

Notice of Meeting
Meeting of the Membership #6-2026

Date: June 17, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Administrative Centre, Wroxeter

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Approval of Minutes: Membership Meeting #5-2026 held on May 20, 2026.
4. Presentations:
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- 7. Chair and Members Reports
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Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Cory Bilyea, Midwestern News Media

1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, welcome everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

Motion FA #52-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #4-2026 held on April 15, 2026, be approved.
(carried)

4. Presentations

Coastal Resilience Strategy Update: Patrick Huber Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor

Patrick Huber Kidby made a presentation about the Coastal Resilience Strategy.

Motion FA #53-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the presentation about the Coastal Resilience Strategy be accepted.
(carried)

5. Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:

- a) Appointment of Representatives to the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee: Report #28-2026

Report #28-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #54-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT MVCA appoint Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer and Ed McGugan, Chair of Maitland Conservation to the transition committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.
(carried)

Motion FA #55-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT Report #28-2026 be accepted;
AND THAT MVCA's Chair attend the interview session with Ernst & Young.
(carried)

- b) Discussion re: Structure of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority & Guiding Principles for Transition Plan: Report #29-2026

Report #29-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #56-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Report #29-2026 be accepted.
(carried)

- c) Minister's Directive to Conservation Authorities: Report #30-2026

Report #30-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #57-26

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT Report #30-2026 be accepted.
(carried)

d) Appointment of Provincial Offences Officers: Report #31-2026

Report #31-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #58-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

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(carried)

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Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

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Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the meeting be moved into a closed session at 8:32pm
(carried)

Motion FA #61-26

Moved by: Ed Podniewicz

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

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Motion FA#62-26

Moved by: Sharen Zinn

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:43pm
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Members Report #33-2026

To: Members, Maitland Conservation

From: Phil Beard, GM-ST

Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Draft Guiding Principles for Transition
Developed by the Pre Transition Committee

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the draft Guiding Principles for Transition.

Background:

On May 15, 2026 MVCA's Members identified a list of guiding principles to be discussed with the other five conservation authorities who are going to be part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

The report also outlined a proposed structure for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority to be discussed with the other five conservation authorities.

A copy of Report 29, 2026 is attached to this report.

Representatives from the six conservation authorities met on May 22, 2026 to develop some guiding principles and to discuss ideas for the structure of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

A copy of the draft guiding principles is attached to this report for the Members review and discussion.

Concerns:

At the May 15th meeting we reviewed the list of factors that need to be considered prior to undertaking an amalgamation of nonprofit organizations. In order to develop guiding principles it is important that these factors be discussed. The answers to these questions will provide the background for developing guiding principles.

They are as follows:

1. Mission alignment
 - Do our missions, visions, and core values genuinely complement and strengthen each other, or would combining them require compromising what makes each organization unique?
 - Will this merger amplify our shared impact and help us better serve our common purpose, or are we merging for other reasons that might dilute our effectiveness?
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 - Are our leadership styles, management practices, and organizational cultures compatible enough to create a cohesive work environment?
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5. Risk assessment
 - What are the key financial, operational, legal, and reputational risks of this merger, and how can we mitigate them?

6. Long-term strategy
 - Do we share a unified vision for the merged organization's future goals, success metrics, and growth strategy?
7. Stakeholder support
 - Do our key stakeholders, including board members, staff, donors, and beneficiaries, understand and support this merger?
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Step 2: Due Diligence:

Once the governing bodies of the organizations have indicated their interest in a formal merger proposal, the due diligence period commences. This is an intense and expensive phase of the merger process, so engaging in this level of inquiry is delayed until it is apparent that it is more likely than not that a merger will be pursued.

- In the due diligence phase, attorneys and accountants conduct a legal and financial risk assessment. In legal due diligence, the parties examine each other's legal status and risk; in financial due diligence, the parties examine each other's financial position and risks, typically based on past audited financial reports.
- The purpose of this phase is to identify any issues that could complicate the merger. The two entities offer a complete disclosure of assets, liabilities, and any potential
 - legal concerns, reviewing all the following for both organizations:
 - a) Organizational bylaws and governance structures agreements
 - b) List of all officers of the company and board members
 - c) Copies of all board minutes (past five years)
 - d) Tax documents, tax exemption letter, and unrelated business income
 - e) Insurance documents
 - f) Personnel documents - human resources policies, contractor agreements, vendor agreements, policies, list of consultants, compensation plan, etc.
 - g) IT systems and data management
 - h) Audited financial statement and management letters from past three years, all assets, all liabilities, all grant agreements
 - i) Capital real estate - leases, deeds, zoning permits

- j) Licenses, accreditations, and provider agreements
- k) statement of threatened or pending litigation, description of same, and outcomes for the last three years

Banking information

List of all regulatory bodies the organization may be subject to

Legal considerations that merging nonprofits must address include:

- Board approval: Nonprofits must obtain board of directors approval before proceeding with a merger to ensure alignment with organizational mission and stakeholder interests.
- Asset Transfer and Restrictions: Charitable assets must be transferred in compliance with donor restrictions and provincial laws, ensuring donated funds continue to serve their intended purposes after the merger.
- Importantly, the timeliness of and messaging to all stakeholder groups must be handled with great care. Staff, volunteers, donors, and funders need time to process what the merger could mean for their roles and futures. Organizational leadership should consult with service recipients, beneficiaries, community partners, and collaborators. All stakeholders have a desire for transparency and a need to be trusted players in the merger process. Initially, it is unlikely that all parties will have a willingness to embrace change on behalf of the mission; however, organizational leadership plays a vital role in overcoming resistance.

Ernst & Young is collecting some of this information. They are developing what they call the “Current State” of each conservation authority. However they are only going to provide each conservation authority a copy of their current state. We will also have no opportunity to review a draft of the document to identify if there are any errors or omissions.

All of the conservation authorities who are going to be part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority need to be able to read the current state documents from the other five conservation authorities. It is impossible for MVCA to fulfill their due diligence obligations as outlined above without being able to review the current state reports for the other conservation authorities in the Region.

There is no record of any of the above due diligence items being discussed at the pre transition committee meeting held on May 22nd.

While the Province is legislating these amalgamations there is no reason that each conservation authority can't do their own due diligence. Ideally all six conservation

authorities would agree to undertake this exercise and share the information with the others in the Region.

I would recommend that these items be discussed at the next pre transition committee meeting being held on July 6, 2026. The current state documents may be able to be used to fulfill the due diligence requirements.

Possible Model for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

According to the Chair, the federated model was discussed by the pre transition committee. However, it is not included in the document that was circulated to all six conservation authorities after the meeting.

I would recommend that if there was agreement on the federated structure, that it be included in the Guiding Principles for Transition document.

Guiding Principles that need to be added:

MVCA identified the following guiding principles.

Any Increased costs associated with amalgamation are to be covered by the Province not conservation authorities or municipalities. This amalgamation is being legislated by the Province not conservation authorities.

2. Focus on putting any savings towards resources for front line services in each former conservation authority. The Province has stated that there will be savings from amalgamation and that no jobs will be lost. They have stated that savings will be put into improving staffing for conservation authority services and programs.

3. The funding contributed by municipalities, community groups, Foundations etc. within the area of jurisdiction of the former conservation authorities is to stay in the watersheds to pay for programs, services and projects.

These guiding principles are not included in the draft document.

Summary:

The Pretransition Committee is planning a follow up meeting on Monday, July 6, 2026. It is recommended that the factors to consider regarding amalgamations be discussed and that further that we discuss the need for all parties to share the profile being prepared by Ernst & Young.

It is doubtful that there is sufficient time to investigate all of the items identified under Due Diligence prior to formal transition committee meetings starting.

Recommendation:

To be developed at the meeting.

Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

Guiding Principles for Transition Draft May 22, 2026

Vision Statement

We envision a Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority transition that is guided by optimism, grounded in shared responsibility, and strengthened by municipal collaboration. By building on existing strengths, shared achievements, local knowledge, and trusted relationships, the transition can create stronger regional connections and a coordinated, effective, science-informed water management system. This system will protect people, property, and the natural environment while strengthening public trust and ensuring rural, urban, and urbanizing communities are supported and represented in decisions for the long-term benefit of the region.

Governance and Accountability

Accountable and Transparent Governance

Establish a governance model that is effective, accountable, transparent, and inclusive of all participating municipalities, ensuring balanced representation of rural, urban, and urbanizing communities and compliance with provincial legislation.

Fiscal Responsibility

Develop a transition plan that is fiscally responsible and protects both short-term stability and long-term sustainability.

Equity and Fair Representation

Ensure governance, funding, and decision-making structures reflect fair and balanced representation across all participating municipalities, regardless of population size or geographic location within the watershed.

Subsidiarity and Local Service Delivery

Support decision-making at the most appropriate level, maintaining local responsiveness for all communities while centralizing functions where efficiency, consistency, and value can be improved.

Performance Measurement and Accountability

Develop clear performance measures and reporting mechanisms to track outcomes, demonstrate value, and ensure accountability to municipalities, partners, and the public.

Service and Community Outcomes

Service Excellence

Ensure all communities continue to receive high-quality, responsive programs and services that reflect local needs and regional priorities.

Respect for Local Identity and Community Relationships

Preserve the strong local identities, relationships, and trust established by predecessor Conservation Authorities, while building a cohesive regional organization.

Phased and Adaptive Implementation

Undertake a staged approach to consolidation, prioritizing early opportunities while allowing for continuous learning and adjustment, ensuring stability and uninterrupted service delivery.

Data Integration and Digital Modernization

Promote integration of data systems and digital tools to enhance decision-making, improve service delivery, and support efficient, coordinated operations across the region.

Watershed Management and Operations

Risk Management and Business Continuity

Ensure uninterrupted delivery of critical services while proactively managing risks associated with organizational change.

Watershed-Based, Science-Informed Management

Ensure consolidation strengthens—rather than dilutes—the watershed-based approach that defines Conservation Authorities.

Harmonization with Flexibility

Align policies, programs, and procedures across the LHRCA while maintaining flexibility to reflect local watershed conditions and diverse community needs.

People and Organizational Transition

Commitment to Workforce Stability and Talent Retention

Prioritize the well-being, retention, and fair treatment of all staff throughout the transition process, recognizing that a stable and supported workforce is critical to continuity of service and organizational success.

Change Management and Organizational Culture Integration

Support the development of a unified organizational culture through proactive change management, leadership alignment, and clear, regular, and transparent communication with staff. Ensure meaningful, ongoing engagement at all levels of the organization so staff are informed, heard, and supported throughout the transition.

Engagement and Trust

Transparency, Trust, and Clear Communication

Transparent, consistent, and timely communication is critical to maintaining confidence among staff, municipalities, and the public. Communication should be coordinated, accessible, and responsive, with particular emphasis on ensuring staff remain informed and engaged throughout the transition.

Stakeholder and Public Engagement

Engage municipalities, stakeholders, and the public throughout the transition to build trust, gather input, and support informed decision-making. Success will depend on bringing partners together and maintaining momentum toward a shared purpose, even as details continue to evolve.



Members Report #29-2026

TO: Members, Maitland Conservation
FROM: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer
DATE: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Development of Guiding Principles and Possible Framework for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

Purpose:

To identify some guiding principles to discuss with the Transition Committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority
To identify a possible framework for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority to discuss with the Transition Committee

Background:

The Province is proceeding with the amalgamation of conservation authorities. Transition Committees are being established for each Regional Conservation Authority.
Each Transition Committee will be provided with a playbook to use to develop a transition plan for designing the new Regional Conservation Authority.
It would be beneficial for the Transition Committee to develop some guiding principles that each conservation authority can agree upon.
There is also a need to agree upon a framework for the design of the Region based upon the outcomes that each conservation authorities thinks is important.

Guiding Principles for Discussion:

Staff have identified some ideas for guiding principles for the Members to consider. Please identify any additional principles that you think need to be added.

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The conservation authorities who are part of the Eastern Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority are also in the process of developing guiding principles. Here are the principles that they have identified to date:

High level Principles Developed by the GRCA, KCCA, CCCA, LPRCA.

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2. Service Excellence
3. Accountable and Transparent Governance
4. Fiscal Responsibility
5. Risk Management and Business Continuity

Possible Model for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority:

Experience and research in watershed management over the past 75 years has revealed that in order for watershed programs to be effective they need to be:

1. Designed and implemented in the watershed
2. They need to be developed and implemented by the people in the watershed
3. They need to have knowledgeable, experienced staff who understand the people, communities and the health of the watersheds in which they work.

The most effective framework for the Region would be to design it as follows:

1. Centralize Administration, Finance and Governance only
2. Each former conservation authority would have its own watershed strategy
3. Watershed Advisory Committee to provide input on the services and programs needed
4. Watershed staff team led by a watershed manager
5. Watershed programs and services delivered by an interdisciplinary team of people
6. Watershed Budget for each former conservation authority
7. Retain each conservation authority office.

Attached is a summary of the factors that need to be considered when organizations are amalgamating. The ideal time and way to do this is before an amalgamation occurs, so that you can ensure that it will deliver the outcomes all parties are striving for.

Recommendations:

Factors to Consider in Amalgamations of Non-Profit Organizations:

Published by: Open Eye – September 11th 2025

The Ultimate Guide to Nonprofit Mergers: From Initial Inquiry to Integration

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- In the due diligence phase, attorneys and accountants conduct a legal and financial risk assessment. In legal due diligence, the parties examine each other's legal status and risk; in financial due diligence, the parties examine each other's financial position and risks, typically based on past audited financial reports.

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- The purpose of this phase is to identify any issues that could complicate the merger. The two entities offer a complete disclosure of assets, liabilities, and any potential

- legal concerns, reviewing all of the following for both organizations:

- a) Organizational bylaws and governance structures agreements

- b) List of all officers of the company and board members

- c) Copies of all board minutes (past five years)

- d) Tax documents, tax exemption letter, and unrelated business income

- e) Insurance documents

- f) Personnel documents - human resources policies, contractor agreements, vendor agreements, policies, list of consultants, compensation plan, etc.

- g) IT systems and data management
- h) Audited financial statement and management letters from past three years, all assets, all liabilities, all grant agreements
 - i) Capital real estate - leases, deeds, zoning permits
- j) Licenses, accreditations, and provider agreements
- k) statement of threatened or pending litigation, description of same, and outcomes for the last three years

Banking information

List of all regulatory bodies the organization may be subject to

Legal considerations that merging nonprofits must address include:

- Board approval: Nonprofits must obtain board of directors approval before proceeding with a merger to ensure alignment with organizational mission and stakeholder interests.
- Asset Transfer and Restrictions: Charitable assets must be transferred in compliance with donor restrictions and state laws, ensuring donated funds continue to serve their intended purposes after the merger.
- *Tax-Exempt Status: *The merged entity must maintain tax-exempt status by continuing to meet federal and state requirements, including IRS operational and organizational standards.

Importantly, the timeliness of and messaging to all stakeholder groups must be handled with great care. Staff, volunteers, donors, and funders need time to process what the merger could mean for their roles and futures. Organizational leadership should consult with service recipients, beneficiaries, community partners, and collaborators. All stakeholders have a desire for transparency and a need to be trusted players in the merger process. Initially, it is unlikely that all parties will have a willingness to embrace change on behalf of the mission; however, organizational leadership plays a vital role in overcoming resistance.

Members Report #34-2026

To: Members, Maitland Conservation
From: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer
Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency Update

Purpose:

To outline the additional changes and timelines for the amalgamation of conservation authorities.

To determine if the Members would like to change their plans for the October 21 Members Meeting.

Background:

On Wednesday, June 3, 2026 the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency provided all conservation authorities with an update on the amalgamation of conservation authorities. The Chair and General Manager attended the meeting, which was held online.

1. Transition Process and Timelines:
 - a) Appointment of Project Executive for each Regional Conservation Authority- July.
The OPCA will pay for the Project Executive in 2026. (There was no mention made of covering the costs of the Transition Committee members even though they are appointed by the OPCA.)
The Project Executive will become the new CAO for the Regional CA, costs may be recouped from the Regional Conservation Authority.
Transition Committees to be appointed by the OPCA.
They will include the GM/CAO and a Board member from each conservation authority.
The OPCA may select additional individuals to sit on the Transition Committee.
 - b) Transition Committees will start meeting after the completion of the playbook-summer?
 - c) Transition Committees will develop a transition plan that will be reviewed by the OPCA. The OPCA will provide comments and identify adjustments that need to be made to the Transition Plan.

- d) Statutory Amalgamation of Conservation Authorities effective February 1, 2027.
- e) Regional Conservation Authorities implement the transition plan in 2027.
- f) Each Transition Plan will have five workstreams: Human Resources, Governance, Finance, Digital, Programs & Services.

2. Governance Continuity:

- a) The role of Transition Committees is focused solely on preparing for amalgamation and does not include formal decision-making authority.
- b) Transition Committees are expected to collaborate closely with CA Boards through shared members, as well as with Project Executives, to ensure that the operational and business needs of each Conservation Authority are effectively captured and considered throughout the transition.

Status Quo Maintained for Governance

- a) The transition process does not introduce any interim changes to how CA Boards are structured or how they operate. Boards will continue to fulfill their existing governance, oversight, and decision-making responsibilities.
- b) The transition timeline accounts for the municipal election cycle. Elections on October 26, 2026, will result in new Councils taking office on or around November 15, 2026, which will inform future Board appointments.
Municipalities will need to appoint a member to the Conservation Authority for November and December 2026 and January 2027. Their term will end on January 31, 2027.
- c) To ensure stability and continuity of operations, current CA Boards will remain active until the anticipated establishment of Regional Conservation Authorities on February 1, 2027.
- d) There will be no disruption or turnover in Board membership during the transition period. Members currently appointed will continue serving until successor members are officially appointed under the new structure. Any changes in membership resulting from the election will be managed in the same way as they would in any election year.

3. 2027 Budget and Cost Apportionment:

- a) Approach: Existing Apportionment methodologies will remain unchanged for 2027. Lower Tier municipalities will continue to provide the cost apportionment to conservation authorities where it has not already been uploaded to the upper tier municipality.
 - b) Conservation Authorities are to approve their budget by December 31, 2026.
 - c) On February 1, 2027 the Regional Conservation Authority will adopt the combined budget of the existing conservation authorities in the Region.
4. The Clean Water Act and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program
- a) DWSP remains a core mandated program for conservation authorities
 - b) The Province will continue to provide \$7 million dollars per year to support this program.
 - c) The Province will need to realign the source protection boundaries to reflect the boundaries of the Regional Conservation Authorities.

Review of Plan for October 21, 2026 Members Meeting.

The OPCA is planning to ensure that there is no gap in governance from November 2026 to January 2027. Would the members like to change plans for the October 21st meeting?

The October 21st meeting will still be the last meeting of the existing Members.

Do we need to change the date for the November 18th meeting, as the new municipal councils won't be sworn in until mid November.

We could shift the meeting date to Wednesday, November 25th.

Recommendations:

To be developed at the meeting. Would the Members like to ask the OPCA to confirm that the costs of the Transition Committee be covered by the OPCA?

Would you like to change the plans for the October Members meeting?

Would the Members like to change the date of the November meeting?

Members Report #35-2026

To: Members, Maitland Conservation
From: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer
Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Renewal of Program and Services Agreement 2026-2030

Purpose:

To update the Members on the number of member municipalities who have signed the MOU to renew the Services and Programs Agreement with MVCA.

Background:

The Province requires all conservation authorities to have an agreement with its member municipalities for all non mandatory services (Watershed health, Watershed Stewardship).

MVCA developed an MOU that includes all service areas as we have staff who work in multiple service areas.

The list of programs and services was updated to reflect the cancellation of the Huron Clean Water Project at the end of 2026 and to reflect the closing of the Wawanosh Campground.

A letter from the Chair, draft agreement and list of programs and services was sent to all member municipalities. The letter included an offer to make a presentation to council if it was needed.

Status:

As of June 11th, eleven member municipalities have signed the agreement:
There are four municipalities who have not made a decision yet.

1. Township of Howick (presentation made on May 19th)
2. Town of Goderich (presentation to be made on June 17th)
3. Township of Mapleton
4. Municipality of Huron Kinloss (report going to council on June 15th)

Members Report #36-2026

To: Members, Maitland Conservation
From: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer
Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Timeline for Approving the 2027 Work Plan & Budget

Purpose:

To receive guidance on the timeline for approving the 2027 work plan and budget.

Background:

The Province requires all conservation authorities to have their 2027 work plan and budget approved by December 31, 2026.

Timeline Options:

1. Approve the 2027 Work Plan and Budget at the October 21, 2026 Members Meeting.

In order to meet this timeline staff will need to begin preparation of the 2027 work plan and budget in June.

Staff would bring a draft work plan and budget to the Members for review and comment at the September 16, 2026 meeting.

The draft work plan and budget needs to be circulated for a minimum of thirty days before it can be approved. We can meet this requirement as the October meeting is not until the 21st of the month.

Staff would include the cost apportionment target established by the Members when they approved the three-year work plan and budget forecast last October.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has promised to send out the cost apportionment table to all conservation authorities this summer.

The pros for following this timeline are that the existing members would still be in place and have the experience and background for making this decision.

Cons: Municipal councils will be in their “lame duck period” and may be reluctant to make a decision on whether they support the 2027 work plan and budget.

2. Approve the 2027 Work Plan and Budget at the December 16, 2026 meeting.

To meet this deadline the draft work plan and budget would have to be reviewed by the Members at the October 21st meeting as there is not 30 days between the November 18, 2026 meeting and the December 16th meeting.

The Members would have to approve the 2027 work plan and budget at the December 16th meeting.

Pros: This would provide staff with more time to prepare the 2027 work plan and budget.

Cons: This would mean that the 2027 draft work plan and budget would need to be dealt with by member municipalities in late November or early December.

New councillors and new members to MVCA may need additional orientation about MVCA and the work plan and budget.

Limited time for staff to orient new councils and new members.

Recommendation:

To be developed at the meeting.

Members Report #37-2026

To: Members, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
From: Patrick Huber-Kidby, Supervisor of Planning & Regulations
Date: June 5, 2026

Subject: Southern Lake Huron Adaptation – Sediment Bypass Project

Purpose:

To bring the members up to date on the progress of the sediment bypass project.

Background:

Maitland Conservation has completed the design of a Restoration Complex for the south-end of the Goderich waterfront. This work has been undertaken with support from the Town of Goderich, Municipality of Central Huron, and Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

We are also working with the following agencies the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks; First Nation rightsholders and experts from Three Fires and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

The Canada Water Agency and Natural Resources Canada are providing the majority of the funding for this project.;

The project is being designed by Zuzek Inc. DHI and SJL Engineering.

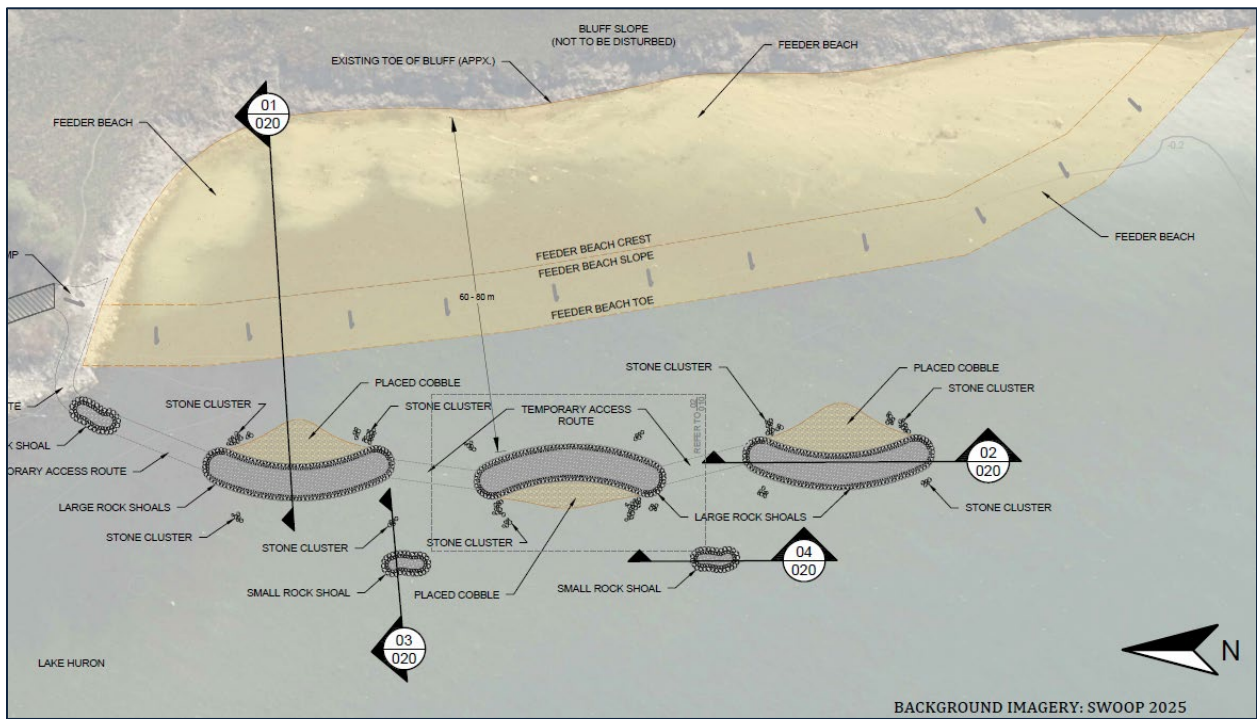
This project represents a tremendous step forward on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes, in looking at issues of sediment starvation, shoreline community vulnerability, ecological disruption, and climate change impacts in a comprehensive manner – recognizing none of these issues is isolated from the others. With the help of our partners, especially the First Nations experts and scientists to whom we are indebted, we have co-developed the Restoration Complex to aid in addressing, not just one, but all of these issues.

A letter, similar to this report, has been submitted to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Goderich for their review and endorsement of the next steps in this project. The next step entail agency permitting and sending out the project for tendering by contractors.

Staff have worked with our partners and consultants through several background studies including terrestrial and underwater archeology, fisheries assessments, review of water lots, and staging area terrestrial Species-at-Risk screening.



From three options for design of the restoration complex, we have progressed through dialogue, modelling, modification, and detailed engineering to arrive at the substantially complete design that staff would like to move into the permitting process with. The complete draft drawings set are attached, an overview is shown below:



We will continue to work with our partners directly, including the Town of Goderich, to move through agency review and permitting processes. The permits required include, Department of Fisheries and Oceans works-near-water request for review, Ministry of Natural Resources Public Lands permit, Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks terrestrial Species at Risk review, and a Navigable Waters Act (Transport Canada) minor works registration.

Upon receiving agency approvals MVCA will tender the project. The tenders will be brought before the Members at the July 15th meeting to award the contract to construct this project.

Members Report #38-2026

To: Members, MVCA
From: Jeff Winzenried, Supervisor of Flood Forecasting
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Supervisor of Planning & Regulations
Date: June 17, 2026
Subject: Updated Floodplain Mapping for the North Maitland River - Howson Dam Removal

Purpose:

To present the revised floodplain mapping for the North Maitland River in the vicinity of the former Howson Dam
To obtain the Members approval to use the updated mapping in administering MVCA regulations and natural hazard Planning responsibilities.

Background:

Floodplain mapping for the Town of Wingham was originally updated in 2019 by GeoProcess Research Associates Ltd. through funding provided under the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP).

In Fall 2024, MVCA successfully applied to the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP) to revise the flood hazard mapping in response to the planned removal of the Howson Dam. The municipalities of North Huron and Morris-Turnberry supported the application and recognized the importance of updating the mapping to reflect post-removal hydraulic conditions.

To ensure consistency with the 2019 study and maximize project efficiency, GeoProcess Research Associates Ltd. was retained to complete the required modelling and mapping revisions. The total cost to complete this project was \$17,000, funded through an \$8,500 federal contribution and municipal contributions of \$4,250 each from Morris-Turnberry and North Huron.

Results:

Revisions were limited to sections of the North Maitland River in the vicinity of the former Howson Dam. The updated modelling has shown that the dam removal generally reduces

both the extent of the floodplain, and more significantly the 'floodway' portion of the regulated hazard. The revised mapping can be viewed through the following link:

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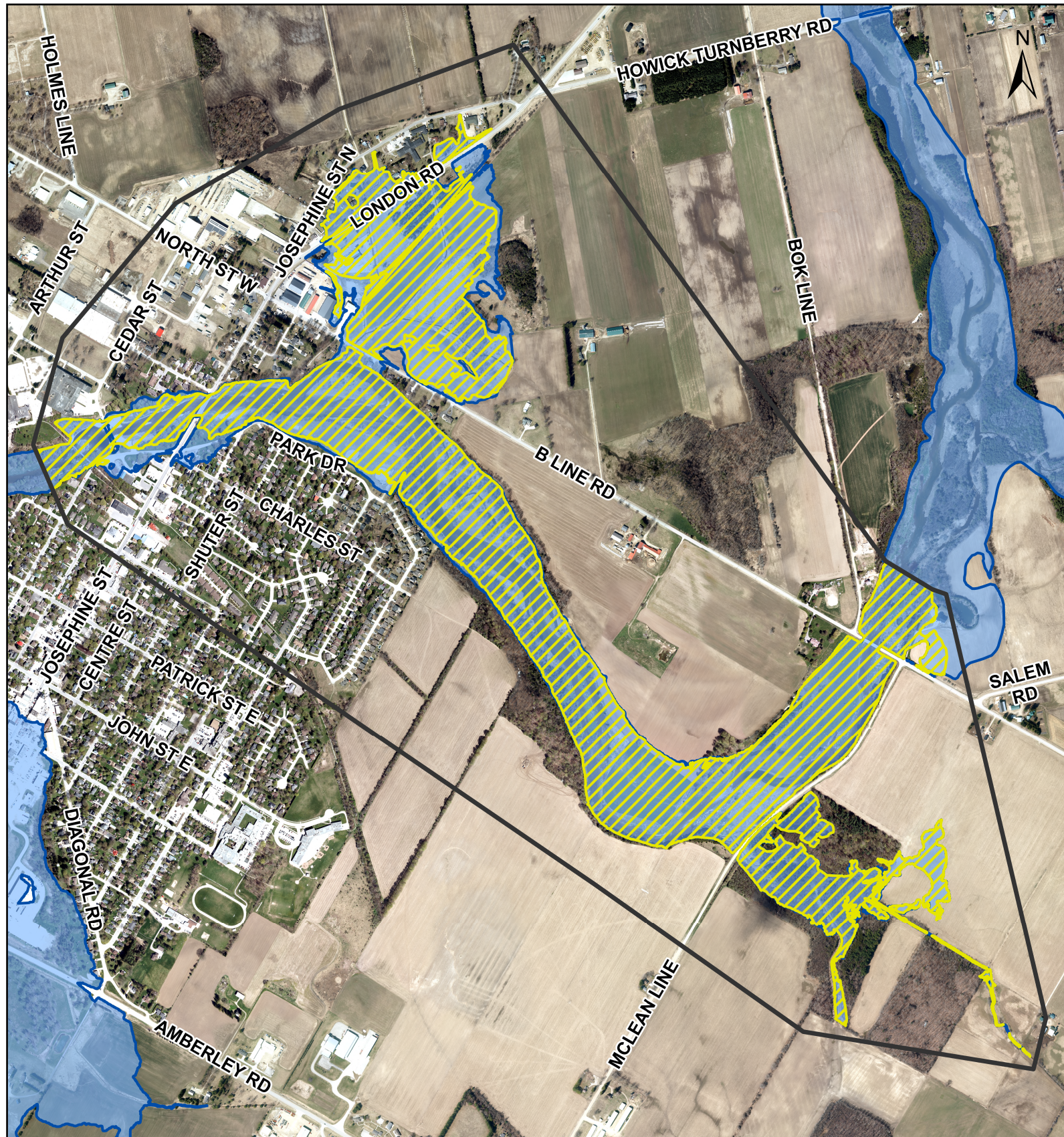
MVCA staff are satisfied that the revised mapping accurately reflects current flood hazard conditions. In accordance with FHIMP funding requirements, the study and supporting technical documentation underwent technical review by representatives from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The final study, including modelling and mapping products have been approved by ECCC.

Public Notification:

The draft mapping was made available for public review online and affected landowners were notified by mail. A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on May 7, 2026. A total of 6 landowners attended the PIC. No significant comments or concerns were received.

Recommendation:

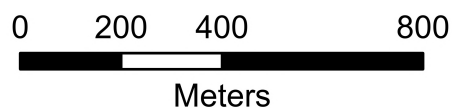
THAT the updated Wingham Floodplain Mapping be approved.



Legend

-  Updated Flood Hazard (Draft)
-  Existing Flood Hazard
-  Flood Hazard Study Area

Wingham Flood Hazard Mapping Update



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Members Report #39-2026

To: Members, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
From: Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Date: June 9th, 2026

Subject: Turnberry Floodplain C.A – Memorial Gates

Purpose:

To provide Members with the rationale for the need to remove Memorial gates at the Turnberry Floodplain Conservation Area.

Background:

The Memorial Gates at the Turnberry Floodplain CA located at 29 Helena Street in Lowertown Wingham have been damaged.

The Memorial Gates were originally constructed on this property in 1928 when it was the Turnberry Agricultural Park. The gates were constructed by a committee of Turnberry councillors, the Agricultural Society and the Womens Institute in honour of the fallen soldiers of Turnberry township.

The damages appear to have been created from a larger vehicle or equipment that struck the top of the entrance gates as shown in the below picture. This damage bent the top steel sign and cracked the top 1/3 of the left pillar.



The structure has been in a state of deterioration for some time. The Municipality of Morris-Turnberry has been in discussions to look at options for this structure including minor repairs and repointing, major repairs including full replacement, and removal with the potential for an alternative monument.

On December 17th, 2024 the Municipality decided to not undertake any repairs at that time as outlined in the attached report.

MVCA staff have inspected the structure and discussed the damages and condition with Municipal staff at Morris-Turnberry. Due to the current condition, it was determined that removal of the entire structure is required.



Due to the history of the structure and previous interest in the historical and community aspect of these structures, Maitland Conservation staff have been working with staff at Morris-Turnberry on a suitable removal plan.

To date, we have recommended that the steel components of the structure be retained and that the exterior stone works also be kept for possible re-use in case there is any interest in reconstructing the pillars in the future.

Recommendation:

THAT the Memorial gate structure be removed as outlined in report 39-2026.

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: December 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Turnberry Conservation Area Memorial Gate Repair Update

RECOMMENDATION

That Council take no action to repair or replace the memorial gates at the Turnberry Conservation Area.

COMMENTS

The June 18th report to Council on this subject is included with this report for reference and context.

As the Municipality embarks on its 2025 budget process, staff recommend revisiting the potential repair or replacement of the memorial gates at the Turnberry Conservation Area.

As outlined in the June report, there are multiple options available to Council regarding the repairs needed and their future preservation.

While the exact location of the gates in relation to property lines is uncertain, it should be made clear that they are constructed for and associated with the property owned by the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, and if any part of the structure is located on the municipal right of way, it should be regarded as an encroachment, not an implication of ownership or responsibility for their care and maintenance. That being said, the current owner, the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, is willing to allow the municipality to conduct work on the gates but are not in a position to contribute financially.

In summary, the options available include but are not necessarily limited to:

1 – Do nothing.

While the location of the gates is uncertain, they are not considered a municipal asset and are not the responsibility of the Municipality. Any action taken to remediate the condition of the gates should be done by the landowner.

2 – Undertake a Request for Quotations for the repair of the gates.

The scope of the work could be from the minimum amount of remediation (repointing etc) to slow the deterioration of the gates, to the refurbishment of all stone and metal work. However, the condition of the foundations is unknown but expected to be poor, and a repair that does not address the foundations is inadvisable.

3 – Undertake a Request for Quotations for the restoration or replacement of the gates.

The scope of work could include the deconstruction of the gates, repair or replacement of foundations, and reconstruction and restoration that is sympathetic to or maintains the original design. This option could also include the removal of the gates and their replacement with gates constructed of new materials.

4 – Remove the gates.

The gates could be removed, and the site reverted to natural landscaping.

5 – Remove the gates and construct an alternate memorial.

The gates could be removed, and a plaque, memorial cairn, or other similar structure could be erected to provide a replacement that maintains the memorial function of the original gates.

At the direction of Council, staff conducted an informal request for quotation process to develop a potential price range for the project. Two quotes were received, with the scope of work ranging from repointing and basic masonry repair in for approximately \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00, to the restoration of the gates, including dismantling, cataloging the stones and reconstructing using the original stones in their original locations, for approximately \$20,000.00. If Council chooses to move forward, new quotes would have to be requested, and some increase due to inflation should be expected. It should be noted that neither quote included work on the foundations, which would add additional cost to the project.

Following the initial discussion at the Council table, correspondence was received from the Huron County Historical Society, strongly encouraging the restoration of the gates (attached). Two members of Council have also noted to staff that community members have expressed their support for the restoration of the gates.

Given the apparent community support, Council may wish to explore the opportunity for the community to contribute financially to the preservation or restoration of the gates through fundraising efforts.

While staff is sympathetic to and understand the historical importance of the gates, it is the prudence of the financial outlay required to repair or place something that is not in the care of the municipality that is cause for pause. For this reason, staff recommend option 1 – do nothing.

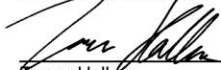
If pressed to provide a recommendation to undertake some kind of action, staff would recommend option 5, the removal of the gates and replacement with an alternative monument, pending financial support from the community, as this has the potential to be the next best option financially for the Municipality.

ATTACHMENTS

1. June 18th report to Council
2. Correspondence – Huron County Historical Society

OTHERS CONSULTED

Respectfully submitted,


Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk

Members Report #40A-2026

Work Plan Progress Report: - January to June 2026

Corporate Services

Component	Work Plan Activities	Progress
Governance and Leadership	Government Relations Maitland Conservation Foundation a) Healthy Watersheds, People & Wildlife	• Presentation made to ACW Council re: Amalgamation of Conservation Authorities • Discussed interest in raising funds to support Watershed Science and Watershed Stewardship. The MCF Board supports these priorities. • Tour organized at Scott/Walker Properties for students in Ecosystem Approaches to Health Course and staff from Huron Perth Public Health

Financial Management	Reporting	• All accounts for payments, receipts and payroll processes are in order. Bank reconciliations, accounting transactions and financial activities have been balanced and recorded up to May 31st. • All mandatory employer related accounts are in order with the CRA. • HST reconciling up to and including April have been remitted. • Incentive payments to landowners for stewardship project activities are underway. • The 2025 year-end report was presented to the members at the January meeting and was approved. • The annual audit to reconcile 2025 was facilitated by staff and completed by Seebach and Company and presented to the members at the March meeting and approved. • The request documents and application were submitted to the insurance company, and the renewal process has been completed. • MNRF Section 39 year- end report for the 2025-2026 fiscal period was submitted to finalize the agreement terms. • The annual statistical survey, finance portion for Conservation Ontario has been submitted. • MVCA is often selected for mandatory participation for the Stats Canada Job Vacancy Wage Survey. MVCA completed one for the month of May.
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	Budgeting	• The 2025 charity return has been completed and submitted. • The approved changes have been applied to the fee schedule and have been posted. • Revenue and expenditure reports have been submitted to the board for all months, including May that including in the June meeting package.
	Financial Document Management	• The 2026 budget was presented at the March meeting and was approved. • A budget update report for the January to May period is complete with a separate detailed outline to this report.
	Inventory and Asset Management	• All financial documents are in order following the document management and retention procedures. Financial files due for purging have been selected. • Higher volume of electronic document processing and storing practices continue when possible and within the scope of workflow needs.
	Reporting and Employee Record Management	• Asset changes, acquisitions and disposals have been recorded up to May 15th. A final review analysis of all asset data was completed in February to ensure all asset, contents and infrastructure items and needs are documented appropriately.

Human Resource Administration		• T4 documents were processed and filed in February. • Source remittances from employee and employer deductions for income tax, CPP, EI, WSIB, and EHT have been filed up to and including May • The OMERS pension plan annual reconciliation was completed in February. All monthly remitting and reporting requirements have been processed up to and including May. • The SunLife group benefit plan administrative requirements have been met up to and including June. • Personnel record updates have been applied for new hires, 1 seasonal position pending. • ROEs have been issued for leaves and separations have been remitted to Service Canada. • Member updates for governance and leadership human resource purposes have been applied. • Member Q1 per diems have been recorded and processed, Q2 will occur after the June meeting.
Communications	Marketing and promotion	• Print, social media and radio advertising undertaken for tree programs, FRCA events and camping, stewardship workshops and employment opportunities

	75th Anniversary AODA	• Participation at community events including Outdoors Life Show in Clifford, Minto Safety Day, EarlyOn event in Listowel, FRCA Family Day and fishing derby, school environmental celebrations in Listowel and Gorrie • Planning and display development underway for the IPM in Walkerton. MVCA is leading the CA display with support from the SVCA and GSCA. A volunteer design team is also assisting. • Social media anniversary messages are underway; posts are generally done biweekly. • Riverfest participants have been confirmed for the Aug. 30th event. Amber Leis, Communications Assistant, is working on event details and safety planning. • Approx. 200 entries have been received to date for the 75-minute hiking (and paddling) challenge. A media/advertising push is scheduled for the week of June 22nd. Entries can be made on-line or by email and phone. • Several volunteers have started collecting photos, videos and sound clips for the Love Your Maitland interactive map. Watershed residents will also be invited to send in their favourite images over the summer. • The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility has indicated that we are required to submit an accessibility compliance report in 2026. Staff have reviewed our compliance status and the
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		report is underway. Once submitted it will be posted on the MVCA website.
IT and GIS	Computer hardware and software replacement and upgrades GIS Support to Service Areas	• VPN updates currently underway to improve security for remote server access. • Testing of recovery protocols for the new backup server at FRCA completed. • Finalized the Forest Health Study Story Map. • GIS support for the Wingham floodplain mapping update and PIC. • Converted from concurrent licenses to named user licenses for ESRI ArcGIS. • Laura Hopkins started a new position as Water Resources Specialist at MVCA on May 1st. The job posting for GIS Specialist closed on June 3rd and applications are currently being reviewed.

DWSP and Maitland Source Protection Authority

Component	Work Plan Activities	Progress
Governance and Leadership	Source Protection Committee (SPC) Source Protection Authority (SPA) Joint Management Committee (JMC)	• SPC met in March. Key agenda item was Annual Progress Report on SPP implementation and changes to the Clean Water Act • MV SPA met in April to receive DWSP program update and review DWSP Annual Progress Report for submission to MECP
Implementation	Planning and Development	• Planning staff include DWSP in application reviews. They advise the DWSP Program

		Supervisor if the applicant is located in a wellhead protection area.
Implementation	Education and Outreach	• Ongoing communication support for DWSP program
Implementation	Review Assessment Reports & Source Protection Plan (SPP)	• No updates to the Maitland Source Protection Plan (SPP) have been initiated in 2026 to date • Anticipate SPP update in late 2026-27 to incorporate two new municipal wells in Minto

Conservation Areas

Component	Work Plan Activities	Progress
Management and Development	Administration Office Upgrades Conservation Areas Operations	• Contractor has completed siding replacement on southwest side of building. • AODA parking space created and signage installed. • Authority owned dams installed mid-May. Railings were repaired at Brussels dam with minor cement repairs completed at Bluevale Dam. Several large trees and debris removed from Brussels dam after spring flooding. • Contractor has been selected after issuing an RFP for a new pavilion at Wawanosh Valley. Construction expected to begin late June. • Inspections completed following scheduled requirements. Trail repairs completed at Naftels Creek CA along with hazard tree removals at Wawanosh, Naftels, Gorrie and Brussels CA

	Wawanosh Park Forestry Management	• New barrier posts installed at Gorrie CA and the Kiosk has been repaired and re-installed • Property identification signs constructed for Brussels, Ethel and Sharpes Creek C.As. • Brussels CA improvements completed including repairs to the Pavilion, replacement access bridge constructed, and shrub gardens replanted. • Security cameras installed and staff have begun removing surplus infrastructure. Equipment has been sold on the Govdeals website. Stewardship staff planted largestock trees in open areas to begin restoration of previous campground operations. • A total of 270 largestock trees planted at Naftels Creek, Wawanosh Valley, George Taylor, Brussels and Gorrie CA's to increase diversity and improve forest health. • Approximately 3500 tree seedlings planted at Saratoga Swamp to fill in previous marginal farmland restoration sites.
Falls Reserve Conservation Area	Campground Operations	• Family Fun Fest special event held on February 15th. Event provided snowshoeing, campfires, bbq, and childrens activities. • Campground opened on April 17th. Campground bookings are slightly higher than previous year with another busy season expected. • Summer students hired and trained for several positions throughout the season. • Backup generator and new panel installed to supply the workshop and gatehouse buildings.

		• 2 overhead doors replaced on the maintenance building. • Roadway line painting completed to improve vehicle flow and to provide pedestrian crossings. Signage installed at crossings to improve public safety. • Outside fuel storage tank installed at workshop location to replace jerry cans. • Cedar campground improvements completed including site post replacement, tree trimming and fire pit replacement and repairs. • Maple washroom improvements underway with new truss core wall panels installed.
Motor Pool	Carbon Sequestration Program Operations	• 250 tree seedlings planted at Falls Reserve CA and Saratoga swamp. • Inspections, safeties, and repairs completed as required

Flood and Erosion Safety Services

Component	Work Plan Activities	Progress
Preparedness	Administration of Development, Interference / Alteration Regulation & Land Use Planning Support/Drainage Act Support	• To date MVCA has issued 48 permits and 4 technical clearances, all within the mandatory permit review timelines. We have also reviewed 10 zoning by-law amendments, 4 minor variances, and 11 consent (severance) applications; we have also fielded 9 complaints, 19 solicitor report inquiries, and 16 buyer's reports – we have also fielded 44 additional inquiries where development could be directed outside of hazardous lands. MVCA also continues to support our drainage

Shoreline Adaptation Strategies – Climate resilient Coastal Communities & Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative

superintendents in the absence of the formalized DART protocol

- Sediment Bypass Strategy Taskforce
 - Background studies have been completed including underwater and terrestrial archeology, fisheries assessment, species-at-risk review, and sediment material testing
 - Drafts of the detailed engineering have been completed for the restoration complex
 - Request for pre-qualification of potential contractors has been undertaken, and we are generally on track to pursue permitting and construction tendering activities this year
- Relocation Manual & Policy Taskforce
 - Taskforce officially convened this winter, and has meet twice
 - Policy inventory is underway, and the *South Huron Coastal Resilience Case Analysis* report (with Wilfred Laurier University) is in draft undergoing second revisions)
 - MVCA has been approached about additional work on the Climate Risk Institute CoastAdapt project
- EA process underway (led by Minto)

	Minto flood damage remediation strategies FHIMP Funding (Lucknow & Wingham Flood Plain Mapping Update)	- Wingham (Howson Dam revisions): Floodplain mapping completed. PIC was held May 7th. Final mapping to be presented to the Board at June meeting for adoption and use in regulations. - Lucknow: Hydrology modelling and draft floodplain mapping completed. Next steps include review with Huron-Kinloss and planning/notification for PIC.
Monitoring	Maintenance of rain gauges and stream gauging stations 24 hr day/7 days a week – monitoring of weather and gauge data. Quality control and storage of all collected data. Operation of models as required. MNR Snow Survey Program: HPMN Telemetry Replacement	- Station maintenance and repairs ongoing - Scheduled bi-weekly snow surveys completed - Began trial of new telemetry equipment at MFS station. Reliability and integration with the flood forecasting system are being evaluated. Existing 3G telemetry equipment is scheduled to sunset in March 2027.
Response	Provide watch and warning messages to municipalities during flood and erosion emergencies	12 statements have been issued to date in 2026. - During the March freshet flood event, 7 flood statements, including 3 flood warnings were issued. Impacts were watershed-wide with numerous road closures. Lucknow and Boyle Drain areas experienced the most significant flooding. All staff utilized to support data

	Watershed Hydrology Model for Flood Forecasting	collection, flood documentation & municipal communications. • RFP issued for development of a watershed-wide hydrology model
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Watershed Stewardship Services

Component	Work Plan Activities	Progress
Extension Services: Restoration	Tree/Shrub Sale & Pick up Tree/Shrub Planting Wetland Construction	• Tree pickup held May 5th to 9th • 196 customers • 7,155 large stock trees and shrubs • 12,076 seedlings • Survival assessments completed • School planting event at wetland constructed win 2025. Twenty students from Elma Township Public School attended. • 2026 MVCA tree planting service: ○ 46 projects completed through MVCA planting service ○ 9,382 seedlings ○ 4,597 large stock • Backlog of 50+ tree planting site visits to start coordinating in June • 4 wetland projects initiated, 2 tendered and ready to start construction
Extension Services:	Rural Stormwater Management	• 2 erosion-control projects initiated for construction later this year

Soil and Water Conservation Services	Cover Crops	• 79 Spring cover crop residue site checks for HCWP and MECP North Shore • 50 farmers participated • 5200 acres passed and funded
Extension Services: Watershed Stewardship Programs	Huron Clean Water Project	• HCWP will be finished at end of 2026, but reserve funds available this year for paired down grant categories • 92 projects initiated for paired down HCWP categories • Strong interest and support from landowners to participate with remaining funds • All outstanding HCWP projects to be wrapped up by Dec 2026; increased admin workload expected
	Wellington Rural Water Quality Program	• 1 manure storage project and 1 well upgrade project initiated
	Healthy Watersheds Programming	• MVCA stewardship had booths at Mid-western Ag Expo in Clinton and London Farm Show • New MECP COA agreement signed for 3-year funding support in Northshore watersheds • MVCA held 2 rural landowner workshops in Mitchell and Lucknow to promote tree planting and wetland projects • MVCA presented at the Huron-Perth Ontario Woodlot Association spring tour to promote tree planting projects • MVCA presented at the Farm Grant Bootcamp in North Perth to promote stewardship projects
Monitoring and Reporting	Long-Term Monitoring	• All PGMN wells have been checked and winter data downloaded • PWQMN stations are being sampled monthly

Watershed Health Assessment	Aquatic Health Assessment	• Aquatic prepared and planned program for aquatic assessment electrofishing in 2026. Data collection begins June 15. • Entered and QA/QC data from 2025 (riparian terrestrial). • Training completed (advanced fish identification/ OBBN certification).
	Forest Health Assessment	• Forest Health Science Advisory Committee formed with TOR. Set science priorities based on assessment data and need. • State of forest health conveying findings for action: Storyboard completed for publication on website. Presented to secondary school teachers of the AMDSB on how to monitor forests as part of science. • Forest conservation science to action: in depth tour using Naftel's with Huron Perth Master Gardeners. Knowledge and action transfer - the need to cultivate forest plants within in dedicated settings. • Forest health pest monitoring: Wooly Adelgid.

Members Report #40B-2026

To: The Members of Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)
From: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer;
Danielle Livingston, Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator
Date: June 5, 2026
Subject: Budget Update Report for the January 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 period

Purpose:

To outline the year-to-date status of the budget and explain any variances for the period of the reporting period.

Background:

Maitland Conservation has received all but one partial levy payment from our member municipalities. The outstanding balance is the final installment due from Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh of \$152,928. It will be provided later in the year.

For the April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 period, MVCA received \$36,424 for the Section 39 grant from The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), provided by The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP). Year start budgets have not been requested by the Ministry for the 2026-2027 period.

Drinking Water Source Water Protection funding from the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) is continuing to flow from the lead authority for the April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 fiscal period. It is expected that the MVCA will be allotted \$22,974, the portion that was budgeted.

The Maitland Conservation Foundation (MCF) and the John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund (JHETF) are planning to forward combined funds, totalling \$192,036 in 2026.

All other revenues included in the approved budget are expected to be received.

Cash and Investment Status Report

The MVCA holds an investment savings account with CIBC Private Wealth Wood Gundy Group. This chart summarizes the year-to-date activity up to May 31, 2026.

Balance	Account	Interest Received in Fiscal Period	Rate	Maturity Date
\$383,100	GIC	\$0 Interest Allocated Jun 24/26	4.53-4.56%	2027
\$3,005,751	Chequing/Saving	\$14,936	2.75%	Reviewed annually

Summary: ,005,751

The summary of expenditures along with explanation of any variances are outlined in the tables below.

Operating Budget Summary up to May 31, 2026	Budgeted Expenditure	Expenditure to Date	Comments
Administration	\$397,021	\$156,141	On track
Financial Management	\$158,522	\$80,230	On track
Governance	\$18,020	\$4,300	On track
Service Area Support	\$62,291	\$26,278	On track
Communications and IT	\$304,787	\$104,025	On track
Source Water Protection	\$22,975	\$7,208	On track
Flood Control Structures	\$3,210	\$379	On track
Erosion Control Structures	\$1,670	\$186	On track
Flood Forecasting and Warning	\$313,644	\$97,193	On track
Hazard Prevention	\$25,546	\$5,037	Majority of plan input activities expected to occur later in year
Natural Hazard Information	\$71,789	\$23,641	On track
Regulations	\$340,051	\$142,294	On track
Watershed Health Assessment Reporting	\$138,291	\$50,354	On track

Watershed Monitoring and Reporting	\$105,235	\$41,027	On track.
Extension Services	\$225,473	\$74,449	On track, more staffing will be allocated here after spring tree sale.
Forestry Services	\$189,099	\$54,281	On track, Spring invoices from nurseries being processed in June.
Falls Reserve Conservation Area	\$765,944	\$251,894	On track
Wawanosh Park Conservation Area	\$38,043	\$5,112	On track, project work to start later in year.
Management, Development and Operations	\$350,032	\$139,609	On track
Motor Pool	\$26,050	\$11,226	On track
Total	\$3,557,745	\$1,274,866	

Projects Budget Summary up to May 31, 2026	Budgeted Expenditure	Expenditure to Date	Comments
Administration	\$57,200	\$6,050	Project work beginning later in year.
GIS-IT Management-Communication	\$54,500	\$7,693	Purchase of new computers and software will take place later in the year.
Flood Monitoring Network/Hydrology Model	\$174,799	\$0	Issued RFP for hydrology model, project to begin in July. Flood network repair and maintenance work and Listowel conduit work to take place later in year.
Lucknow Floodplain Mapping	\$17,906	\$37,180	Remaining expenses expected later in year.
CWA Natural Hazard Outreach	\$40,000	\$93,061	Expenses ongoing; covered under future requests-for-payment
Coastal Resiliency Strategy NRCAN	\$43,380	\$45,280	Expenses ongoing; covered under future requests-for-payment
Garvey-Glenn Coordination	\$127,500	\$49,932	Cover crops incentives and staff time allocated to date. Tree and wetland expenses still to come throughout the year.
Middle Maitland Headwaters Restoration	\$95,230	\$3,681	Spring projects still pending invoices from contractors and nurseries. Wetland construction in summer will raise expenditures.
Wellington County Water Program	\$5,830	\$0	There have been no grant applications for Wellington County in the period being reported.
Huron Clean Water Program	\$500,000	\$135,037	On track

Carbon Footprint Initiative	\$2,907	\$0	No expenses incurred yet.
Watershed Health	\$60,240	\$6,802	Expenses will increase next quarter as field season begins
Watershed Stewardship Projects	\$4,786	\$0	Pending contractor invoices from spring. On track to spend and close account by December.
OMAFRA COA	\$24,545	\$0	Carry over funding, expected to finalize later in year.
RALP	\$701,215	\$66,739	Invoices from contractors and nurseries still pending. On track to spend all funding allocation by end of fiscal year.
Forestry Management	\$11,000	\$0	Project to occur this fall.
MVCA Carbon Offset	\$700	\$0	Project complete, expenses to be allocated late June.
Conservation Areas Projects	\$167,100	\$1,786	On track, pavilion expenses expected by August.
Total	\$2,088,837	\$452,959	

Recommendation:

THAT the budget update outlined in Report #40-2026 be accepted as presented.

Member's Report #41-2026

To: Member's, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
From Danielle Livingston, Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator
Date: June 5, 2026

Subject Corporate Services - Accounts Paid and Received for:
May 2026

Recommendation

That the financial report be accepted as presented for the month of May 2026 ;
and that accounts outlined in the appendix to this report be approved.

Financial Summary Report Ending May 2026	
Revenue Invoiced	\$289,017.17
Accounts Paid	\$320,525.47

Financial Status at Month Ending May 2026	
Bank Loans Outstanding	\$0.00
Bank Balance at Month End	\$3,388,851.51
Total	\$3,388,851.51

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Accounts Receivable as of May 31, 2026

Operating Budget Revenue

Corporate

Corporate Services sale office support/rent office equipment	\$	1,576.50
Drinking Water Source Protection rent/overhead	\$	240.00
bank interest	\$	5,754.69
Huron Clean Water Project administration	\$	497.41
	\$	<u>8,068.60</u>
Source Water Protection ABCA funding	\$	1,187.59
	\$	<u>1,187.59</u>
Communications sales and donations	\$	22.65
	\$	<u>22.65</u>

Total Corporate Services \$ 9,278.84

Flood Safety

Planning/Regulations planning application fees	\$	3,635.00
solicitor inquiries	\$	665.00
CWMS/watercourse regulations	\$	600.00
regulation applications	\$	995.00
	\$	<u>5,895.00</u>

Total Flood Safety Services \$ 5,895.00

Watershed Stewardship

Forestry seedling planting plan fee	\$	900.00
large stock user fee	\$	130,961.85
seedling user fee	\$	27,002.20
user sales admin fee	\$	3,600.18
	\$	<u>162,464.23</u>

Total Watershed Stewardship Services \$ 162,464.23

Conservation Areas

FRCA camping and park admission	\$	83,424.11
concession sales		2430.05
donations	\$	500.00
	\$	<u>86,354.16</u>

MDO property revenue refund	-\$	73.50
	-\$	<u>73.50</u>

Motor Pool revenue	\$	<u>5,643.79</u>
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Total Conservation Areas Operations **\$ 91,924.45**

Total Operating Budget Revenue **\$ 269,562.52**

Projects Budget Revenue

Watershed Stewardship

Watershed Health CSJ funding test	\$ 5.00
	\$ 5.00

Middle Maitland donations	\$ 95.50
	\$ 95.50

Huron County Clean Water funding	\$ 19,354.15
	\$ 19,354.15

Total Watershed Stewardship Projects **\$ 19,454.65**

Total Project Budget Revenue **\$ 19,454.65**

Total Operating and Project Revenues **\$ 289,017.17**

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Expense Reports
As of May 31, 2026

Date	Num	Name	Amount
05-04-2026	EFTMay2026	Sun Life Financial	-7,390.10
05-08-2026	25861	D & I Wattam Construction Ltd.	-226.00
05-08-2026	25862	Timm Enterprises Limited	-976.03
05-08-2026	25863	Bell Mobility Inc. 500181172	-953.42
05-08-2026	25864	Horton's Dairy	-437.65
05-08-2026	25865	Rammeloo Farms	-2,250.00
05-08-2026	25866	Shawn Willits	-1,935.00
05-08-2026	25867	Jerry Zwep	-1,100.00
05-08-2026	25868	LeeAnn & Mark Willits	-1,192.50
05-08-2026	25869	Huron Transmission & Auto Repair	-265.54
05-08-2026	25870	P. E. Inglis Holdings Inc.	-395.50
05-08-2026	25871	Watson's Home Hardware - Goderich	-384.54
05-08-2026	25872	Preston's Principled Electric Ltd.	-27,504.28
05-08-2026	25873	Albright Trucking Inc.	-1,666.75
05-08-2026	25874	Receiver General	-10,842.57
05-08-2026	01775	Adam Youngblut	-42.92
05-08-2026	01776	Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority	-3,000.00
05-08-2026	01777	Blyth Printing Incorporated	-157.97
05-08-2026	01778	Curt's Coolers Inc	-2,712.00
05-08-2026	01779	Erin Gouthro	-301.59
05-08-2026	01780	F.S. Partners	-50.29
05-08-2026	01781	Fastenal Canada, LTD	-448.32
05-08-2026	01782	Foxton Fuels Limited	-462.07
05-08-2026	01783	GRIT Engineering Inc.	-2,888.35
05-08-2026	01784	Jayne Thompson	-309.00
05-08-2026	01785	Lei's Lumber Company Ltd	-781.34
05-08-2026	01786	MicroAge BASICS	-190.19
05-08-2026	01787	Mid Western Newspapers	-216.96
05-08-2026	01788	Sepoy Trade Solutions	-948.98
05-08-2026	01789	Somerville Nurseries Inc.	-4,571.42
05-08-2026	01790	Watson's Home Hardware	-850.80
05-08-2026	01791	Westario Power Inc.	-118.07
05-08-2026	01792	Xerox Canada Ltd.	-112.84
05-08-2026	01793	Yellow Pages	-131.08
05-15-2026		Payroll	-61,211.55
05-22-2026	25875	Pullen Farm c/o Florence Pullen	-525.00
05-22-2026	25876	Michael's Stabling Developments Inc.	-4,881.60

05-22-2026	25877	Wightman Telecom Ltd.	-1,322.35
05-22-2026	25878	CIBC Visa Centre	-5,072.79
05-22-2026	25879	Lakeside Radio Broadcasting Corp	-169.50
05-22-2026	25880	Horton's Dairy	-347.65
05-22-2026	01794	Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority	-9,749.50
05-22-2026	01795	Avenir Energy Ltd.	-145.25
05-22-2026	01796	Brandt Security	-22.60
05-22-2026	01797	Bureau Veritas Canada Inc.	-101.47
05-22-2026	01798	Huron Tractor Ltd.	-298.83
05-22-2026	01799	iA Financial Group	-900.61
05-22-2026	01800	Jayne Thompson	-376.46
05-22-2026	01801	Jeff Winzenried	-162.63
05-22-2026	01802	Laura Hopkins	-200.00
05-22-2026	01803	Mathew Shetler	-50.00
05-22-2026	01804	McDougall Energy Inc.	-1,901.23
05-22-2026	01805	North Huron Publishing Company Inc.	-295.94
05-22-2026	01806	Pagonis Live Bait	-90.40
05-22-2026	01807	Robert's Farm Equipment	-413.35
05-22-2026	01808	Tatham Engineering Limited	-2,762.06
05-22-2026	01809	Telizon Inc.	-1.48
05-22-2026	01810	W.D. Hopper & Sons Ltd.	-1,009.88
05-22-2026	01811	Westario Power Inc.	-69.42
05-22-2026	01812	Yellow Pages	-19.62
05-31-2026		Payroll	-58,702.63
05-31-2026	EFTMay2026	Minister of Finance	-3,544.79
05-31-2026	EFTMay2026	Workplace Safety & Insurance Board	-5,726.26
05-31-2026	EFTMay2026	OMERS	-28,101.94
05-31-2026	25881	Receiver General	-56,534.61
		Total	-320,525.47

Members Report # 42-2026

To: Members, MVCA
From: Patrick Huber Kidby
Date: June 11,, 2026

Subject: Agreements Signed-County of Bruce Planning Agreement

Purpose:

To outline recent agreements signed with other agencies.

County of Bruce-Plan Review and Input Agreement.

Maitland Conservation has renewed a 5-year agreement to provide land use planning support for natural hazard plan review and input services to the County of Bruce. The agreement updates the fee schedule for providing these services to the County of Bruce.

Recommendation:

THAT Report#42-2026 be approved as outlined.

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

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May 20, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 19, 2026, the following resolution regarding the proposed consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities and the future of funding for regional Conservation Authorities was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

RESOLUTION: 99-2026

DATE: May 19, 2026

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Freiburger

SECONDED BY: Councillor Zinn

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced its intention to consolidate Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into 9 large regional entities;

AND WHEREAS this Council, municipalities, and Conservation Authorities across Ontario have expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed consolidation, including the absence of a demonstrated business case and a lack of evidence that consolidation will improve service delivery, efficiency, or environmental outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities in Ontario were established on a watershed basis to provide locally informed, science-based management of natural resources, flooding, and erosion hazards;

AND WHEREAS the proposed consolidation will combine watersheds with significantly different characteristics, land uses, and environmental pressures into large regional entities, undermining the effectiveness of watershed-based decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities play a critical role in protecting public safety through the regulation of development in areas prone to flooding and erosion, and weakening locally informed decision-making will increase risks to life and property;

AND WHEREAS the proposed governance model will reduce local municipal representation and diminish the voice of rural municipalities in decisions affecting their communities and watersheds;

AND WHEREAS there is broad concern among municipalities that the proposed changes do not reflect local priorities, knowledge, or the established partnership model between municipalities and the Province;

AND WHEREAS municipalities fund the majority of Conservation Authority operations, with provincial contributions generally representing only a small percentage ranging from approximately 2 to 8 percent, and therefore municipalities have a direct and substantial interest in the governance, structure, effectiveness, and long-term sustainability of the watershed-based Conservation Authority system;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is advancing significant structural changes to the Conservation Authority system unilaterally, despite its limited contribution to Conservation Authority operational funding and without meaningful consultation or support from the municipalities that bear primary responsibility for funding these essential local services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry strongly opposes the consolidation of Conservation Authorities in Ontario; and,

THAT Council affirms that locally governed, watershed-based Conservation Authorities remain the most effective model for protecting natural resources, managing natural hazards, and supporting safe, sustainable development in Ontario; and,

THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to immediately halt the proposed consolidation process and recommit to strengthening the existing watershed-based Conservation Authority system, including through the provision of appropriate provincial funding, enhanced municipal collaboration and support, and improved communication and coordination among Conservation Authorities to advance more efficient permitting and greater standardization of systems and processes; and,

THAT if the Province proceeds with the consolidation without addressing the concerns of municipalities, Council will direct staff to review all available options with respect to the potential withholding or reallocation of municipal funding to any restructured regional Conservation Authority model; and,

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, the Honourable Lisa Thompson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, Member of Parliament Ben Lobb, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED.

Thank you,



Trevor Hallam
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

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Divisional Support Branch
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June 5, 2026

Phil Beard
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
1093 Marietta Street
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Subject: 2026–27 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program

Dear Mr. Beard:

Thank you for applying to the 2026–27 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Funding Program

This year, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the WECI Committee received and reviewed 137 applications from 25 conservation authorities. A total of 83 projects will be funded through the \$5 million MNR grant allocation.

All submitted projects were carefully reviewed to confirm eligibility and were then scored and ranked relative to the full application pool. This was a highly competitive intake, with total requested funding significantly exceeding the available budget

Given this high level of demand, the Committee sought to distribute funding in a manner that would support as many high-priority projects as possible across participating conservation authorities. To achieve this, adjustments were made to eligible project cost limits. Specifically, safety projects were capped at a total eligible project cost of \$60,000, while large, individual projects were capped at \$1,000,000 in eligible costs.

These measures were necessary to ensure that available funding could be allocated more broadly, allowing a greater number of projects to proceed while still prioritizing those with the highest scores.

We are pleased to advise you that the project listed on the table below was successful.

A pre-populated Transfer Payment Agreement will be sent to you shortly, along with instructions for completion. We would appreciate receiving the signed agreement at your earliest convenience. If there have been any changes to your approved projects (e.g., cancellations or cost reductions), please let us know so that the agreement can be adjusted.

We look forward to our continued partnership with you in the delivery of natural hazards management that assists the province in protecting human life, property, and natural resources.

If you have any questions about the WECI Program or the process for this year's Transfer Payment Agreements, please contact Lynne Milford at CATransferPayments@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Chelsea Smith
Supervisor,
Partnership Services Section

Project ID	Project Name and Description	Total Project Cost	Provincial Grant
R.26.035	Listowel Conduit: L5 Retaining Wall Replacement *	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
		\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00

- **Please note:** the bridge work that was included with this project proposal was deemed ineligible for funding. This funding is for the replacement of the retaining wall only.