 23
- 5-15 visits/year 2
- >15 visits/year 14

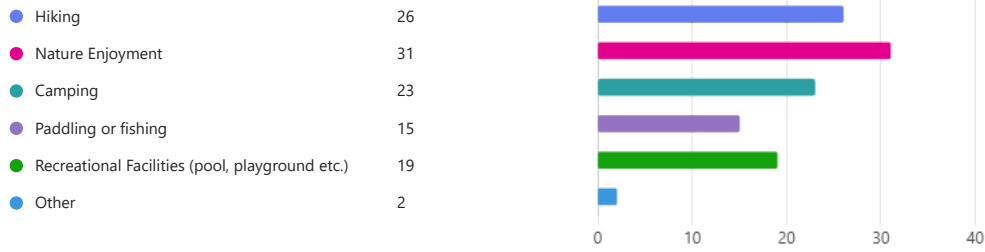


3. Which of the following best describes your use of the property.

- Seasonal Camper 14
- Transient/Overnight Camper 9
- Day-use visitor 16



4. Which passive and active recreation opportunities at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area, best describe your use of the property (select all that apply)



5. How far from A.W. Campbell Conservation Area are you located?



6. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important are natural areas to you? (1 not important at all to 5 very important)



7. Do you feel there is sufficient access to natural areas through the trail network at A.W. Campbell Conservation Area?



8. Do you have any comments you would like to share regarding the natural areas at A.W. Campbell Conservation Area?

13  
Responses

Latest Responses

"Overall I believe the area is well maintained and hosts a nice variety of natural trai..."

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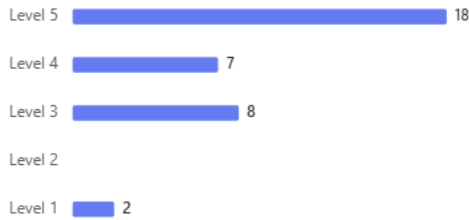
5 respondents (38%) answered areas for this question.



9. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important are recreational facilities at the A.W Campbell Conservation Area?

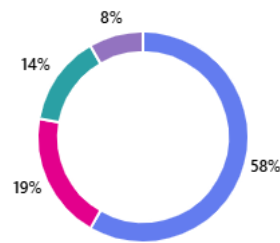
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Average Rating



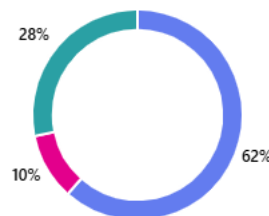
10. How important is a recreational water feature (pool, splashpad etc.) to your enjoyment of the property?

Extremely important	21
Somewhat important	7
Neutral	5
Somewhat not important	3
Extremely not important	0



11. The SCRCA will investigate whether or not to complete upgrades to the existing swimming pool or remove the pool and install a splash pad. Which water feature appeals most to you?

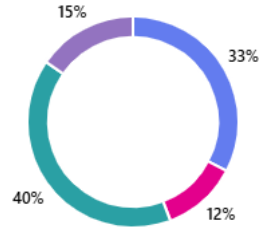
Pool	24
Splashpad	4
No preference	11





15. Which amenities should be added to the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area? List all that apply

● Pickleball	17
● Shuffleboard	6
● Mini Golf	21
● Other	8



16. Have you seen amenities at other Conservation Areas/Campgrounds that may be beneficial to have at A.W. Campbell Conservation Area?

17  
Responses

Latest Responses

"Just having more organized events on the weekends at the pavilion, maybe a trac..."

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3 respondents (18%) answered activities for this question.



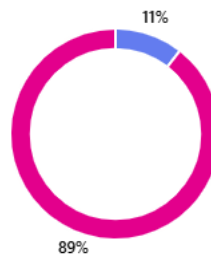
17. What do you see as a higher priority for the A. W. Campbell Conservation Area?

● New Visitor Center	30
● Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	4



18. Have you experienced any accessibility barriers when using the facilities at A.W. Campbell Conservation Area?

● Yes	4
● No	34



19. If yes, please describe these barriers?

7  
Responses

Latest Responses

"A friend who is wheelchair bound visited and did find the entrance to the washro... "

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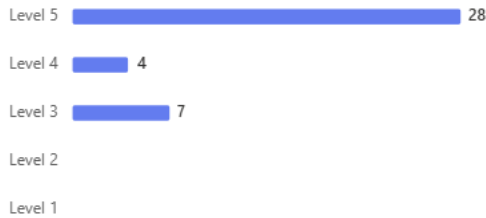
2 respondents (29%) answered trails for this question.

uncomfortable in the sense buildings in our communities washroom facilities accessible  
 inch riser big bump grab rails main trails **trails** **wheelchair** hexagon pavilion  
 currently be accessed Main bathroom porta potties accessibility concern Similar to many buildings  
 bump at the threshold golf cart mobility device visitor centre

20. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is camping at the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area?

4.54

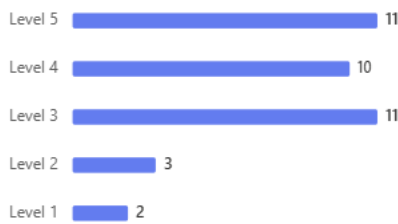
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21. On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is Group Camping at A.W. Campbell Conservation Area?

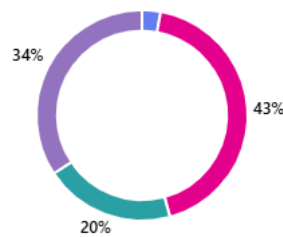
3.68

Average Rating



22. Pick your preferred campground concept identified in the A.W. Campbell Master Plan

- Concept 1 - transition campground to exclusively seasonal camping 1
- Concept 2a - maintain both overnight and seasonal camping on the property while also re-introducing... 15
- Concept 2b - maintain both overnight and season camping on the property while also introducing... 7
- Concept 3 - maintain the existing camping program without expansion 12



23. What is it you most like about your preferred concept?

24  
Responses

Latest Responses

"It's one of our favourite parks and wouldn't change a thing."

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5 respondents (21%) answered sites for this question.



24. Is there anything you dislike about your preferred concept?

12  
Responses

Latest Responses

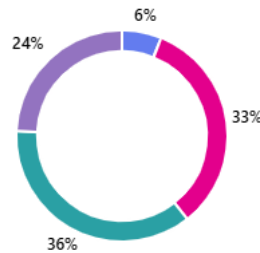
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1 respondents (8%) answered group camping for this question.



25. What is your second preferred camping concept identified in the A. W. Campbell Master Plan?

- Concept 1 2
- Concept 2a 11
- Concept 2b 12
- Concept 3 8



26. Please provide any additional comments or feedback regarding the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Master Plan in the space below.

21  
Responses

Latest Responses

"Keep up the good work. We are transient campers and love staying at this park."

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5 respondents (24%) answered pool for this question.



26. Please provide any additional comments or feedback regarding the A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Master Plan in the space below.

1	Seasonal campers should have access to wifi as that was previously provided.
2	I feel there isn't sufficient speed bumps in the park as speeding is a huge concern I also feel that as the world and technology changes that electric versions of recreation vehicles should be considered allowable in the park
3	Appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the master plan and how it impacts our experience. What stands out in the plan is the importance of seasonal campers and the revenue generated as such. At times over the last few years under current leadership there has been a lack of consistency and decision making...asking your greatest revenue drivers their opinions speaks volumes and we hope this means we are moving in a direction where seasonal campers regain the feeling that you value the dollars we spend and what is important to the collective to make this place remain the special place it is too many
4	I like the idea of entrance gate
5	The main reason many campers left was the annual cost increases. In addition, the electrical system and grey water infrastructure was very much in need of upgrades. On hot days many A/C units were underpowered, causing costly repair bills. Grey water that ran freely caused muddy lawns and stagnant water, contributing to mosquito population. Internet is very slow. Spend the money to maintain existing facilities before adding more amenities. Internet, pool, septic, electric wiring, and other infrastructure all need major upgrades.
6	Paved roads horse back riding
7	It would be nice to have a bathroom structure for the transient campers as well closer to that area.
8	There is always room for improvement for making the whole experience better.
9	I believe camping should be a fun experience by all but must not get to main stream to the point where it then becomes more like a resort experience than an outdoor recreational experience,
10	Keep the fees from going up too much . Life is expensive enough for many
11	There should be seasonal passes made available to residents of the Brooke-alvinston community at a reduced rate. This would generate income the the scrca, increased visits to the park and increased use of amenities leading to a word of mouth and entirely free marketing concept to potential visitors from other communities. If the swimming pool were to offer swimming lessons, this would generate further income and there are many children here in alvinston and surrounding communities that would benefit from this offering.

12	We are looking forward to a positive and any future additions and or improvements at AWCampbell. We appreciate this survey and feel our voice is being heard. Thankyou
13	Less mowing and more conservation saves money and helps all species including humans. It's a conservation area, and expanding infrastructure really kind of turns this into A.W. Campbell RECREATIONAL Area. Yes, plan for increased traffic, but always keep nature in mind. We are in a climate emergency and are losing species at an accelerated rate. We share this land with countless other beings, so please consider helping them out as much as possible.
14	I think getting rid of group campsites altogether would be a huge loss for the community. I've lived in the Alvinston area my entire life, and have camped at many different sites, but one of the best was the group camping at Campbell's Park, with my family. It's been hard seeing all of the former buildings at Campbell's be demolished, and while I agree that improvements are needed, there are other options. By getting rid of group camping, you would be making memories and experiences like that disappear. It would be very sad to see that go.
15	We absolutely love this place and our most important feature of these wonderful gem is the awesome pool staff and wicked pool accommodations!!
16	We love this place! It's such a treat to have this in our town! It's such a staple to our community it would be heart breaking if we lost the pool here this is a big part of our town!
17	I would prefer if remove pool that expansion of visitor centre be at current location and leave hexagon pavilion space undisturbed. It is one of the prettiest locations at the park.
18	I think that a secure, carded gate should be implemented. The honour system worked well a generation ago but today I think the honour system is being abused regularly.
19	Transient camping is very important as it allows younger people or families with young children to experience camping where if it were only seasonal most would never have the time to commit or be able to afford the seasonal fees. Group camping is totally where it's at for families. Keep Group C, add more transient sites on the West side. Most weekend campers are happy with just hydro. A fresh water tap here and there is nice but not a necessity. We have booked the C site for 3 nights around 4 times every year for the last 4 years. My sister's family and mine really enjoy the secluded group setting. It is however sad to see the decline in the Campbell home. I'd love to see it maintained but can understand that the cost is probably going to be a deciding factor
20	We love the facility, our family has always enjoyed our time there, I do however appreciate this survey and the chance to encourage some changes and improvements. Thanks.
21	Keep up the good work. We are transient campers and love staying at this park.



5-Sep-2025 14:10 UTC

Dear: Donna Blue

We have received information concerning A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Draft Master Plan, dated 15-Aug-2025. The proposed project is located within Longwoods Treaty Area, to which Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) is the sole signatory. It is also located within the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area, as well as COTTFN Traditional Territory.

After reviewing A.W. Campbell Conservation Area Draft Master Plan, we have minimal concerns. Below you will find our recommendations:

- A land acknowledgement should be incorporated into this Master Plan document acknowledging First Nations occupation and stewardship of these lands.
- Due to the extensive development that has taken place within COTTFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, very little land remains available for members to exercise their constitutionally protected rights to hunt, fish, and gather. The few areas that are still accessible are often located within conservation lands, which typically require paid access. For example, the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority has supported COTTFN by providing free passes, enabling members to continue to access and use LTVCA lands for free. In light of St. Clair's plans to add gates to this area, COTTFN requests that St. Clair likewise provide a special pass for First Nations, ensuring members have free access to the SCRCA land to exercise their rights?
- It appears there is a general lack of Indigenous knowledge, history, education etc at this location. There should be an incorporation of some Indigenous history (signs, etc) into all SCRCA owned lands.
- On the SCRCA website, there appear to be hunting opportunities on lands owned by the Authority. However, within the terms and conditions there is no mention of the rights of Indigenous Peoples to hunt or trap. It appears that hunters are required to apply for a permit and be in good standing with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Indigenous Peoples are not required to obtain a provincial hunting licence to exercise their constitutionally protected hunting rights and may not see the need to join the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Could you please provide more information on how

SCRCA takes into account First Nations Rights? Additionally, would SCRCA be willing to issue a statement clarifying that First Nations have the right to access and use these lands for hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, and related traditional practices on approved SCRCA lands?

- Please note that for fishing it is stated that people "must follow provincial regulations and guidelines". Please put an exemption in for Indigenous Peoples in this section.

If there is an Archaeology Assessment conducted for any of the work identified in this Master plan, we require notification and the opportunity to actively participate by sending First Nation Field Liaisons on behalf of this First Nation.

We look forward to continuing this open line of communication. To implement meaningful consultation, COTTfN has developed its own protocol - a document and a process that will guide positive working relationships. We would be happy to meet with you to review COTTfN's Consultation Protocol. As per 'Appendix C' of the Wiindmaagewin, we will be sending an invoice based on our time to review the documentation. Please let us know who to direct the invoice to. The invoice will come from COTTfN's Finance Department. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification of this letter or would like to set up a meeting to discuss the contents of the letter.

Sincerely,

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Well said Kathryn!!

Liana  
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2025, at 1:07 PM, Kathryn Shailer <[kathrynshailer@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynshailer@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Greg Wilcox and SCRCA staff,

I have read through the plan and clearly a great deal of thought and effort have gone into it. But considering the importance of the AW Campbell Conservation Area to the people of Brooke-Alvinston and Adelaide-Metcalf, I strongly urge you to hold an in-person presentation and discussion of this master plan. So much has been lost over the past 10-20 years through half-hearted maintenance, if not total neglect (the education centre/Newbury train station, the sugar shack etc., and now the Campbell House as well as the swimming pool), compounded by vandalism and ATV damage to trails and former campsites. It is no wonder large camping groups like the Scouts have pulled out. We need big ideas that can serve also as revenue generators, including much more than just seasonal camping sites. This needs an open discussion, not just a document that bombards the reader with numbers and charts, offers options that need explaining, and then asks for online comments.

Please, show some respect for the people of this community and hold a town hall.

Thank you,

Kathryn

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**Kathryn Shailer**

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Our thoughts on the future of AW Campbell Conservation Area

- 1) we don't want to see short term sites discontinued. One of the things that we like is that friends have the option of booking a site for a weekend and being able to be together at the park.
- 2) the fact that rates increase drastically but services are still very basic is unreal. While we recognize that expenses in operations increase, the fact that services and/or amenities have decreased is not acceptable. When you started increasing fees you said you were looking at other conservation area rates. Yet when I look at what they are offering versus what you are offering there are many with a lot more offerings.
- 3) as the requirement for newer trailers becomes more relevant, the need for upgraded electrical needs to be addressed. Many newer trailers are set up for 50amp - they may be able to use 30amp but allowing people to really use all that their equipment offers because of power restrictions.
- 4) the ones who live at the park the entire summer - and yes there are many who are there the majority of the time the park is open - should be being charged additional for utilities. I'm not meaning the ones who spend a few weeks at their trailer while on vacation - we are referring to the ones who move in at opening and leave at the end of the season. They are using a much larger share of the utility costs but everyone is paying the same.
- 5) we've stayed at various parks while on vacation where wifi is available at a cost while sitting on the site. This might be an option for campers. The fact that so much runs off wifi - including many newer trailers with control panels that can be accessed remotely to help with controls - wifi should be available throughout the park. I know we would like to see the option to "buy-in" to a package through the park.

Kathi

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**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2025  
**Report Date:** November 21, 2025  
**Submitted by:** Ashley Fletcher

**Item 8.1 (a)**

**Subject:** Business Arising

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**Regarding BD-24-62**

**Report to be provided at a future meeting**

Directors request that a report be provided exploring the options and costs associated with providing an electric vehicle (EV) charging station within campground parking lots. It is also suggested that campground rules and regulations be proactively updated to prohibit EV charging on camp sites.

**Regarding BD-25-74**

**Report to be provided at a future meeting**

Director's request a report to the board with expected timelines for the replenishment of land reserves and further that future budgets consider and reflect the potential failure of septic systems at all 3c campgrounds.

Under New Business at the October 23, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

**Item 6.1 - staff presentation on the SPRI program.**

Directors request an update report on the Sydenham Phosphorus Reduction Initiative (SPRI).



- The above figure is a zoomed-in view of a much larger map from the MNR Surface Water Monitoring Centre, displaying snow depth across Southern Ontario in mid-November.
- Staff conducted a snow survey on November 14, 2025, and found Alvinston averaged a snow depth of 13 cm while Warwick averaged 10 cm. Both locations were found to have a SWE (snow-water-equivalent) of 30 mm, indicating a higher density snowpack at the Warwick location.
- Figure 1 exemplifies the sporadic nature of weather patterns, with much of the southern region reporting no remaining snow cover outside of the SCRCA watershed.

**Table 1: Precipitation and streamflow, as a percent compared to indicator thresholds for low-water status purposes. Source: MNR, SCRCA 2025.**

	Precipitation		Month-To-Date: November		Streamflow	
	October % of Normal Monthly Rain	3 month % of Normal Rain (Aug.-Sept.- Oct.)	Measured Rain as of Nov. 19, 2025 (mm)	% of Normal: November- To-Date	% of Drought Indicator Thresholds, October	% of Drought Indicator Thresholds, November- To-Date
<b>Strathroy</b>	71%	69%	36.6	79%	<b>158%</b>	<b>352%</b>
<b>Alvinston</b>	40%	52%	28.4	63%	49%	<b>70.1%</b>
<b>Dresden</b>	72%	<b>100%</b>	14.6	33%		
<b>Florence</b>	60%	63%	14	31%	46%	69.0%
<b>Sarnia</b>	53%	57%	18.4	46%		
<b>Petrolia</b>	32%	24%	7.8	17%	64%	<b>230.2%</b>
<b>Brigden</b>	50%	30%	16.4	36%	43%	<b>118.5%</b>
<b>Wallaceburg</b>	52%	39%	11.4	26%		

- Table 1, above, shows precipitation and streamflow trends for October and November-to-date, as well as 3-month precipitation trends, shown as percent-of-normal averages.
- Precipitation trends indicate a continuation of dry conditions, with the exception of the 3-month percent-of-normal for Dresden, which is recording at-normal conditions owing to above-normal rainfall in August.
- Precipitation trends for November are all tracking below normal averages for this time of year, ranging between 17% and 79% of average (the low-water response threshold between normal conditions and a level 1 low-water status is 80% of the average precipitation).
- Streamflow trends for October indicated predominantly dry conditions, with all indicator stations excluding Strathroy falling below the 70% low-water threshold
- Streamflows for November-to-date have rebounded, with all stations reporting above the 70% threshold, with the exception of Florence, at 69%. Increased flows are hypothesized to be the result of early snowmelt and removal of debris and beaver activity.

## Lake Level Trends

**Table 2: Surrounding lakes water level comparison. Source: ECCC, 2025.**

October 2025	Lake Huron	Lake St. Clair	Lake Erie
Mean for Month (Preliminary Data)	176.26	175.02	174.12
Mean for Month Last Year	176.42	175.20	174.31
Change	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>-0.19</b>
Mean for Month, Last 10 years	176.81	175.44	174.49
Change Compared to Current	<b>-0.55</b>	<b>-0.42</b>	<b>-0.37</b>
Mean for Month, All Time (1918-2024)	176.47	175.03	174.10
Change Compared to Current	<b>-0.21</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Statistics for Period of Record</b>			
Maximum Monthly Mean / Year	177.50	175.96	174.94
	1986	1986	1986
Change Compared to Current	<b>-1.24</b>	<b>-0.94</b>	<b>-0.82</b>
Minimum Monthly Mean / Year	175.70	174.27	173.30
	1964	1934	1934
Change Compared to Current	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>Next Month Estimate</b>			
Probable Mean for Next Month	176.00	174.40	173.50

- Water levels continue to drop for the surrounding lakes, with Lakes Huron, St. Clair and Erie down 16 cm, 18 cm and 19 cm, respectively, in October 2025 compared to October 2024.
- Much like previous months, the surrounding lakes continue to trend near their respective mean for month for their entire periods of record. Lake Huron is 21 cm below its October average, with Lake St. Clair 1 cm below and Lake Erie 2 cm above its October average.

### Forecast and Flood/Drought Threat

The current precipitation trends indicate dry conditions, with some stations indicating potential Level 2 low water status (below 60% of average precipitation). At present, the watershed is not trending towards a return to normal conditions and remains in a Level 1 low water status.

Water levels across the region remain low, indicating baseflow conditions. With approximately 15 mm of precipitation forecast over the next 14 days, the dry conditions and lower water levels are expected to accommodate the forecasted precipitation and not result in flooding.



PL#2025-0015	4933 Edith Lane	Plympton-Wyoming	B-03/25
PL#2025-0052	Sante Drive	Plympton-Wyoming	B-15/25 - B-20/25
PL#2025-0062	3209 Egremont Rd	Plympton-Wyoming	A-10/25
PL#2025-0064	4496 Michigan Line	Plympton-Wyoming	SP-03-2025 A-18/24
PL#2025-0096	3140 Egremont Road (Douglas Street)	Plympton-Wyoming	
PL#2019-115	1600 Venetian Blvd	Point Edward	Z-01-2025 38T-25003
PL#2020-0083	4957 Kimball Road	Sarnia	1-2023-85 of 2002 SD3-2021; SD1-2022
PL#2023-0010	1441 Christina St North	Sarnia	A16/2023; A24/2025
PL#2024-0067	211 Gladwish Drive (1228 Churchill Line/Hwy 40)	Sarnia	SD3-2024 B23/2025
PL#2024-0098	485 Harbour Road	Sarnia	OPA 13 ZBA 2-2025
PL#2025-0067	east of 1527 Old London Road	Sarnia	
PL#2025-0081	2263 Lambert Road	Sarnia	A37/2025
PL#2025-0097	6195 Blackwell Sideroad	Sarnia	A45/2025
PL#2025-0084	6170 Glendon Drive	Southwest Middlesex	P8-2025
PL#2023-0020	Indian Rd & St. Clair Parkway	St. Clair	Amendment No. 28 17 of 2024 38T-25001
PL#2025-0024	303 & 305 Lincoln Avenue	St. Clair	A-30-25
PL#2025-0037	1371 Petrolia Line	St. Clair	B-05-25
PL#2025-0094	1899 & 1951 Brigden Road	St. Clair	
PL#2025-0100	928 White Line	St. Clair	A-28-25
PL#2019-084	101 Hull Road	Strathroy-Caradoc	OPA2-2024 (OPA20) ZBA4-2024
PL#2024-0093	571 Metcalfe Street E	Strathroy-Caradoc	
PL#2025-0059	370 Albert Street	Strathroy-Caradoc	
PL#2025-0079	Lot 7, Carrie St	Strathroy-Caradoc	
PL#2025-0091	9221 Olde Drive	Strathroy-Caradoc	OPA1-2025 ZBA16-2025 B17-2025
PL#2021-0041	7757 Confederation Line	Warwick	
PL#2021-0069	308 St. Clair Street	Warwick	Z-05-23 38T-23004
PL#2024-0045	7128 Egremont Road	Warwick	
PL#2024-0066	east of 7985 Confederation Line	Warwick	

PL#2025-0060	7360 Egremont Rd, 6613 Bethel Rd & 7402 Egremont Rd	Warwick	B-04-25; B-05-25
PL#2025-0093	344 Victoria Street	Warwick	
PL#2025-0110	7452 & 7520 Zion Line	Warwick	
<b>Total Plan Review Items: 48</b>			

## Environmental Assessments

File Reference	Location	Municipality
EA#2025-0008	Marthavile Rd & Aberfeldy Ln	Enniskillen
<b>Total Environmental Assessments: 1</b>		

## Legal Inquiries

File Reference	Location	Municipality
LL#2025-0038	9589 Ipperwash Road	Lambton Shores
LL#2025-0042	6626 East Parkway Drive	Lambton Shores
LL#2025-0035	behind 13419 Thirteen Mile Road	Middlesex Centre
LL#2025-0039	1066 Bruce Street	Sarnia
LL#2025-0036	south of 62 Oil Springs Line	St. Clair
LL#2025-0040	behind 289 Courtright Line	St. Clair
LL#2025-0041	391 Oil Springs Ln (all 3 parcels)	St. Clair
LL#2025-0031	169 North Street	Strathroy-Caradoc
LL#2025-0033	16 Oxford Street	Strathroy-Caradoc
LL#2025-0037	behind 24624 Adelaide Road	Strathroy-Caradoc
LL#2025-0046	86 + 88 Front Street East	Strathroy-Caradoc
LL#2025-0034	73 Sunset Avenue	Warwick
<b>Total Legal Inquiries: 12</b>		

**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2025 **Item 8.1(d)**  
**Report Date:** November 20, 2025  
**Submitted by:** Melissa Deisley, Jeff Vlasman, Meagan Weber,  
 Merrick Van Der Vaart  
**Subject:** Regulations Activity Summary

A summary of staff activity related to the Conservation Authority's *Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits Regulation* (Ontario Regulation 41/24) is presented below. This report covers the period from October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025

Regulations Permits Issued						
Application #	Location	Municipality	Proposal	Submitted	Issued	Days
R#2025-0428	west of 6557 James St, Inwood	Brooke-Alvinston	build a new dwelling	Oct-02	Oct-15	13
R#2025-0514	1 Main St (31 Hingle Pt), Mitchell's Bay	Chatham-Kent	build a shed	Sep-15	Oct-16	31
R#2025-0515	6520 Bentpath Line, Euphemia	Dawn-Euphemia	Wetland Creation	Oct-01	Oct-01	1
R#2023-0529	6644 East Parkway Drive, Lambton Shores	Lambton Shores	Tear down/rebuild	Sep-24	Oct-28	34
R#2025-0231	10608 Gold Creek Dr (closest address)	Middlesex Centre	like-for-like culvert replacement (C-568)	Sep-24	Oct-16	22
R#2025-0476	3012 Sandpiper Trail (closest address)	Plympton-Wyoming	groyne repair	Oct-15	Oct-15	1
R#2022-0741	2056 Lakeshore Road, Sarnia	Sarnia	build new dwelling & shorewall	Oct-14	Oct-16	2
R#2025-0399	295 Scott Rd, Sarnia	Sarnia	integrity dig	Sep-29	Oct-21	22
R#2025-0503	571 Cardiff Dr, Sarnia	Sarnia	build a garage	Sep-09	Oct-06	27
R#2025-0509	beside 1327 Plank Rd, Sarnia	Sarnia	new gas main	Sep-23	Oct-16	23

R#2025-0197	3863 St. Clair Pkwy, Port Lambton	St. Clair	build a large addition and covered porch	Oct-09	Oct-22	13
R#2025-0518	3574 Kimball Rd (closest address)	St. Clair	replace pipeline	Sep-16	Oct-03	17
R#2024-0710	Christina Rd & Falconbridge Rd	Strathroy- Caradoc	water crossing inquiry	Oct-03	Oct-30	27
R#2025-0519	54 Pannell Ln, Strathroy	Strathroy- Caradoc	renovate to add an ADU	Sep-25	Oct-09	14
R#2025-0442	6345 First School Rd (closest address)	Warwick	culvert replacement	Sep-16	Oct-08	22
<b>Total Permits Issued: 15</b>		<b>Average Number of Days to Issue for this Period: 17.93</b>				

## Regulations Inquiries

FileReference	Municipality	Location
R#2025-0581	Adelaide-Metcalf	620 Second St, Strathroy
R#2025-0591	Adelaide-Metcalf	27716 Pike Rd, Strathroy
R#2025-0564	Brooke-Alvinston	4126 Little Ireland Rd, Alvinston
R#2025-0572	Brooke-Alvinston	3225 Gully Mor Rd, Alvinston
R#2025-0597	Brooke-Alvinston	3225 Gully Mor Rd, Alvinston
R#2025-0600	Brooke-Alvinston	3225 Gully Mor Rd, Alvinston
R#2025-0498	Chatham-Kent	571 Sandra Cres, Wallaceburg
R#2025-0551	Chatham-Kent	5732 Bluewater Ln, Wallaceburg
R#2025-0565	Chatham-Kent	54 Main St, Mitchell's Bay
R#2025-0568	Chatham-Kent	Dresden
R#2025-0570	Chatham-Kent	255 Park St, Dresden
R#2025-0578	Chatham-Kent	30105 Payne Rd, Whitebread
R#2025-0579	Chatham-Kent	9015 Countryview Ln, Dresden
R#2025-0580	Chatham-Kent	53 Chestnut Dr, Wallaceburg
R#2025-0593	Chatham-Kent	600 Gillard St, Wallaceburg
R#2025-0491	Dawn-Euphemia	30726 Florence Rd, Thamesville
R#2025-0545	Dawn-Euphemia	3007 Bentpath Ln, Tupperville
R#2025-0550	Dawn-Euphemia	Dawn-Euphemia + Enniskillen
R#2025-0601	Dawn-Euphemia	739 Downie Rd, Bothwell
R#2025-0599	Enniskillen	5126 Courtright Ln, Oil Springs
R#2024-0329	Lambton Shores	6312 William Street

R#2025-0445	Lambton Shores	6290 Willam St, Lambton Shores
R#2025-0494	Lambton Shores	6865/6871 Clemens Ln, Lambton Shore
R#2025-0555	Lambton Shores	9024 Wood Dr, Lambton Shores
R#2025-0556	Lambton Shores	6407 Tanner Road, Lambton Shores
R#2025-0569	Lambton Shores	6626 East Parkway Dr, Lambton Shores
R#2025-0560	Middlesex Centre	behind 23083 Komoka Road
R#2025-0259	Plympton-Wyoming	4878 Forsyth Trail, Camlachie
R#2025-0319	Plympton-Wyoming	4137 Lakeshore Rd, Plympton
R#2025-0333	Plympton-Wyoming	4352 Lambton Lane, Camlachie
R#2025-0411	Plympton-Wyoming	3248 Devonshire Rd, Plympton
R#2025-0441	Plympton-Wyoming	4945 Edith Ln, Plympton
R#2025-0517	Plympton-Wyoming	4246 Bluepoint Dr, Plympton
R#2025-0531	Plympton-Wyoming	3852 Lakeshore Rd, Camlachie
R#2025-0573	Plympton-Wyoming	5171 Egremont Rd, Plympton
R#2025-0582	Plympton-Wyoming	4005 Cullen Dr, Plympton
R#2025-0589	Plympton-Wyoming	SCRCA Watershed
R#2025-0592	Plympton-Wyoming	4062 Bluepoint Dr, Plympton
R#2024-0739	Sarnia	800 Tashmoo Ave, Sarnia
R#2024-0740	Sarnia	2054 Lakeshore Rd, Sarnia
R#2025-0028	Sarnia	2994 Lakeview Ave, Sarnia
R#2025-0263	Sarnia	2549 Old Lakeshore Rd, Sarnia
R#2025-0306	Sarnia	1510 Lakeshore Rd, Sarnia
R#2025-0356	Sarnia	2478 Hamilton Rd, Bright's Grove
R#2025-0388	Sarnia	1283 Plank Rd, Sarnia
R#2025-0512	Sarnia	1930 Franklin Ave, Bright's Grove
R#2025-0552	Sarnia	674 Beach Ln, Sarnia
R#2025-0557	Sarnia	1676 Michigan Ln, Sarnia
R#2025-0563	Sarnia	west of 21 Ube Drive
R#2025-0571	Sarnia	2369 Old Lakeshore Rd, Sarnia
R#2025-0598	Sarnia	6462 Waterworks Rd, Bright's Grove
R#2025-0499	St. Clair	469 Polymoore Dr, Moore
R#2025-0521	St. Clair	1545 Kimball Rd (Nicholls Memorial Forest)
R#2025-0528	St. Clair	463 Broadway Street
R#2025-0529	St. Clair	4633 St. Clair Pkwy, Port Lambton

R#2025-0547	St. Clair	4124 St Clair Pkwy, Sombra
R#2025-0566	St. Clair	3549 St. Clair Pkwy, Sombra
R#2025-0590	St. Clair	1266 St. Clair Pkwy, Moore
R#2025-0384	Strathroy-Caradoc	9197 Glengyle Dr, Strathroy
R#2025-0449	Strathroy-Caradoc	8043 Olde Dr, Strathroy
R#2025-0492	Strathroy-Caradoc	118 Scott St, Strathroy
R#2025-0562	Strathroy-Caradoc	133 Beech Street

**Total Regulations Inquiries: 62**

## Regulations - DART Completed Files

File Reference	Municipality	Drain / Watercourse
R#2023-0157	Brooke-Alvinston	McEachren Drain
R#2023-0194	Brooke-Alvinston	Van Damme Drain
R#2023-0713	Enniskillen	Durham Creek Drain

**Total DART Permits Issued: 3**

## Regulations Permits - Drains

File Reference	Municipality	Drain / Watercourse
R#2024-0801	Chatham-Kent	Young Greenwood Drain
R#2025-0522	Sarnia	Kember Smith Drain

**Total Regulations Inquiries Regarding Drains: 2**

Prepared By: Chunning Li  
 November 14, 2025  
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**ST CLAIR REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenditure**  
**As at October 31, 2025**

	Actual To Date			Annual Budget Prorated		Variance from Budget	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Surplus(Deficit)	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
<b>Flood Control &amp; Erosion Control</b>	\$540,864	\$299,919	\$240,945	\$350,317	\$350,317	\$190,547	(\$50,397)
<b>Capital Projects/WECI</b>	\$2,153,899	\$818,055	\$1,335,844	\$2,352,500	\$2,352,500	(\$198,601)	(\$1,534,445)
<b>Conservation Area's Capital Development</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$84,583	\$84,583	(\$84,583)	(\$84,583)
<b>IT Capital</b>	\$24,908	\$21,989	\$2,919	\$14,492	\$22,500	\$10,417	(\$511)
<b>Equipment</b>	\$74,661	\$41,824	\$32,837	\$74,653	\$66,644	\$8	(\$24,820)
<b>Planning &amp; Regulations</b>	\$890,576	\$637,807	\$252,769	\$798,835	\$798,835	\$91,741	(\$161,028)
<b>Technical Studies/Healthy Watersheds</b>	\$3,399,447	\$2,500,394	\$899,053	\$2,102,125	\$2,102,125	\$1,297,322	\$398,269
<b>Recreation</b>	\$1,914,855	\$1,558,194	\$356,661	\$1,522,650	\$1,522,650	\$392,205	\$35,544
<b>Property Management</b>	\$207,475	\$294,736	(\$87,261)	\$187,122	\$270,455	\$20,353	\$24,281
<b>Education</b>	\$79,066	\$96,173	(\$17,106)	\$122,273	\$122,273	(\$43,206)	(\$26,100)
<b>Communication</b>	\$144,243	\$95,420	\$48,822	\$110,222	\$110,222	\$34,021	(\$14,801)
<b>Source Water Protection</b>	\$276,730	\$137,053	\$139,677	\$236,404	\$236,404	\$40,326	(\$99,350)
<b>Conservation Services</b>	\$493,780	\$355,732	\$138,048	\$364,258	\$364,258	\$129,521	(\$8,526)
<b>Administration/AOC Management</b>	\$1,700,873	\$832,074	\$868,799	\$912,218	\$912,218	\$788,656	(\$80,143)
	<b>\$11,901,376</b>	<b>\$7,689,370</b>	<b>\$4,212,006</b>	<b>\$9,232,650</b>	<b>\$9,315,983</b>	<b>\$2,668,727</b>	<b>(\$1,626,613)</b>

**Notes:**

1. General and special levies have been invoiced and are recorded in the actual revenue reported above. See General Levy Report for amounts outstanding.
2. The significant variances from budget to actual is reflective of the nature/timing and uniqueness of the particular projects. The variances will reduce and disappear as the year progresses.
3. Budget for the year is divided by 12 and multiplied by the number of months in the reporting period, this does not reflect the seasonality of the nature/ timing of projects

ST. CLAIR REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Cheques issued October 2025

CHQ. #	DATE	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
124728	2025-10-08	Evergreen Hydroseeding	Seed bed prep & hydroseeding	\$ 5,695.20
124730	2025-10-08	Infinity Network Solutions	Replacement host server + monthly monitoring, patching, security	\$ 19,350.02
124731	2025-10-08	JT Wetland Development	Wetland construction	\$ 12,807.87
124735	2025-10-08	Matt McRae	SPRI - alternative phosphorus application - banding of dry P	\$ 5,290.00
124741	2025-10-08	University of Windsor	Research services for SPRI 2025-26 + final draft BUI report	\$ 110,000.00
124742	2025-10-08	UULawn Care & Landscaping	Grass cutting	\$ 6,268.97
124743	2025-10-08	Van Bree Drainage & Bulldozing	Penhurton to Kenwick shoreline improvements	\$ 47,320.52
124756	2025-10-14	Waste Depot	Dumpster service	\$ 7,650.10
124763	2025-10-22	Hydro One Networks Inc	Connection for Brown Creek & Rokeby water quality station	\$ 15,891.17
124766	2025-10-22	Levitt Electric	Power to Bickford Line water monitoring station	\$ 24,884.66
124775	2025-10-22	Aar-Con Excavating	Pipe repair @ AWC	\$ 8,058.03
124776	2025-10-22	Gary Falconer Transport Limited	Strathroy parking lot improvements	\$ 22,998.95
124778	2025-10-22	Van Bree Drainage & Bulldozing	Seagar Park shoreline protection & revitalization	\$ 19,243.91
124782	2025-10-29	Fortify Protection Incorporated	Campground security	\$ 12,246.38
<b>TOTAL CHEQUE DISBURSEMENTS -</b>				<b>\$ 317,705.78</b>

Internet banking payments for October 2025

TRANS #	DATE	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10995	2025-10-01	Libro Credit Union - Visa	Employee expenses	\$ 8,021.36
10996	2025-10-01	Ontario Minister of Finance	Employer Health Tax	\$ 6,707.12
10997	2025-10-01	Receiver General	Payroll source deductions	\$ 46,238.05
10998	2025-10-01	Workplace Safety & Insurance Board	WSIB premiums	\$ 8,510.84
11008	2025-10-31	Hydro One Networks Inc	Electricity	\$ 37,372.63
11009	2025-10-31	Libro Credit Union - Visa	Employee expenses	\$ 17,658.82
11010	2025-10-31	OMERS	Employee pension plan	\$ 50,248.48
11011	2025-10-31	Ontario Minister of Finance	Employer Health Tax	\$ 5,311.39
11014	2025-10-31	Receiver General	Payroll source deductions	\$ 74,581.03
11016	2025-10-31	RWAM Insurance Administrators Inc	Employee group benefits	\$ 19,573.75
<b>TOTAL INTERNET BANKING DISBURSEMENTS -</b>				<b>\$ 274,223.47</b>

Major Visa purchases:

Botanical paper works - seed paper for Foundation	\$ 521.78
TMG Industrial - greenhouse	\$ 2,032.87
Canadian Institute of Forestry - tree marking course	\$ 1,250.00
Adobe Creative Cloud annual subscription	\$ 704.98
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Holiday Inn Burlington	\$ 557.98
Lenovo laptops (flood & floater)	\$ 2,901.84
NPCA CA workshop registration	\$ 1,649.72
NPCA CA workshop registration	\$ 870.10
Eventbrite - Indspire conference	\$ 525.50
Latornell registration	\$ 565.00
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Lume - trailer decal design	\$ 847.50

PAYROLL RUNS

Payroll No. 21	\$ 94,482.53
Payroll No. 22	\$ 93,586.99
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL RUNS -</b>	<b>\$ 188,069.52</b>



**2025 GENERAL LEVY SUMMARY**

<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>
Adelaide Metcalfe Tp	\$ 32,760.80	\$ 32,760.80	\$ -
Brooke-Alvinston Tp	\$ 29,048.29	\$ 29,048.29	\$ -
Chatham-Kent Mn	\$ 219,146.98	\$ 219,146.98	\$ -
Dawn-Euphemia Tp	\$ 43,791.86	\$ 43,791.86	\$ -
Enniskillen Tp	\$ 31,468.39	\$ 31,468.39	\$ -
Lambton Shores Mn	\$ 86,252.27	\$ 86,252.27	\$ -
Middlesex Centre Mn	\$ 40,175.56	\$ 40,175.56	\$ -
Newbury V	\$ 2,638.86	\$ 2,638.86	\$ -
Oil Springs V	\$ 3,496.55	\$ 3,496.55	\$ -
Petrolia Tp	\$ 43,765.12	\$ 43,765.12	\$ -
Plympton Wyoming Tp	\$ 96,663.84	\$ 96,663.84	\$ -
Point Edward V	\$ 35,061.95	\$ 35,061.95	\$ -
Sarnia	\$ 616,272.74	\$ 462,204.56	\$ 154,068.18
Southwest Middlesex Mn	\$ 19,444.58	\$ 19,444.58	\$ -
St Clair Tp	\$ 184,750.98	\$ 184,750.98	\$ -
Strathroy-Caradoc Tp	\$ 153,371.40	\$ 153,371.40	\$ -
Warwick Tp	\$ 37,839.84	\$ 37,839.84	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,675,950.01</b>	<b>\$ 1,521,881.83</b>	<b>\$ 154,068.18</b>

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Non-registered account #440-17189-13

September 30, 2025

ST. CLAIR REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
205 MILL POND CRESCENT  
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## Your Investment Report

### Account Summary

This table provides an overview of your account, including the opening and closing balance for the reporting period.

Your Investments	Opening Value Sep 1, 2025	Closing Value Sep 30, 2025	Balance on Sep 30, 2025 (CAD\$)
<b>Canadian Dollar Investments</b>			
Cash Account	1,707,945.38	1,711,900.00	1,711,900.00
	1,707,945.38	1,711,900.00	1,711,900.00
<b>Grand Total (CAD\$)</b>			<b>1,711,900.00</b>
		<b>Last Statement Aug 31, 2025</b>	<b>1,707,945.38</b>

You can access up-to-date account information online through BMO Nesbitt Burns Gateway at: [www.gateway.bmonesbittburns.com](http://www.gateway.bmonesbittburns.com). To register for Gateway, please contact your Investment Advisor.

### We're here to help

We're dedicated to helping you succeed in meeting all of your wealth management goals. Call any member of our team referenced below if you have questions about Your Investment Report.

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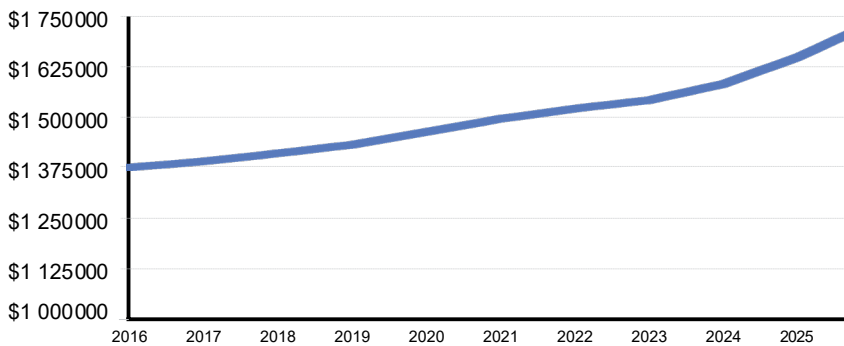
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## Changes to your account

This table provides a summary of the change in value of your account, including all deposits, withdrawals and the change in market value of your investments, for both the current year and as of the start of reporting. Where applicable, balances have been converted to Canadian dollars, see page 1 for exchange rates.

	This Year (2025)	Since January 1, 2016
Opening Value	1,648,835.33	1,379,179.68
Deposited	+ 0.00	+ 0.00
Withdrawn	- 0.00	- 0.00
Net Invested	= 0.00	= 0.00
Change In Market Value	+ 63,064.67	+ 332,720.32
Closing Value on Sep 30, 2025	1,711,900.00	1,711,900.00

Net Invested is the value of total deposits less the value of total withdrawals.



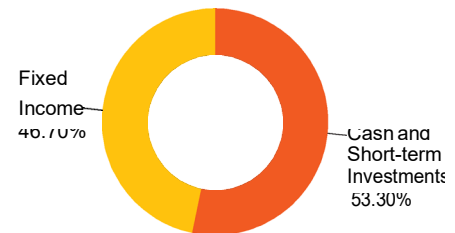
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★ NET INVESTED

The Change in Market Value of your account since January 1, 2016 is \$332,720.32. This includes gains, losses and income received with respect to the investments held in your account.

## Summary of your investments in Canadian dollars

### Your Investor Profile

Investment Objective	Income		
Time Horizon	10 yrs and more		
Investment Category	Amount	Target %	Holdings %
★ Cash and Short-term Investments	911,900.00	10.00	53.30
★ Fixed Income	800,000.00	90.00	46.70
★ Equities	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,711,900.00</b>		<b>100.00</b>



Investments held in your account have been chosen based on objectives you selected on the Client Account Agreement. As your circumstances change, it is important to talk to your Investment Advisor about updating these objectives.

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## Your Canadian Dollar Investments

All amounts are reported in Canadian Dollars.

### [Income you received](#)

Type of Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Interest	3,730.00	60,423.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,730.00</b>	<b>60,423.81</b>

Under Income you received:

- Distributions for ETFs, REITS, Funds are not officially classified by the issuer until after year-end. For this reason, we do not include that income in this section - even though these distributions are provisionally reported as 'dividends' under "Account activity for this month".
- Stock dividends reported in this statement's investment details will be included in subsequent statements under Year to date.

### [Your investment details](#)

	Quantity	Cost		Market Value on September 30, 2025	
		Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total
<b>Cash Account</b>					
* Cash and Short-term Investments					
CASH			3,730.00		3,730.00
BANK OF MONTREAL CAD HISA SERIES A (101) - BMT101	108,170.000	1.000	108,170.00	1.000	108,170.00
BMO TRUST COMPANY GIC ANNUAL DUE 03/02/2026 5.000%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
BMO TRUST COMPANY GIC ANNUAL DUE 06/01/2026 4.810%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
EQUITABLE BANK GIC ANNUAL DUE 06/01/2026 4.810%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
HOME EQUITY BANK GIC ANNUAL DUE 06/01/2026 4.810%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS GIC ANNUAL DUE 06/19/2026 3.450%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
MCAN MORTGAGE GIC ANNUAL DUE 07/06/2026 5.230%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
VANCITY GIC ANNUAL DUE 07/09/2026 3.400%	200,000	100.000	200,000.00	100.000	200,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>911,900.00</b>		<b>911,900.00</b>

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## Your Canadian Dollar Investments (continued)

All amounts are reported in Canadian Dollars.

### Your investment details (continued)

	Quantity	Cost		Market Value on September 30, 2025	
		Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total
* Fixed Income					
Fixed Income					
BANK OF MONTREAL MORTGAGE CORP GIC ANNUAL DUE 11/08/2027 5.270%	200,000	100.000	200,000.00	100.000	200,000.00
GENERAL BANK OF CDA GIC ANNUAL DUE 07/19/2028 4.420%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
COMMUNITY TRUST GIC ANNUAL DUE 09/19/2028 3.730%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
FAIRSTONEBANK GIC ANNUAL DUE 07/19/2029 4.440%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
HOMEQUITY BANK GIC ANNUAL DUE 07/19/2029 4.440%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
CONCENTRA BANK GIC ANNUAL DUE 06/19/2030 3.750%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
HOMETRUST COMPANY GIC ANNUAL DUE 07/23/2030 3.790%	100,000	100.000	100,000.00	100.000	100,000.00
Fixed Income Subtotal			800,000.00		800,000.00
Subtotal			800,000.00		800,000.00
Total for Cash Account			1,711,900.00		1,711,900.00
Total Canadian Dollar Investments			1,711,900.00		1,711,900.00

Average cost and market price indicator descriptions can be found in  Important information about your account .

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## Account activity for this month

Date	Activity	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Commission	Amount
<b>Cash Account</b>						
Sep 1, 2025		Opening Cash Balance				0.00
Sep 2, 2025	Interest	1000THS BANK OF MONTREAL CAD HISA SERIES A (101) AS OF 08/29/25 REINVESTED @ \$1.00	620		0.00	0.00
Sep 2, 2025	Interest	BANK OF MONTREAL CAD HISA SERIES A (101) AS OF 08/29/25 REINVESTED @ \$1.00	224		0.00	0.00
Sep 19, 2025	Interest	COMMUNITY TRUST GIC ANNUAL DUE 09/19/2028 INT 3.730% CPN INT ON 100000 BND REC 09/18/25 PAY 09/19/25	100,000		0.00	3,730.00
Sep 30, 2025		Closing Cash Balance				3,730.00

This report includes activity recorded in your account since your last statement. For a more comprehensive listing of your account activity, sign into your BMO Nesbitt Burns Gateway account.

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## Your Year-to-Date Fees Summary

### □ Fees you paid

This section summarizes all compensation received by BMO Nesbitt Burns with respect to your account. Our compensation comes from two sources: what we charge you directly (Operating and Transaction charges), and payments we receive from third parties.

	CAD (\$)
Operating charges	
Total operating charges	0.00
Transaction charges	
Total transaction charges	0.00
Total fees you paid in 2025	0.00

See examples of operating charges in "Important Information about your Account". Some fees and charges may be reported as before-tax amounts and applicable tax is reported separately within the 'Sales Tax' line item. Where this is not possible the sales tax is included within the line item.

### □ Payments BMO received from third parties

	CAD (\$)
GIC Commission	3,250.68
Trailing Commission	248.57
Total payments BMO Nesbitt Burns received from third parties in 2025	3,499.25

We received trailing commissions with respect to securities you owned during the reporting period.

Investment funds pay the investment fund managers a management fee for managing their funds. In turn, the investment managers pay us ongoing trailing commissions for the advice and services we provide to you. The amount of the trailing commission depends on the sales charge option under which you purchased your mutual fund. You are not directly charged a trailing commission or management fee; however, these fees will reduce the fund's overall investment return to you. Information about management fees and other charges to your investment funds is included in the applicable fund facts document.

### □ Bulletin board

The USD/CAD conversion rate is: 1.3919, as of September 30, 2025

Now's the time to go paperless. Switch to paperless, plant a tree! We'll plant a tree on your behalf for each account you switch to paperless. Visit [www.bmo.com/gateway](http://www.bmo.com/gateway) to learn more.

Important information regarding the conversion of foreign currency.

Please be advised of updates to the 'Foreign Currency Conversion Fee' section of the BMO Nesbitt Burns Fees, Interest Rates & Foreign Currency Schedule in the Client Account Agreements and Disclosures, effective February 2, 2026.

Updates include:

Clarification that the fee earned on foreign currency conversions is calculated in basis points (bps);

Accounts in the Architect, Blueprint, and Quadrant Programs apply a flat 75 bps Advisory fee for currency conversion; and

Changes to the tiered Advisory fees. The fee earned in bps for a specific underlying foreign exchange rate is applied as per the

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## Bulletin board (continued)

following schedule (see Note 1 for an example of the fee earned in percentages):

150 bps on transactions under \$25,000;

75 bps on transactions between \$25,000 and \$74,999;

35 bps on transactions between \$75,000 and \$499,999;

15 bps on transactions between \$500,000 and \$1,999,999; and

No more than 15 bps on transactions of \$2,000,000 and above.

Please note that fees earned in bps are based on the gross value of the transaction in U.S. dollars.

Note 1: Fees earned in bps are an adjustment to the underlying foreign exchange rate. For example, if the price of a U.S. dollar is 1.3700 CAD, the exchange rate for a purchase of \$25,000-\$74,999 U.S. dollars would be 1.3775.

Note 2: The actual Bank of Canada annual average CAD/USD exchange rate for 2024 is 1.3698.

No action is required on your behalf. You can access the complete Client Account Agreements and Disclosures document at [www.bmo.com/assets/pdfs/nesbittburns/Terms\\_En.pdf](http://www.bmo.com/assets/pdfs/nesbittburns/Terms_En.pdf).

If you have any questions, please contact your BMO Nesbitt Burns Investment Advisor.

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Account Number: 460-16010  
 Account Type: Regular Account  
 For the Period: September 1 to 30, 2025  
 Last Statement: August 29, 2025

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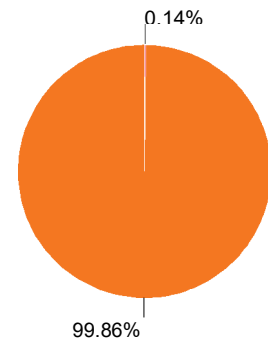
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CANADIAN Account Overview

Currency: Canadian Dollar

Asset Class Summary	Sep. 30, 2025 Market Value	% of Total Assets
Cash	1,135	0.14
Fixed Income	800,088	99.86
<b>Total Value of Account</b>	<b>\$801,223</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Total Value on Last Statement, August 29, 2025	\$786,339	



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## Details of Your Account Holdings

Type	Security Description	Quantity	Average Cost	Adjusted Book Value	Market Price	Market Value
<b>Cash</b>						
CASH						1,135
<b>Total Cash</b>						<b>\$1,135</b>
<b>Fixed Income</b>						
CASH	ISHARES CANADIAN UNIVERSE BOND INDEX ETF	13,854	27.328	378,606	28.510	394,978
CASH	SCOTIA CANADIAN INCOME FUND CL F(577)	32,502.382	11.997	389,955	12.464	405,110
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>						<b>\$800,088</b>
<b>Total Account Holdings</b>				<b>\$769,696</b>		<b>\$801,223</b>

The average cost and adjusted book value displayed on this statement incorporates re-invested dividends and/or mutual fund distributions and does not necessarily reflect your original purchase price. Please see Average Cost & Adjusted Book Value in the Statement Notes for more information.

## Monthly Activity

Date	Type	Activity	Description	Quantity	Price	Credit/Debit(-)
<b>Opening Cash Balance</b>						<b>\$4,366.71</b>
Sep. 02, 2025	CASH	DIVIDEND	SCOTIA CANADIAN INCOME FUND CL F (577) REINVEST 08/28/25 @ \$12.2659 PLUS FRACTIONS OF 0.867 BOOK VALUE \$967.38	78		
Sep. 04, 2025	CASH	BUY	ISHARES CANADIAN UNIVERSE BOND INDEX ETF SOLICITED	77	28.0500	-2,159.85
Sep. 04, 2025	CASH	BUY	SCOTIA CANADIAN INCOME FUND CL F (577) THESE ARE SECURITIES OF A RELATED ISSUER OF THIS FIRM PLUS FRACTIONS OF 0.626 SOLICITED	177	12.2730	-2,180.00

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## Monthly Activity - continued

Date	Type	Activity	Description	Quantity	Price	Credit/Debit(-)
Sep. 29, 2025	CASH		ISHARES CANADIAN UNIVERSE BOND INDEX ETF DIST ON 13854 SHS REC 09/24/25 PAY 09/29/25	0.0800		1,108.32
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>						<b>\$1,135.18</b>

## Summary

Income Summary		
	This Period	Year-to-Date
Total Income	\$0	\$0

## A Note From ScotiaMcLeod

### Auditor's Message

Our auditors, KPMG LLP, are presently engaged in the examination of our year-end financial statements. Please compare this statement against your records and advise our auditors of any discrepancies: Shareholders' Auditors, Attention: Vivian Zheng, KPMG Audit Team, Bay Adelaide Centre, 333 Bay Street - Suite 4600, Toronto, ON, M5H 2S5, Canada, fax at (416) 777-8818 or email: [scotiacapitalconfirm@kpmg.ca](mailto:scotiacapitalconfirm@kpmg.ca).

## Your Personal Investment Profile

The following information reflects your stated investment objectives and risk tolerance for this account, as well as your overall investment knowledge. If you would like to make any changes, have questions about whether or not this is appropriate for you or would like to discuss how your current investments correspond to this profile, please contact your Wealth Advisor.

For more information, please review Guidelines for Investment Objectives and Related Account Risk Factors in the ScotiaMcLeod Relationship Disclosure Document and Terms and Conditions brochure.

Alternatively, please visit [https://www.scotiawealthmanagement.com/content/dam/scotiabank/swm/TandC\\_eng.pdf](https://www.scotiawealthmanagement.com/content/dam/scotiabank/swm/TandC_eng.pdf)

### Investment Objectives

Income: \_\_\_\_\_ 100%  
Growth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your Personal Investment Profile- continued

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Speculative Trading:

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### Risk Tolerance

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Low: 75%

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Medium: 25%

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High:

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### Overall Investment Knowledge

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Investment Knowledge: Medium

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### Time Horizon

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Long Term: 7+ Years

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**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2025 **Item 8.1 (i)**  
**Report Date:** November 14, 2025  
**Submitted by:** Melissa Levi, Myra Spiller, Mark Northcott

**Subject:** Conservation Education Report – Fall/Winter Education Program  
Summary

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**Recommendation:**

That this report be received as information.

**Fall Outdoor Education Program:**

**Fall 2025 Field Trips:** The Education team is completing the delivery of Fall Field Trips. To date approximately 1,900 students (and 300 adult participants) will visit from 21 different watershed schools to participate in St. Clair Conservation’s Education Programs. In addition, several Special Interest groups will visit for evening/weekend programming this spring, bringing an additional 100 visitors to the L.C. Henderson Conservation Area.

**Grant-Funded Education Program Updates:**

**Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative Fund Update:**

**Future Farmers Program:** Education Staff are currently delivering the 5-day Future Farmers Program, which provides an in-depth look at agriculture and how agriculture can help reduce phosphorus loading in local waterbodies. This semester, seven classes with roughly 175 students are participating in the program. This includes 4 days of learning and one field trip to local agricultural operations where the students hear directly from farmers. Education staff are currently coordinating with eager teachers and schools to continue delivery of the program for the 2026 winter semester.

**Agriculture in the Classroom:** Education staff participated in three watershed Fall Fair Agriculture in the Classroom days during the 2025 fall season. This included the Plympton/Wyoming Fall Fair, Forest Fall Fair, and the Brigden Fair. Staff delivered programming on agriculture and the environment, with a focus on cover crops. Between the three fairs, education staff delivered the program to roughly 420 students and nearly 150 adults.

**2026 Specialist High Skilled Major Student Conference:** The 2026 Student Conference has been booked for April 22, 2026, and will welcome roughly 150 students to participate in the full-day conference. The conference will focus on agriculture and the environment.

**Phosphorus 101:** Education staff will offer the two-day Phosphorus 101 in-class program to watershed students again this winter. Programming for Grade 7-12 students will take place in January and February 2026.

### **First Nations Program Engagement:**

**Land-Based Education Project at Kettle and Stony Point First Nation:** Education staff continue to partner in the development of the school's Land-Based Education Program. Programming continues with weekly visits until June 2026. Education Staff participation continues to be grant-funded, specifically through the Healthy Lake Huron program, and Habitat Stewardship Program.

**Land-Based Education Project at Aamjiwnaang First Nation:** Monthly Land-Based Education opportunities for Aamjiwnaang FN's primary students will continue until June. Education Staff are hopeful to acquire additional funding to ensure this valuable partnership can continue.

### **Special Events:**

**Scout Day at Camp Attawandaron:** Education staff attended this event held on October 25, 2025. Approximately 100 youth and 30 adults participated in programming hosted by St. Clair Conservation. Local Scout Leaders were so pleased with the sessions that they have already asked Education staff to attend again in 2026.

### **Committee Involvement:**

**Rekindle the Sparks Planning Committee:** Education Staff continue to provide support to this committee. The 2025 Conference is upcoming. Two SCRCA education staff will participate in the event scheduled for November 19-21, 2025.

**Arbour Week Committee:** The Education Team continues to be a part of the Arbor Week Committee. New this year, the Arbour Week Contest school winners each received a large-stock tree. St. Clair Education staff delivered the trees and assisted the winning classes with planting the trees in their schoolyard.

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

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



## Recent and Scheduled Meetings

### Canadian RAP Implementation Committee (CRIC)

- April 25, 2024
- June 18, 2024
- November 27, 2024
- November 27, 2025

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

- February 24, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 10, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- September 9, 2025
- December 4, 2025 (AGM)

### Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC)

- February 13, 2025
- May 15, 2025.
- August 6, 2025

## 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: [October 2025 Newsletter](#) and [November 2025 Newsletter](#)

### St. Clair River Evening – Honouring the St. Clair River

Approximately 85 people attended the annual St. Clair River Evening held on October 23, 2025, at the Corunna Legion. Speakers highlighted projects that have been completed in the St. Clair River AOC over the past 30 years, including habitat projects and the contaminated sediment remediation project. A member of Walpole Island First Nation also spoke about the Indigenous connection to water. Feedback received from the event was quite positive.

**Strategic Objectives(s):**

Goal 3 – Protect, manage, and restore our natural systems including woodlands, wetlands, waterways, and lakes.

**Financial Impact:**

Funding for the RAP Coordinator position is provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and the Canada Water Agency (CWA).

Funding was secured from MECP for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years under their Great Lakes Program. Funding was secured from CWA for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years under the federal Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative Program.

The RAP Coordinator holds monthly meetings with ECCC and MECP to provide regular updates on the status of the RAP work and prepares project status reports and financial update reports in accordance with the timelines in the respective funding agreements.



**Date:** 8 October 2025 2

**Moved By:** Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

**Seconded By:** Councillor Alex Boughen

*Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;*

*And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;*

*And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;*

*And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;*

*And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;*

*And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;*

*Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.*

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Carried
Defeated
Deferred

	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netty McEwen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Boughen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Rodrigues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John van Klaveren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Vasey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Woolvett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

**Date:** October 29, 2025

## **Plympton-Wyoming Resolution-Conservation Fee Freeze**

**Resolution Number:** 2025-310

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Latimer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming-Conservation Reconsideration of the Fee Freeze Mandate and that a copy of this resolution as well as Plympton-Wyoming resolution be sent to the list of representatives provided by The Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

**Result:** Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2025-310 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of Calvin Township  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Donna Maitland  
CAO/Clerk/Treasurer



**Date:** 8 October 2025 2

**Moved By:** Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

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	Yay	Nay
Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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October 21, 2025

Via Email

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 Cc: Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc – [jpereira@strathroy-caradoc.ca](mailto:jpereira@strathroy-caradoc.ca)  
 Cc: Township of Warwick – [HWillemse@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:HWillemse@warwicktownship.ca)  
 Cc: Town of Plympton-Wyoming Representative - [KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca)

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority  
 205 Mill Pond Crescent  
 Strathroy, ON N7G 3P9

Attention: Board of Directors

Dear Board of Directors,

On behalf of Mayor and Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, I write to formally express Council's objection to the updated Hearing Guidelines adopted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) Board of Directors on September 18, 2025.

Council reviewed the Staff Report dated August 28, 2025 regarding the proposed Hearing Guidelines, and while Council acknowledges that the intent of the guidelines is to align with the legislative requirements of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Council is concerned with the exclusion of elected municipal representatives from participating in the Hearing Committee.

This exclusion, as outlined in Section 3.1 of the guidelines regarding "Apprehension of Bias," effectively prevents elected officials from representing their constituents in matters that may directly impact their communities. Council believes this undermines the democratic process and stifles the

community's voice in critical decisions related to land use, environmental protection, and property rights.

Therefore, at the October 8, 2025, Council Meeting, Council passed the following motion:

**Motion 1**

*Moved by Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Alex Boughen*

*That the Staff Report Regarding Hearing Guidelines presented to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors on September 18, 2025, be received and that Council directs staff to send a letter St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors expressing objection to the guidelines as they stifle the community's voice by not allowing their elected representatives to sit on the hearing committee.*

**Carried.**

The Town respectfully requests that the SCRCA reconsider the composition of its Hearing Committee to ensure fair and democratic representation, including the participation of elected municipal officials where appropriate and without conflict of interest. Council is confident that *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* provides sufficient balance to ensure committee members act with integrity and transparency when acting as a member of the appeals committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and to continued collaboration in the best interests of our shared communities.

Sincerely



Adam Sobanski, CET.  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

November 4, 2025

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority  
205 Mill Pond Crescent  
Strathroy, ON N7G 3P9

Via Email: [stclair@scrca.on.ca](mailto:stclair@scrca.on.ca)

**Re: Objection to SCRCA updated Hearing Guidelines**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on November 3, 2025, supported the following resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the above noted matter.

“That the Staff Report Regarding Hearing Guidelines presented to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors on September 18, 2025, be received and that Council directs staff to send a letter St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors expressing objection to the guidelines as they stifle the community's voice by not allowing their elected representatives to sit on the hearing committee.”

Sincerely,

Judy Shantz Digitally signed by Judy Shantz  
Date: 2025.11.04 14:24:35 -05'00'

Judy Shantz, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Town of Plympton-Wyoming



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November 11, 2025

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority  
205 Mill Pond Crescent  
Strathroy, ON N7G 3P9

Attention: Board of Directors


During the regular Council Meeting on November 3, 2025, Council for the Township of St. Clair passed the following motion to oppose the Hearing Guidelines adopted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors:

***Motion 9***

***Be it resolved that Township staff be directed to send a letter to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors supporting the motion passed by the Township of Plympton-Wyoming which expressed objection to the Hearing Guidelines adopted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority as they stifle the community's voice by not allowing their elected representatives to sit on the hearing committee.***

Please contact the undersigned at [jbaranek@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:jbaranek@stclairtownship.ca) should further information or clarification be required.

Kindest Regards,

  
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Jeff Baranek, RPP  
Clerk/Deputy CAO

**From:** Kristen Rodrigues <KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca>  
**Sent:** November 13, 2025 5:54 PM  
**To:** Ken Phillips <kphillips@scrca.on.ca>; Ashley Fletcher <afletcher@scrca.on.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter Objecting SCRCA Hearing Policy

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**From:** Brian Wilmers <[bhwarchitect@hotmail.com](mailto:bhwarchitect@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2025 5:41:53 PM  
**To:** Kristen Rodrigues <[KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter Objecting SCRCA Hearing Policy

Hi Kristin,

Yes, absolutely I would like to give immediate approval for my letter to be given/accepted by the SCRCA Board of Directors. Let me know if you need anything from me besides this email to forward it to them. Such an important issue to keep transparency and scrutiny! We at Hillsboro Beach, Plympton -Wyoming are very concerned and wish the SCRCA be well informed by our local representation and voting in matters so important to our community.

Sincerely,

Brian Wilmers  
Hillsboro Beach Board of Directors

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**From:** Kristen Rodrigues <[KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2025 11:55 AM  
**To:** Brian Wilmers <[bhwarchitect@hotmail.com](mailto:bhwarchitect@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Letter Objecting SCRCA Hearing Policy

Good Morning Brian,

Thank you for your letter of support objecting recent changes to the SCRCA Hearing Board Policy.

The SCRCA will not accept the letter as they were included in the "Attn to".

May you please provide your permission to have the SCRCA accept your letter for the Board of Directors to be able to receive it.

I appreciate that you may (or not) have assumed this would be forwarded to the SCRCA on behalf of the municipality as part of the staffs report and approved motion that was sent to the SCRCA, Thank you as always for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Kristen

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**From:** Kristen Rodrigues <[KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca)>  
**Sent:** November 12, 2025 3:09 PM  
**To:** Ashley Fletcher <[afletcher@scrca.on.ca](mailto:afletcher@scrca.on.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Correspondence Received October 8th Council Meeting

Good Afternoon Ashley,

Here is the correspondence received from residents of PW regarding the New Hearing Policy. Ms Jessomes was posted on our last SCRCA agenda, please include the others for our next agenda.

Respectfully,  
Kristen Rodrigues

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**(Copy of attachment below)**

**From:** noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca <noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025 11:56 AM

**To:** Erin Kwarciak <EKwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca>

**Subject:** New Response Completed for Erin Kwarciak - Contact Form

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Hello,

Please note the following response to Erin Kwarciak - Contact Form has been submitted at Wednesday October 8th 2025 11:50 AM with reference number 2025-10-08-008.

- **Your Email Address**  
[bhwarchitect@hotmail.com](mailto:bhwarchitect@hotmail.com)
- **Your Name**  
Brian H Wilmers
- **Your Phone Number**  
2485461968
- **Subject**  
Email to Council: Preserve Plympton-Wyoming representation on SCRCA
- **Your Message**  
Hi Erin,  
Hope you are doing well. I have emailed the following note to the mayor and all the Council members and want to make sure you have it for the record:

Dear (Councillor),

This note is to encourage you to make sure that the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority does not silence the local elected people that sit on the SCRCA. "Apprehension of bias" should obviously and traditionally only apply to financial matters, not used to eliminate knowledgeable and thoughtful participation by the very local participants that would have the most valuable input and detail to these very important matters under SCRCA scrutiny. Please continue your good work to protect the interests of Plympton-Wyoming by keeping the SCRCA's ability to protect and conserve our precious land and natural resources.

Thank you,

Brian Wilmers, Hillsboro Beach Association Board

**From:** Kristen Rodrigues <KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca>  
**Sent:** November 14, 2025 11:39 AM  
**To:** Ken Phillips <kphillips@scrca.on.ca>; Ashley Fletcher <afletcher@scrca.on.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Your letter objecting SCRCA Hearing Board Changes

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**From:** Debbie Harrison Rumberger <[debbie.harrison.rumberger@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.harrison.rumberger@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2025 11:35 AM  
**To:** Kristen Rodrigues <[KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Your letter objecting SCRCA Hearing Board Changes

Dear Ms. Rodrigues,  
I hereby give my consent to have my letter regarding actions by the SCRCA to limit Board member participation to be accepted and submitted to the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Harrison Rumberger

On Nov 13, 2025, at 3:28 PM, Kristen Rodrigues <[KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:KRodrigues@plympton-wyoming.ca)> wrote:

Good Evening Debbie,

I trust you are keeping up the good fight!

The SCRCA will not accept your letter of objection regarding changes to the Hearing Board as you did not put their name in the "Attn to" so I am writing to ask, if you wish, to provide your approval herein to have your letter accepted and submitted to the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your support in this matter it is greatly appreciated!

Kristen

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Respectfully,  
Kristen Rodrigues

*(Copy of Attachment)*

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Debbie Harrison Rumberger  
<debbie.harrison.rumberger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 9:34 AM  
**To:** Erin Kwarciak  
<[EKwarciak@plymptonwyoming.ca](mailto:EKwarciak@plymptonwyoming.ca)>  
**Subject:** Representation on the SCRCA

Dear Council Members,  
Thank you for your thoughtful efforts to protect the public's voice before the SCRCA. We elect representatives to be our voice in the deliberation of public matters. We do not want those voices silenced.  
I fully support the motion put forward by the Council. Thank you,  
Debbie Harrison Rumberger



November 25, 2025

Hon. Todd J. McCarthy  
 Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
[todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org](mailto:todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org)  
 DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Hon. McCarthy,

Please be advised that at the Planning Council Meeting held on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion regarding *Bill 68, the Modernizing Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act*.

**Motion 1**

Moved by Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by John van Klaveren

**Protecting Local Representation and Watershed Integrity** - Request for Realignment of the Southern Lake Huron Watershed Boundary under Bill 68

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has introduced **Bill 68, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2025 (No. 2)** proposing sweeping changes to the structure, governance, and boundaries of Conservation Authorities across Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** under the proposed framework, the **southern Lake Huron shoreline region, currently included in the jurisdiction of the SCRCA** is to be included within the **Lake Erie regional boundary**, despite the area's natural, hydrological, and ecological connection to **Lake Huron**;

**AND WHEREAS** the physical and environmental dynamics of **Lake Huron**—including shoreline processes, water quality influences, and ecosystem characteristics—are significantly different from those of **Lake Erie**, making the proposed inclusion of southern Lake Huron in the Lake Erie region inconsistent with sound watershed management principles;

**AND WHEREAS** separating the Lake Huron Shoreline watershed from the current SCRCA jurisdiction and aligning it with the **Huron–Superior regional boundary** will maintain a cohesive shoreline management system that will provide a more logical and environmentally appropriate framework that respects existing watershed divides and supports effective, locally informed environmental stewardship;

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed changes raise concerns about the **loss of local voice and representation, reduce or extirpate local input** on land use and resource management decisions, and have the potential to **redistribute local assets** without adequate consultation or clear local benefit;

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**AND WHEREAS** these changes may result in **higher financial burdens on local taxpayers**, who may be required to support programs or infrastructure in distant jurisdictions with **no direct benefit** to their communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks reconsider the proposed boundary alignment and include the southern Lake Huron shoreline area within the proposed Huron–Superior region, ensuring boundaries align with natural watershed divisions and Lake Huron’s unique environmental dynamics;

**AND THAT** the Province undertake **meaningful consultation** with affected municipalities, Conservation Authorities, and Indigenous communities prior to finalizing any boundary or governance changes;

**AND THAT** this resolution be **submitted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO)** as part of the public comment period for Bill 68, **prior to December 22, 2025**;

**AND THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

- Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia–Lambton;
- Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP for Sarnia–Lambton—Bkejwanong;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- Conservation Ontario, St. Clair Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Essex Region Conservation Authority
- Municipality of Lambton Shores, Village of Point Edward, City of Sarnia, Kettly & Stony Point First Nation, Aamjiwnaang First Nation

**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [dgould-brown@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:dgould-brown@plympton-wyoming.ca)

Sincerely,



Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO  
Planning Technician  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP, Sarnia-Lambton-Bkejwanong  
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP, Sarnia-Lambton  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Conservation Ontario, St. Clair Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Essex Region Conservation Authority  
Municipality of Lambton Shores, Village of Point Edward, City of Sarnia, Kettly & Stony Point First Nation, Aamjiwnaang First Nation



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 380-25

Date: Nov 25, 2025

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities within Lakehead Region established the Neebing Valley Conservation Authority in 1954 which enlarged to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) in 1963;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 50% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 5%;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of hectares of land, much of which was donated by local residents and entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Shuniah calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND THAT while the Municipality of Shuniah supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure

without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND THAT the Municipality of Shuniah supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives;

AND THAT the Municipality of Shuniah is opposed to the proposed "Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority" boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257;

AND THAT the Municipality of Shuniah recommends that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority form the "Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority";

AND THAT the Ministry engage directly with affected municipalities of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations and to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics, local MPPs, local MPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Conservation Ontario, All local municipalities, and All Conservation Authorities in Ontario. + Premier Ford.

**Carried**       **Defeated**       **Amended**       **Deferred**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



# TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR

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Lorna Buob

Councillors  
Alex Crane  
Brendan Rea  
John Sobolta  
Carly Torkkeli

November 26, 2025

Honourable Todd McCarthy  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Macdonald Block Mailing Facility  
77 Wellesley St W, 11th Fl  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 1N3

[minister.mepc@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mepc@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister McCarthy:

Council, at their meeting held on November 24, 2025, passed a resolution calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, water-shed conservation authorities. The Township of O'Connor is opposed to the proposed Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority boundary configuration outlined in the Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257.

I have enclosed a copy of the resolution for your consideration and trust you will give it your full consideration and support.

Yours truly

Lorna Buob  
Clerk-Treasurer

Encl.

Cc: Kevin Holland, MPP – Thunder Bay – Atikokan [kevin.holland@pc.ola.gc.ca](mailto:kevin.holland@pc.ola.gc.ca)  
Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Thunder Bay – Superior North [LVaugeois-QP@ndp.on.ca](mailto:LVaugeois-QP@ndp.on.ca)  
Marcus Powlowski, MP – Thunder Bay – Rainy River [marcus.powlowski@parl.gc.ca](mailto:marcus.powlowski@parl.gc.ca)  
Hon. Patty Hajdu – MP Thunder Bay – Superior North [patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
Conservation Ontario [bfox@conservationontario.ca](mailto:bfox@conservationontario.ca)  
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority [tammy@lakeheadca.com](mailto:tammy@lakeheadca.com)  
All local municipalities  
All Conservation Authorities in Ontario

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR  
R. R. #1 KAKABEKA FALLS, ONTARIO POT 1W0

NOVEMBER 24, 2025 NO. 10

Moved by J. Sobolta

Seconded by C. Torkkeli

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of O'Connor calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

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AND THAT the Ministry engage directly with affected municipalities of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations and to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics;
- local Members of Provincial Parliament;
- local Members of Parliament;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Conservation Ontario;
- All local municipalities; and
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

J. Veziina

MAYOR

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TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR



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RECORDED VOTE

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BRENDAN REA



JOHN SOBOLTA



*Lana Buob*

CLERK-TREASURER

CARLY TORKKELI



JIM VEZINA





## COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER  
TO OUR FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

November 28, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held November 24, 2025, adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR481/2025

**WHEREAS** Ontario's Conservation Authorities play a critical role in watershed management, environmental protection, flood mitigation, and public safety across the province; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 68, which contains significant and far-reaching amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* that would alter governance structures, decision-making authorities, and municipal participation in conservation authority oversight; and,

**WHEREAS** the proposed changes were introduced within an omnibus bill without the benefit of a standalone legislative process that would allow for comprehensive public input, stakeholder consultation, or sufficient scrutiny regarding their long-term environmental, financial, and public safety implications; and,

**WHEREAS** municipalities are key partners in watershed management and must retain a strong, meaningful voice in any new governance model to ensure that local knowledge, local priorities, and local risks are fully considered in provincial decision-making; and,

**WHEREAS** the potential impacts of the proposed amendments may increase risks to the public related to flooding, erosion, natural heritage loss, and environmental degradation if not properly analyzed and addressed through an open and transparent legislative process; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Windsor strongly urge the Provincial Government of Ontario to withdraw all sections of Bill 68 related to amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Province be requested to re-introduce any proposed changes as a standalone bill, to proceed through the full and regular legislative process—including First and Second Readings, Committee review, stakeholder submissions, and public consultation—to ensure that the impacts on watershed management, environmental protection, and public safety are fully and transparently considered; and,

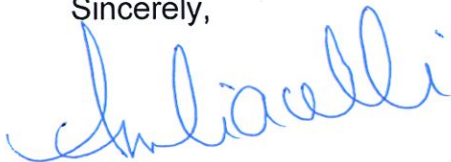
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Province ensure that any future governance framework for Ontario's Conservation Authorities includes robust and clearly defined municipal representation, recognizing municipalities as essential partners in protecting watersheds and mitigating environmental risks; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), and all Ontario municipalities and Conservation Authorities for their information and support.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



Anna Ciacelli  
Deputy City Clerk and Supervisor of Council Services  
AC/lh

cc: Mr. Todd McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Mr. Harb Gill, Member of Parliament, Windsor West  
Ms. Kathy Borrelli, Member of Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh-Lakeshore  
Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Ms. Lisa Gretzky, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor West  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Tim Byrne, Chief Administrative Officer & Secretary Treasurer, Board of  
Directors, Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA)  
Nicole Kupnicki, Manager, Human Resources & Council Services of the  
Essex Region Conservation Authority  
All Ontario municipalities and Conservation Authorities



November 26, 2025

## Re: Bill 68 - Proposed New Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and ERO #025-1257

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*Adelaide Metcalfe*

On October 31, 2025, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) circulated a media release “Ontario Creating New Conservation Authority Agency to Improve Service Delivery and Protect Communities”.

*Bluewater*

*Central Huron*

On November 6, 2025, Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2025 (No. 2) introduced changes to the Conservation Authorities Act enabling the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA). As proposed, the OPCA will be tasked with the streamlining and standardization of more consistent service delivery by setting provincewide standards and supporting those standards through improved tools, platforms and resources. The OPCA would be further tasked with overseeing the consolidation of the 36 Conservation Authorities (CAs), into 7 Regional Conservation Authorities.

*Huron East*

*Lambton Shores*

*Lucan Biddulph*

*Middlesex Centre*

On Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the MECP posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 (“Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities”), the ERO posting remains open for public comment for a total of 45 days until December 22, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

*North Middlesex*

*Perth South*

*South Huron*

Under this proposal, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) would be merged into a new proposed “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” together with the Maitland Valley CA, Saugeen Valley CA, Grey Sauble CA, Nottawasaga Valley CA, Lake Simcoe Region CA and the Lakehead Region CA (Thunder Bay), which will include 80 municipalities across the proposed region.

*Warwick*

*West Perth*

The ABCA (formerly the Ausable River Conservation Authority) was the first CA created almost 80 years ago by local municipalities, to provide local management of water, soils and natural environments within its rural watershed.

Watershed-based management, which is the founding principal of CA boundaries, is recognized internationally as the most effective means of balancing environmental, economic, and societal needs across the landscape. The watershed model is most



effective when implemented at a scale that is reflective of the local landscape and economic drivers. Watershed management, supported by strong local governance, breaks down boundaries, and provides a framework to work collaboratively to meet the needs of the community, and the environment. This framework, and strong local governance and support has led to 80 years of effective, and efficient watershed management.

The ABCA recognizes and supports the province's desired outcome of improved consistency and modernized digital permitting processes, aligned with its goals and objectives for cutting red tape and getting more homes built faster, and safely. However, as an alternative to the proposed large-scale regional consolidation, the ABCA encourages the Province to achieve their goals and objectives by building on the proven strengths and relationships of local CAs and its umbrella organization, Conservation Ontario.

The current framework provides the opportunity to share resources, improve consistency and modernization across the province, without the potential costs associated with amalgamating the 36 CAs into 7 regions. The ABCA encourages a more geographically coherent, cost-effective and locally accountable alternative through engagement with directly affected municipalities and CAs across Southwestern Ontario before finalizing any consolidation boundaries.

Further, any modernization of CAs through tools and consolidation should be supported with Provincial funding. In recent years, the average annual funding from the Province to ABCA's annual operations amounts to 1% of our total budget. Member municipalities fund approximately 30% of ABCA's budget. The remainder of our budget is funded primarily through partnerships and self generated revenue.

The ABCA Board of Directors, consisting of 9 Members who represent 12 municipalities, have unanimously expressed concern regarding effective local representation if CAs are amalgamated into larger regions. Under the current framework, our member municipalities have direct input into our local programs and services. The programs are delivered efficiently and effectively by knowledgeable staff in partnership with the community to meet our local environmental, economical and societal needs.

There is a significant amount of uncertainty with this proposal. To date, very few details regarding planned governance structure, local input, representation, budgeting, and CA assets have been shared. The ABCA is one of many CAs that has a supporting, charitable foundation, and clarity is needed around the future relationships with their partner CAs.

The ABCA Board of Directors encourages the MECP undertake a fulsome consultation process with both CAs, as well as municipalities before any decisions and changes are made as a result of the Province's proposal.

Attached is a resolution passed by the ABCA Board of Directors at their meeting held on November 20, 2025. The ABCA also encourages all partners to review the posting [ERO #025-1257 Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities](#), and submit comments well in advance of the closing date of December 22, 2025.

For further information, please contact me by email through our office at [info@abca.ca](mailto:info@abca.ca).

Sincerely,  
AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Ray Chartrand  
Chair

Encl.: ABCA Board Resolution #BD 80/25, November 20, 2025

Cc: The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Conservation Authorities Office, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Hassan Bassit, Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive  
Local Members of Provincial Parliament: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce, Minister of Rural Affairs; Steve Pinsonneault, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex; Matthew Rae, Perth-Wellington  
Local Members of Parliament: Ben Lobb, Huron-Bruce; Lianne Rood, Middlesex-London; John Nater, Perth-Wellington  
Local Municipalities and Counties  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation  
Conservation Ontario and All Conservation Authorities in Ontario

**AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY****RESOLUTION #BD 80/25, November 20, 2025****Moved by Wayne Shipley****Seconded by David Jewitt**

**WHEREAS** the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Board of Directors acknowledges and supports the Province's goals of improved efficiency of watershed management, through the implementation of digital applications and permitting system, consistent policies, flood standards, fees, and technology; and

**WHEREAS** consistent policies, and resources across the existing Conservation Authorities boundaries could be achieved through direction and tools such as technical guidelines provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; or Conservation Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** Conservation Authorities are locally based, grassroots organizations formed by municipal governments in response to the challenges posed by a changing landscape; especially, the increased exposure to flooding and erosion hazards and the resulting risks to lives and property. In the case of ABCA, this vision has proved a successful model for 80 years; and

**WHEREAS** the ABCA, with the guidance and support of our 12 Member Municipalities, demonstrates fiscal prudence in conservation delivery, ensuring stable growth through stable funding. ABCA has successfully leveraged funding to support programs and services that are locally important and are driven by community engagement through ABCA's Conservation Strategy and the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy; and

**WHEREAS** Conservation Authorities across the Province operate efficiently by working in close partnership with approximately eight Member Municipalities for every one conservation authority. This structure enables resources to be directed toward on-the-ground initiatives that advance our mandate while addressing local community needs, achieving an effective balance in scale, management and service delivery; and

**WHEREAS** plans to regionalize conservation authorities through consolidation would dilute local accountability and municipal partnership and is contrary to the basic principle that decisions are best made closest to the communities they affect. Effective representation by municipal partners remains core to the success of conservation authorities. The ABCA, while not unique among conservation authorities in this respect, is effective in working with our community to support sustainable development, and keeping communities safe; and

**WHEREAS** being front-line means being responsive and accountable to the community by delivering the services that are essential and valued to the best interest of the community. The

front line of provincial priorities on housing, the economy, infrastructure, and climate resilience are in the decisions between municipalities working together to address issues around floodplain (and hazard) protection and resilient upland and landscape management. Further, ABCA staff and Board Members are responsive and accountable to the needs of the watershed community, while meeting or exceeding provincial service standards, and are reachable through publicly available contact information. Local governance and direction combined with local service provision allows ABCA to continue to be responsive to our community; and

**WHEREAS** consolidation will result in substantial transition costs, not the least of which is time. In all facets, that would divert resources from front-line service delivery and delay desired outcomes. Further, the loss of local watershed knowledge and community relationships will add greater uncertainty, loss of trust, and delay for our watershed residents. This includes the agricultural community, businesses, builders, developers, and our municipal partners that seek timely and effective local advice, which is provided through local pre-consultation; and

**WHEREAS** a proposed regional watershed would create a geographically vast and administratively complex organization when joining northern municipalities with those that are rural, such as ABCA, where agriculture is the main economic driver. The differences are distinguishable between the Lake Superior and Georgian Bay watersheds to those in Southwestern Ontario on the shores of Lake Huron. The ABCA serves Southwestern Ontario agricultural communities facing vastly different geographies, climate, and infrastructure realities which would be ill-served by a broad regional administrative structure. This would be considerably worse if local offices do not remain available and accountable to its membership, partners and the communities they serve.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Board of Directors does not support the proposed “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration as outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257; and

**FURTHER THAT** meaningful modernization can occur within the current watershed-based governance framework; and

**FURTHER THAT** the ABCA Board endorses further provincial evaluation of a more focused specific model as a geographically coherent, cost-effective and locally accountable alternative that advances the government’s priorities of efficiency, red-tape reduction and timely home construction; and

**FURTHER THAT** the Board asks that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks engage directly with affected municipalities and conservation authorities across Southwestern Ontario through a working group before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments; and

**FURTHER THAT** a forthcoming ERO response at the approval of the ABCA Board be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations; and

**FURTHER THAT** a letter from the Chair containing this resolution, and ERO response, be forwarded to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics,
- the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office),
- Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive,
- local Members of Provincial Parliament,
- local Members of Parliament,
- Local Municipalities and Counties,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, and
- Conservation Ontario and all Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

**Carried.**



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November 27, 2025

Re: Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities, ERO Notice #025-1257  
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Resolution #130/25

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With the passing of Bill 68 on November 25, 2025, the Province of Ontario has established a new oversight body called the "Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency" (OPCA) to oversee Conservation Authorities (CAs) and the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for CAs in Ontario.

At the November 26, 2025 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Board Meeting, the LRCA Board of Directors passed a resolution opposing the Province's proposed "Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority" boundary configuration as outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257, which proposes to consolidate the LRCA into a region 1,500 kilometres from the Lakehead Watershed with 72 other southern Ontario municipalities. The resolution also recommends that the LRCA form a stand alone independent Regional Conservation Authority, as the "Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority" to ensure that the interests of Northwestern Ontario are equitably represented. Additionally, the Board is also requesting that the Ministry engage directly with affected municipalities of the LRCA before finalizing any consolidation boundaries.

The Board of Directors acknowledges the Province's goals in amalgamating conservation authorities; however, strongly believes that the LRCA is unique both in location and the region that it serves and therefore should not be amalgamated with conservation authorities with no watershed or municipal connection.

LRCA Resolution #130/25 has been attached. The LRCA encourages all partners to review the posting <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1257> and submit comments prior to the closing date of December 22, 2025.

For further information, please contact the undersigned at [info@lakeheadca.com](mailto:info@lakeheadca.com).

Yours truly,



Donna Blunt  
Chair

Encl.: LRCA Board Resolution #130/25

c.c.:

*Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*  
*Peter Tabuns, MPP, Critic, Environment, Conservation and Parks*  
*Kevin Holland, MPP, Thunder Bay – Atikokan*  
*Lise Vaugoeis, MPP, Thunder Bay- Superior North*  
*Marcus Powlowski, MP – Thunder Bay – Rainy River*  
*Hon. Patty Hajdu – MP Thunder Bay – Superior North*  
*Association of Municipalities of Ontario*  
*Conservation Ontario*  
*All local municipalities*  
*All Conservation Authorities in Ontario*

**LRCA Resolution #130/25**Moved by: Sheelagh Hendrick  
Seconded by: Brian Kurikka

*With Respect to the posting by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 (“Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities”), proposing to reduce Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities to 7 regional entities as part of a broader restructuring that would create a new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to provide centralized oversight and direction under the Conservation Authorities Act;*

**AND THAT** *under this proposal, the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) would be merged into a new “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” together with:*

- *Grey Sauble Conservation*
- *the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority*
- *the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority*
- *the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority*
- *the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority*
- *the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority*

*forming a single organization encompassing the eastern shores of Lake Huron, the southern shores of Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe, and the western shores of Lake Superior in Northwestern Ontario;*

**AND THAT** *the LRCA Board acknowledges and supports the Province’s goals of improved efficiency, consistency and fiscal prudence in conservation delivery,*

**AND THAT** *the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is a self-sufficient entity that is; accountable to its member municipalities;*

- *financially resilient;*
- *consistently processes permits in less than 7 days;*
- *operates in the City of Thunder Bay that has exceeded their housing target by 143%;*
- *has modern financial and IT processes that prioritize security and redundancy; and*
- *is a locally recognized leader in the conservation and protection of the Lakehead Watershed; and*
- *all staff are front line workers,*

**AND THAT** *the Board further recognizes that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is unique as it does not abut any other Conservation Authority and solely serves Northwestern Ontario communities that face vastly different climatic, hydrological, geographic and infrastructure realities, and would be disconnected to the proposed larger overarching*

administrative structure that is physically based 1,500 kilometres from the north with 72 other municipalities;

**The Board finds that the proposed “Huron-Superior Region” configuration would :**

- Create a geographically vast and administratively complex entity, joining Northwestern Ontario with fast-growing Southern Ontario municipalities that are 1,300-1,500 kilometres apart with no shared watershed connection or economic alignment;
- dilute local accountability and municipal partnership, contrary to the principle that decisions are best made at the local level;
- generate substantial transition costs — including human-resources integration, governance restructuring, IT migration and policy harmonization, rebranding — that would divert resources from front-line service delivery and delay measurable outcomes, contrary to the Province’s business-planning principles of value for money, cost containment and service continuity; and
- risk greater uncertainty and delay for builders, developers and farmers, as local permitting offices and staff familiar with local conditions are replaced by distant regional structures, making it harder for applicants to obtain timely local advice, resolve issues or expedite housing and infrastructure approvals that support the Province’s “Get It Done” agenda;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Directors is opposed to the proposed “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257;

**AND THAT** the Board recommends that the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority form the 8<sup>th</sup> Regional Conservation Authority as the “Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority”;

**AND THAT** further provincial evaluation is conducted with a more focused specific model as a geographically coherent, cost-effective and locally accountable alternative that advances the government’s priorities of efficiency, red-tape reduction and timely housing delivery;

**AND THAT** the Ministry engage directly with affected municipalities of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments;

**AND THAT** this resolution, with a letter from the Chair, be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations and to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics;
- local Members of Provincial Parliament;
- local Members of Parliament;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Conservation Ontario;
- All local municipalities; and
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

**Carried**



## CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### Re: Resolution (Bill 68 and ERO Posting 025-1257)

On October 31, 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) released a media statement titled “Ontario Creating New Conservation Authority Agency to Improve Service Delivery and Protect Communities,” announcing the Province’s intention to establish a new, board-governed Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency “[Ontario Creating New Conservation Authority Agency to Improve Service Delivery and Protect Communities | Ontario Newsroom](#)”. This new agency is expected to provide leadership, governance, and strategic oversight to all Conservation Authorities (CAs) across Ontario. The announcement was made without prior consultation with Conservation Authorities—including the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA)—or with the watershed experts, municipal partners, and staff who possess decades of local, on-the-ground knowledge. For a watershed the size of Catfish Creek, which relies heavily on close local partnerships, this absence of engagement raises significant concerns about transparency and informed decision-making.

Shortly after this announcement, on November 6, 2025, the government introduced Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2025 (No. 2) “[Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act \(Budget Measures\), 2025 \(No. 2\) - Legislative Assembly of Ontario](#)”. The bill passed First Reading and is expected to move quickly through the Legislature, with enactment anticipated in early December 2025. Schedule 3 of Bill 68 proposes amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act to formally create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, outlining its objects, governance structure, and funding model. For a smaller watershed authority like CCCA, these proposed changes represent substantial structural and operational shifts, the impacts of which have not yet been fully articulated by the Province.

On November 7, 2025, the MECP posted Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting #025-1257, Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities, with a public commenting period running to December 22, 2025 “[Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities | Environmental Registry of Ontario](#)”. This proposal reduces Ontario’s 36 Conservation Authorities to seven large regional entities. As a watershed-based agency, CCCA’s jurisdiction is defined by ecological and hydrological boundaries rather than municipal borders. The proposed regional map places Catfish Creek into an extremely large regional authority where watershed conditions, community needs, development pressures, and local priorities differ substantially from those of neighbouring watersheds. The geographic scale of this proposed region surpasses what is practical for meaningful representation of Catfish Creek’s specific watershed characteristics.

The consolidation proposal carries potentially significant implications for municipalities, residents, and partner organizations within the Catfish Creek watershed. No evidence-based analysis has been provided by the Province to justify the transition to such large regional entities, nor has a detailed rationale been offered for establishing a separate provincial oversight agency to replace functions historically carried out by a Ministry. The dissolution of 36 Conservation Authorities—including Catfish Creek—and the creation of shared provincial systems for finance, HR, IT, and administration would create substantial costs and added layers of complexity. Instead of streamlining service delivery, this approach may fragment existing networks and delay local decision-making.

The absence of meaningful consultation is especially concerning. If the Province intends to proceed transparently, then all existing Conservation Authorities, including Catfish Creek—should be fully engaged before legislation advances to Second and Third readings. At present, consultation is limited to the boundary-setting ERO posting. This leaves numerous critical questions unanswered. These include the funding model for the proposed Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency; the governance model for the new regional CAs and whether Catfish Creek’s municipalities will have adequate local representation; the feasibility of merging diverse watershed policies into a “one-size-fits-all” framework; and the risks associated with centralizing programs that are currently tailored to local watershed conditions, needs, and funding capacities.

Significant human-resource and organizational concerns also remain unresolved, including how staff redeployment will occur across large geographic distances; how charitable foundations that support individual conservation authorities will be affected; how dissolution may impact foundations’ status under the Income Tax Act; and how locally owned assets—such as conservation areas, infrastructure, and other capital holdings—will be transferred or managed under a regional model. For Catfish Creek, which manages a unique suite of natural areas and infrastructure on behalf of its partner municipalities, these uncertainties pose real operational risks.

Under the proposed regional structure, Catfish Creek would join an amalgamated entity encompassing numerous municipalities—far too many for any one watershed to maintain meaningful influence. This stands in contrast to CCCA’s current governance model, which ensures strong local representation and accountability to its participating municipalities. The proposed system risks creating an unwieldy regional board disconnected from the day-to-day realities of the Catfish Creek watershed, and it may dilute the ability of local municipal councils and residents to shape watershed priorities.

As the Province advances its consolidation plan, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority encourages the government to commit to full and meaningful consultation with municipalities regarding both the funding of the new Agency and the establishment of new regional conservation authorities. CCCA emphasizes the need to preserve a strong local voice accountable to watershed residents; maintain local expertise capable of delivering programming rooted in local conditions; retain accessible local offices;

provide clarity regarding the future of charitable foundations; and transparently disclose the anticipated costs of amalgamation. These measures are essential to safeguarding the long-standing, community-based watershed management model that has served the Catfish Creek region effectively for decades.

Attached to this correspondence is a resolution passed by the CCCA Board of Directors at a meeting held November 27, 2025.

Sincerely,



Morgaine Griffin  
Chairperson  
Catfish Creek Conservation Authority



Dusty Underhill  
General Manager/ Secretary Treasurer  
Catfish Creek Conservation Authority

**Attached:** CCCA Recommendation Resolution

**CC:** The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Rob Flack, MPP (Elgin, Middlesex, London); Ernie Hardeman MPP (Oxford);  
Local Municipal Councils  
Chief Todd Cornelius, Oneida Nation  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Conservation Ontario  
Conservation Authorities in Ontario  
Local environmental groups and other stakeholders

**Moved By: Paul Buchner**

**Seconded By: Arthur Oslach**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 (“Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities”), proposing to reduce Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities to 7 regional entities as part of a broader restructuring that would create a new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to provide centralized oversight and direction under the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and

**WHEREAS** under this proposal, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) would be merged into a new “Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority” together with the:

- Lower Thames Valley CA
- St. Clair Region CA
- Upper Thames River CA
- Kettle Creek CA
- Essex Region CA
- Long Point Region CA
- Grand River CA

forming a single organization stretching from Windsor, Essex County and Pelee Island, through north of Waterloo region; and

**WHEREAS** the Board acknowledges and supports the Province’s goals of improved efficiency, consistency and fiscal prudence in conservation delivery, but finds that the proposed “Lake Erie Region” configuration would:

1. Create a geographically vast and administratively complex entity, joining northern, rural and fast-growing southern municipalities throughout the province with little shared watershed connection or economic alignment;
2. Dilute local accountability and municipal partnership, contrary to the principle that decisions are best made closest to the communities they affect;

3. Generate substantial transition costs, including human-resources integration, governance restructuring, IT migration and policy harmonization, that would divert resources from front-line service delivery and delay measurable outcomes, contrary to the Province's own business-planning principles of value for money, cost containment and service continuity; and,
4. Risk greater uncertainty and delay for builders, developers and farmers, as local permitting offices and staff familiar with site conditions are replaced by distant regional structures, making it harder for applicants to obtain timely local advice, resolve issues or expedite housing and infrastructure approvals that support the Province's "Get It Done" agenda; and

**WHEREAS** the CCCA has already undertaken significant modernization work aligned with provincial objectives, including:

- implementation of a digital permitting and inspection system that has reduced turnaround times;
- improvements in transparency and client communication;
- data and network systems, including security and redundancy
- numerous internal reviews to identify opportunities for cost savings and efficiencies
- conversion of redundant support and non-mandatory positions to front-line mandatory service positions
- demonstrating that meaningful modernization can occur within the current watershed-based governance framework; and

**WHEREAS** the Board further recognizes that the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority serves Southwestern Ontario communities facing vastly different climatic, hydrological and infrastructure realities, which would be ill-served by a larger overarching administrative structure extending over 300 kilometers to townships north of the Kitchener-Waterloo Guelph area;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Board of Directors does not support the proposed "Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority" boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257; and

The Board instead endorses further provincial evaluation of a more focused specific model as a geographically coherent, cost-effective and locally accountable alternative

that advances the government's priorities of efficiency, red-tape reduction and timely housing delivery; and

The Board requests that the Ministry engage directly with affected municipalities and conservation authorities across Southwestern Ontario most specifically, the municipalities within the Catfish Creek administrative area before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments; and

That this resolution, with a letter from the Chair, be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations and to:

the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics;

- local Members of Provincial Parliament;
- local Municipal Councils
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Conservation Ontario;
- local First Nations
- local environmental groups and other stakeholders, and
- all Conservation Authorities in Ontario

**CARRIED**

*Mission Statement: "To communicate and deliver resource management services and programs  
In order to achieve social and ecological harmony for the watershed"*



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November 28, 2025

**Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities, ERO Notice #025-1257  
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Resolution GRCA 51/25**

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On October 31, 2025, Minister Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), announced that the provincial government will introduce legislation to amend the *Conservation Authorities Act* to create a new provincial agency, the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) under Bill 68. On November 27, 2025, Bill 68, *Plan to Protect Ontario Act* (Budget Measures), 2025 (No. 2) received Royal Assent.

Another key action announced at this time, by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, together with the Chief Conservation Executive, is the proposal to consolidate the province's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional conservation authorities, while maintaining alignment with watershed boundaries. On Friday, November 7th, the MECP posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 ("Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities"), the ERO posting remains open for public comment for a total of 45 days until December 22, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

The proposed consolidation recommends Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) join with Central Lake Ontario, Kawartha Region, Otonabee Region, Lower Trent Region, Crowe Valley and Quinte Region Conservation Authorities forming the Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority (ELORCA). This regional conservation authority would include 48 municipalities across the proposed region. As well, the area covered by the ELORCA is 16 times the current jurisdiction of the GRCA and larger than the area covered by the island of Jamaica. The population included is more than the population of some Canadian Provinces.

At the November 27, 2025, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting, a staff report entitled "Bill 68, Schedule 3 Proposed Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario Conservation Authorities" which can be found at the following link, [https://qrca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/qrca\\_ca-act-amendments-as-per-bill-68-update.pdf](https://qrca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/qrca_ca-act-amendments-as-per-bill-68-update.pdf), was presented and the following resolution was received as written in the report:

**GRCA 50/25**

**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover  
**SECONDED BY:** Miriam Mutton

**WHEREAS** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors acknowledges and supports the Province's goals of improved efficiency of watershed management, through the implementation of digital applications and permitting system, consistent policies, flood standards, fees, and technology; and

**WHEREAS** consistent policies, and resources across the existing conservation authority boundaries could be achieved without structural consolidation through direction and tools such as technical guidelines provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; or Conservation Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** conservation authorities are locally-based, grassroots organizations formed by municipal governments in response to the challenges posed by a changing landscape; especially, the increased exposure to flooding and erosion hazards and the resulting risks to lives and property. In the case of the GRCA, supported by its seven municipalities, this vision has proven a successful model for nearly 80 years; and

**WHEREAS** the GRCA, with the guidance and support of our seven member municipalities, demonstrates fiscal prudence in conservation delivery, ensuring stable growth through stable funding. GRCA has successfully leveraged funding to support programs and services that are locally important and are driven by community engagement through *GRCA's Conservation Land Strategy* and the *Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy*; and

**WHEREAS** GRCA consistently meets or exceeds provincial service standards, and participates in staff-sharing initiatives with neighbouring conservation authorities that already deliver many of the efficiencies the Province seeks; and

**WHEREAS** plans to regionalize conservation authorities through consolidation would dilute local accountability and municipal partnership and is contrary to the basic principle that decisions are best made closest to the communities they affect. Effective representation by municipal partners remains core to the success of conservation authorities. The GRCA, while not unique among conservation authorities in this respect, is effective in working with our community to support sustainable development, and keeping communities safe; and

**WHEREAS** being front-line means being responsive and accountable to the community by delivering the services that are essential and valued to the best interest of the community. The front line of provincial priorities on housing, the economy, infrastructure, and climate resilience are in the decisions between municipalities working together to address issues around floodplain (and hazard) protection and resilient upland and landscape management. Further, staff and Board are responsive and accountable to the

needs of the watershed community, while meeting or exceeding provincial service standards. The staff and Board are reachable through publicly available contact information. Local governance and direction combined with local service provision allows the GRCA to continue to be responsive to our community; and

**WHEREAS** consolidation will result in substantial transition costs, not the least of which is time. In all facets, that would divert resources from front-line service delivery and delay desired outcomes. Further, the loss of local watershed knowledge and community relationships will add greater uncertainty, loss of trust, and delay for our watershed residents. This includes the agricultural community, businesses, builders, developers, and our municipal partners that seek timely and effective local advice, which is provided through local pre-consultation; and

**WHEREAS** a proposed regional watershed would create a geographically vast and administratively complex organization when joining the seven conservation authorities as proposed in eastern Lake Ontario. This would be considerably worse if local offices do not remain available and accountable to its membership, partners and the communities they serve.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors does not support the proposed “Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration as outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257; and

**FURTHER THAT** meaningful modernization can occur within the current watershed-based governance framework; and

**FURTHER THAT** the GRCA Board endorses further provincial evaluation of a more focused specific model as a geographically coherent, cost-effective and locally accountable alternative that advances the government's priorities of efficiency, red-tape reduction and timely home construction; and

**FURTHER THAT** the Board asks that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks engage directly with affected municipalities and conservation authorities across Eastern Lake Ontario through a working group; and

**FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors direct staff to make a submission to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations asking the Province to pause any consolidation until more consultation can take place; and

**FURTHER THAT** a letter from the Chair containing this resolution, be forwarded to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics; and
- the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office); and
- Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit; and

- Local Member of Provincial Parliament David Piccini, Northumberland – Peterborough South and
- All local watershed municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, and Counties within GRCA's watershed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The GRCA encourages all partners to review the posting at the following link: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1257>, and submit comments prior to the closing date of December 22, 2025.

For further information, please contact the undersigned at [info@grca.on.ca](mailto:info@grca.on.ca)

Yours sincerely,



Vicki Mink  
Chair, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

CC:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics; and
- the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office); and
- Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit; and
- Local Member of Provincial Parliament David Piccini, Northumberland – Peterborough South and
- All local watershed municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, and Counties within GRCA's watershed.