

**Notice of Meeting**  
**Meeting of the Membership #9-2026**

Date: September 16, 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 #8-2026 held on August 26, 2026.
4. Presentations: Watershed Health Update: Erin Gouthro, Watershed Ecologist
5. Business Out of the Minutes:
  - a) Review of Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Fees Schedule for 2027: Report #62-2026:
  - b) Review of Comments on Revised Draft Guiding Principles for Transition: Report #63-2026
  - c) Communications Strategy Update: Report #64-2026
6. Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:
  - a) Draft 2027 Work Plan & Budget: Report #65-2026
  - b) Transition Committee Meeting #1-2026: Report #66-2026
  - c) Program for October 21<sup>st</sup> Members Meeting: Report #67-2026
  - d) Review of Policy for Storage of Trailers at Falls Reserve: Report #68-2026
  - e) Turnberry Flood Plain Conservation Area-Memorial Gate Request: Report #69-2026

7. Consent Agenda:
  - a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for August: Report #70-2026
  - b) Agreements Signed: Report #71-2026
  - c) January1-August 31stBudget Update: Report #72-2026
  - d) Correspondence: Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency
8. Chair and Members Reports
9. Closed Session: Legal Matter
10. Adjournment – Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administrative Centre in Wroxeter.

## Membership Meeting #8-2026

August 26, 2026

**Members Present:** Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Anita van Hittersum, Alison Lobb, Sharen Zinn, Ed Podniewicz, Megan Gibson, Evan Hickey, Vanessa McMillan

**Members Absent:** Andrew Fornier, Matt Duncan

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:** Kelsey Bent, Midwestern News Media  
Nigel Bellchamber, Vice-Chair Maitland Conservation Foundation

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, welcomed 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 #83-26**

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #7-2026 held on July 15, 2026, be approved.  
(carried)

#### 4. **Presentations**

Nigel Bellchamber presented to members about the proposed regulation setting out the method for determining the number of members appointed to regional conservation authorities:

##### **Motion FA #84-26**

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT Chair McGugan submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) regarding the Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities, including concerns related to the proposed population-based allocation formula, the absence of cited sources, and the lack of a geographic area component in the formula.  
(carried)

#### 5. **Business Out of the Minutes**

##### **a) Revised Guiding Principles Pre Transition Committee: Report #50-2026**

Report #50-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

##### **Motion FA #85-26**

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT MVCA adopt the draft guiding principles for transition with the additional guiding principles identified in this report and circulate a copy of the revised document to the other five conservation authorities who are part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority for feedback.  
(carried)

##### **b) Letter to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency: Report #51-2026**

Report #51-2026 was provided to members for their information.

##### **c) Presentation to Association of Municipalities Re: Lake Huron Region: Report #52-2026**

Report #52-2026 was provided to members for their information.

##### **d) Communications Support: Report #53-2026**

Report #53-2026 was provided to members for their information.

e) **Sediment Bypass Project-Awarding of Contract: Report #54-2026**

Report #54-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #86-26**

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the Members concur with the awarding of the project to RFS inclusive of items 1-9 for \$419,000 and item 10 as a per rate item subject to the available funds (i.e. a provisional item).

(carried)

f) **MVCA Involvement in International Plowing Match: Report #55-2026**

A visual presentation was presented to members by Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator.

6. **Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:**

a) **Review of Fees Policy: Report #56-2026**

Report #56-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #87-26**

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Fees Policy be approved for 2027.

(carried)

b) **Proposed Amendments to Fee Schedule for 2027: Report #57-2026**

Report #57-2026 was presented and the following motions were made:

**Motion FA #88-26**

Moved by: Antia van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the Honorarium for the Chair and Vice Chair be pro rated for the month of January.

(carried)

**Motion FA #89-26**

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillian

THAT the proposed fee changes be posted for review and comment and that comments be reviewed at the September 16, 2026 Members meeting.

(carried)

## 7. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Revenue/Expenditure Report for July: Report #58-2026
- b) Program and Services Agreement Update: Report #59-2026
- c) Outdoor Pavilion Update: Report #60-2026
- d) Agreements Signed: Report #61-2026
- e) Correspondence

### **Motion FA #90-26**

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT Report #58-2026 to Report 61-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.

(carried)

## 8. Chair and Member Reports

No chair or member reports were shared.

## 9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

### **Motion FA#91-26**

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:33pm.

(carried)

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Ed McGugan  
Chair

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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

## **Members Report #62-2026**

**To:** Members  
**From:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer;  
**Date:** September 10, 2025

**Subject:** Review of comments received on proposed 2027 Fee Schedule

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### **Purpose:**

To review comments on the proposed amendments to MVCA's Fees Schedule.  
To provide direction on the proposed amendments to MVCA's Fees Schedule for 2027.

### **Background:**

The following motion was approved at the August 26, 2026 meeting.

Motion FA #89-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillian

THAT the proposed fee changes be posted for review and comment and that comments be reviewed at the September 16, 2026 Members meeting.

(carried)

The proposed fee changes were posted on Maitland Conservation's website with a request to submit any comments by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for consideration at the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Members meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the 2027 Fee Schedule be approved as presented.



**Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
External Fee Schedule**

**Effective January 1, 2027**

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## Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Fee Schedule

### Schedule 1: Planning and Regulations

#### Section 28 permit fees, plan review fees, technical review fees, and other fees

| <b>O. Reg 164/06 Applications and Reviews</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>2026<br/>Approved</b> | <b>Proposed 2027</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Alteration to<br/>Watercourses, Wetlands, Regulated Areas</b>                                                                                                |                          |                      |
| Accessory Works                                                                                                                                                 | \$205.00                 | \$205.00             |
| Minor                                                                                                                                                           | \$395.00                 | \$395.00             |
| Standard                                                                                                                                                        | \$975.00                 | \$975.00             |
| Major                                                                                                                                                           | \$2180.00                | \$2180.00            |
| Complex                                                                                                                                                         | \$3,780.00               | \$3,780.00           |
| <b>Development Application to Alter Regulated Areas,<br/>Floodplain, Shoreline, Adjacent Lands</b>                                                              |                          |                      |
| Accessory Works                                                                                                                                                 | \$205.00                 | \$205.00             |
| Minor                                                                                                                                                           | \$395.00                 | \$395.00             |
| Standard                                                                                                                                                        | \$695.00                 | \$695.00             |
| Standard 2                                                                                                                                                      | \$975.00                 | \$975.00             |
| Major                                                                                                                                                           | \$2,180.00               | \$2,180.00           |
| Complex                                                                                                                                                         | \$3,780.00               | \$3,780.00           |
| Minor Revisions after permit has been issued                                                                                                                    | \$190.00                 | \$190.00             |
| Major Revisions after permit has been issued                                                                                                                    | \$190.00<br>minimum      | \$190.00<br>minimum  |
| Special Board Hearing                                                                                                                                           | \$1,855.00               | \$1,855.00           |
| <b>Technical Clearance development &amp; alteration,<br/>interference</b>                                                                                       |                          |                      |
| Solicitor Inquiry                                                                                                                                               | \$190.00                 | \$190.00             |
| Solicitor Inquiry rush when required within 5 business days                                                                                                     | \$290.00                 | \$290.00             |
| Buyer or Seller Report                                                                                                                                          | \$90.00                  | \$90.00              |
| Technical Clearance letter of permission for structure<br>located within regulated lands, where permit or<br>technical review or site inspection isn't required | \$105.00                 | \$105.00             |
| <b>Drainage Act Review</b>                                                                                                                                      |                          |                      |
| Standard                                                                                                                                                        | \$235.00                 | \$235.00             |
| <b>Planning Advisory in Huron, Perth, &amp; Wellington<br/>Counties</b>                                                                                         |                          |                      |
| Bruce County planning application fees as per 2026<br>agreement                                                                                                 |                          |                      |
| <b>Planning Application Fees</b>                                                                                                                                |                          |                      |
| Official Plan Amendment                                                                                                                                         | \$275.00                 | \$275.00             |
| Zoning By-Law Amendment                                                                                                                                         | \$275.00                 | \$275.00             |
| Consent for Severance                                                                                                                                           | \$275.00                 | \$275.00             |
| Minor Variance                                                                                                                                                  | \$205.00                 | \$205.00             |
| Lot Grading or Drainage Plans in non-regulated area                                                                                                             | \$410.00                 | \$410.00             |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Plan of Subdivision, New Trailer Park Site Plan Review                    | \$80.00/lot or<br>res. unit min.<br>\$720.00/max.<br>\$9,920.00 | \$80.00/lot or<br>res. unit min.<br>\$720.00/max.<br>\$9,920.00 |
| Plan of Condominium                                                       | \$80.00/lot or<br>res. unit min.<br>\$720.00/max.<br>\$9,920.00 | \$80.00/lot or<br>res. unit min.<br>\$720.00/max.<br>\$9,920.00 |
| Private Multi-Lot Residential Development                                 | \$80.00/lot or<br>res. unit min.<br>\$720.00/max.<br>\$9,920.00 | \$80.00/lot or<br>res. unit min.<br>\$720.00/max.<br>\$9,920.00 |
| <b>Technical Review</b>                                                   |                                                                 |                                                                 |
| Lot Grading and Drainage Plan within regulated area                       | \$670.00                                                        | \$670.00                                                        |
| Minor (per report i.e., SWM, geotechnical, hydrology, EIS)                | \$925.00                                                        | \$925.00                                                        |
| Major (per report i.e., SWM, geotechnical, hydrology, EIS)                | \$2,885.00                                                      | \$2,885.00                                                      |
| Class EA Review                                                           | \$1,750.00                                                      | \$1,750.00                                                      |
| D.A.R.T Standard Compliance Requirements (S.C.R.)                         | \$100.00                                                        | \$100.00                                                        |
| Major Permit Revisions after permit has<br>been issued                    | Minimum<br>of Minor<br>Permit<br>Revision<br>Fee                | Minimum<br>of Minor<br>Permit<br>Revision<br>Fee                |
| Violations, Restoration Agreement                                         | 2 x permit fee                                                  | 2 x permit fee                                                  |
| <b>Technical Clearance development &amp; alteration,<br/>Interference</b> |                                                                 |                                                                 |
| First Application                                                         | Full fee<br>noted<br>above                                      | Full fee<br>noted<br>above                                      |
| <b>Technical Review no permit required</b>                                |                                                                 |                                                                 |
| Supplementary, outsource review                                           | Amount<br>invoiced<br>to<br>proponent<br>for cost of<br>review  | Amount<br>invoiced<br>to<br>proponent<br>for cost of<br>review  |
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## Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Fee Schedule

### Schedule 2a: Conservation Areas with land-use, campground and day-use

|                                                              | <b>2026<br/>Approved</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>2027</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Land Use Permit -additional fees may apply based on request. | \$75.00                  | \$75.00                  |
| <b>Annual Hunting Permit</b>                                 |                          |                          |
| Resident owns property in a member municipality              | \$75.00                  | \$75.00                  |
| Non-resident                                                 | \$125.00                 | \$125.00                 |

### Schedule 2b: Falls Reserve Park

All Fees listed under Schedule 2b include HST.

Short notice cancellation penalty of 2 nights forfeits camping fee. Bookings that fall on holiday weekends are subject to short-notice cancellation penalty fees of 3 nights. Forfeit camping and shortened stay on holiday weekends are non-refundable. A \$4.00 admin fee applies to all changes of issued permits. Campground operating season from **April 16th through October 11<sup>th</sup>**.

\*Indicates fees applied to seasonal camping only.

| <b>FEES (all fees include HST)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>2026<br/>Approved</b>        | <b>Proposed<br/>2027</b>        |
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| <b>Admin Fees</b> (non-refundable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                 |                                 |
| Reservation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$16.00                         | \$16.00                         |
| Change to Reservation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$16.00                         | \$16.00                         |
| Change of Reservation within 6 days of arrival date<br>(applied for a reduction of nights booked) all changes after this point are made through park staff.                                                                                                                                                            | Penalty of 1 night camping fee  | Penalty of 1 night camping fee  |
| Change of Reservation dates within 6 days of arrival date whereas full booking is moved to another date within the same camp season. Booking is cancelled by staff with NO REFUND of booked camping fees paid and a new booking is made in place of cancelled booking.                                                 | \$16.00 re-booking fee          | \$16.00 re-booking fee          |
| Cancellation of Reservation from time of booking being processed till 6 days prior to arrival date                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$30.00                         | \$30.00                         |
| Cancellation of Reservation within 6 days of arrival date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Penalty of 1 night camping fee  | Penalty of 1 night camping fee  |
| Cancellation of (Summer Weekend) Reservation within 6 days of arrival date<br>(when booking falls on a Friday or Saturday night of any weekend during July and August)                                                                                                                                                 | Penalty of 2 nights camping fee | Penalty of 2 nights camping fee |
| Cancellation of (Holiday Weekend) Reservation with 6 days of arrival date<br>Dates include bookings held on a Friday or Saturday night of the following weekends:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Victoria Day long weekend</li> <li>- Canada Day long weekend when July 1st falls on a Friday,</li> </ul> | Penalty of 3 nights camping fee | Penalty of 3 nights camping fee |

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| Saturday, Sunday, or Monday<br>- Civic Holiday long weekend<br>- Labour Day long weekend<br>- Thanksgiving long weekend                                         |                                  |                                  |
| Cancellation of Reservation that was booked within 6 days of arrival date                                                                                       | \$32.00                          | \$32.00                          |
| No Show Cancellation                                                                                                                                            | No Refund                        | No Refund                        |
| No show booking cancelled after date of booked nights have past will forfeit any amount with no refund                                                          | No Refund                        | No Refund                        |
| Change of Permit (applied after permit is issued)                                                                                                               | \$4.00                           | \$4.00                           |
| Land Use Permit – additional fees may apply based on request.                                                                                                   | \$84.75                          | \$84.75                          |
| *Seasonal site deposit, non-refundable, to hold campsite for the camper, subtracted from seasonal camping fee                                                   | \$200.00                         | \$200.00                         |
| *Seasonal site cancellation fee (deducted from returned fees on cancelling of campsite)                                                                         | \$200.00                         | \$200.00                         |
| <b>Violations, Entry without Permit</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>New</b>                       | <b>2 x permit fee</b>            |
| <b>Camping Permit Fees (overnight)</b>                                                                                                                          |                                  |                                  |
| Save, when booking 5 consecutive nights or more                                                                                                                 | \$2.00 off the nightly camp rate | \$2.00 off the nightly camp rate |
| Non-serviced sites, per night                                                                                                                                   | \$50.00                          | <b>\$51.00</b>                   |
| 30-amp hydro / water, per night                                                                                                                                 | \$62.00                          | <b>\$63.00</b>                   |
| 30-amp hydro/water/sewer, per night                                                                                                                             | \$68.00                          | <b>\$69.00</b>                   |
| 30-amp hydro and water, pull through site, per night                                                                                                            | \$64.00                          | <b>\$65.00</b>                   |
| 50-amp hydro/water/sewer, per night                                                                                                                             | \$75.00                          | <b>\$77.00</b>                   |
| 30-amp hydro, secluded RV, per night                                                                                                                            | \$70.00                          | <b>\$70.00</b>                   |
| <b>Non-serviced Secluded RV, per night</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>New</b>                       | <b>\$60.00</b>                   |
| <b>Campsite Additional Service Fees</b>                                                                                                                         |                                  |                                  |
| Early Campsite Arrival Fee – subject to campsite availability - Applied to camp permit on early camp arrivals, arriving prior to 2:00 pm check-in time          | New                              | \$15.00                          |
| <b>Campsite Additional Vehicle Permit (AVP) Fees, non-refundable (one vehicle permit is included with camp permit)</b>                                          |                                  |                                  |
| Additional vehicle, per night permit                                                                                                                            | \$20.00                          | \$20.00                          |
| Additional motorcycle permit, per night                                                                                                                         | \$10.00                          | \$10.00                          |
| Boat / Watercraft Parking Permit, daily rate                                                                                                                    | \$5.00                           | \$5.00                           |
| Utility Trailer Parking Permit, daily rate                                                                                                                      | \$5.00                           | \$5.00                           |
| <b>Seasonal Camping Permit Fees</b>                                                                                                                             |                                  |                                  |
| *30-amp hydro/water/sewer, per season (178 nights) (\$22.61 per night) – includes one Swipe Card for gated access                                               | \$4,025.00                       | <b>\$4,105.00</b>                |
| *30-amp hydro/water/sewer, per season (178 nights) when fees are paid with Credit Card (2% transaction fee included) – includes one Swipe Card for gated access | \$4,106.00                       | <b>\$4,187.00</b>                |

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| *AVP – Visitor Vehicle Permit - <b>Daily</b><br>(visitors of registered seasonal campers only)<br>(non-refundable)                                                                           | \$20.00                                  | \$20.00  |
| *Additional Swipe Card vehicle permit, per season, per individual use<br>(registered seasonal campers only)                                                                                  | \$150.00                                 | \$150.00 |
| *Boat / Watercraft Parking Permit, daily rate<br>(non-refundable)                                                                                                                            | \$5.00                                   | \$5.00   |
| *Boat / Watercraft Parking Permit, season rate<br>(non-refundable)                                                                                                                           | \$150.00                                 | \$150.00 |
| *Utility Trailer Parking Permit, daily rate<br>(non-refundable)                                                                                                                              | \$5.00                                   | \$5.00   |
| *Utility Trailer Parking Permit, season rate<br>(non-refundable)                                                                                                                             | \$150.00                                 | \$150.00 |
| <b>Pond Fishing Permit Fees (daily)</b> (non-refundable)                                                                                                                                     |                                          |          |
| Adult pond permit, 18 to 64 years of age with a valid Ontario Fishing License                                                                                                                | \$12.00                                  | \$12.00  |
| Youth Pond permit, ages 13 to 17, per person                                                                                                                                                 | \$6.00                                   | \$6.00   |
| <b>Sale and Services Fees</b> (non-refundable)                                                                                                                                               |                                          |          |
| Ice, per bag                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$5.00                                   | \$5.00   |
| Firewood, per 1.2 cubic feet bag                                                                                                                                                             | \$12.00                                  | \$12.00  |
| Worms, per dozen                                                                                                                                                                             | \$5.00                                   | \$5.00   |
| Sewage dumping, non-camper                                                                                                                                                                   | \$50.00                                  | \$50.00  |
| <b>Day Use Permit and Facility Rental Permit Fees (daylight hours – dawn to dusk daily)</b><br>(non-refundable)                                                                              |                                          |          |
| Membership Pass - valid one year from date of purchase (includes gate access card with entry of one vehicle)<br>(non-refundable)                                                             | \$150.00<br><b>MVCA 75th Anniversary</b> | \$150.00 |
| Replacement gate access card for lost, stolen or misplaced cards                                                                                                                             | \$20.00                                  | \$20.00  |
| Day Use Vehicle Entry or Parking (up to 7 occupants)<br><b>(April 16<sup>th</sup> to Oct 11<sup>th</sup>)</b><br>(non-refundable)                                                            | \$20.00                                  | \$20.00  |
| Off-Season Day Use Vehicle Entry or Parking (up to 7 occupants)<br><b>(Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)</b><br>(non-refundable) | \$15.00                                  | \$15.00  |
| Adult walk-in or cyclist, per person<br>(does not include vehicle parking) (non-refundable)                                                                                                  | \$5.00                                   | \$5.00   |
| Mini-bus entry pass, 7 to 20 occupants, per day                                                                                                                                              | \$70.00                                  | \$70.00  |
| Bus entry pass, over 21 occupants, per day                                                                                                                                                   | \$150.00                                 | \$150.00 |
| Day Use Site Rental - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, excluding vehicle and entry fees, per site (non-refundable)                                                                                        | \$30.00                                  | \$30.00  |
| Pavilion, excluding vehicle and entry fee, per day, per full space<br>(non-refundable)                                                                                                       | \$60.00                                  | \$60.00  |

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| Family or wedding photo 2-hour permit, includes up to 5 vehicles                                                                                                        | \$50.00   | \$50.00   |
| Wedding ceremony, includes set up, <b>Land Use rental permit, grounds rental fee, and</b> up to 100 guests<br>An additional \$5.00 per person when more than 100 people | \$700.00  | \$700.00  |
| <b>School Events, Cross Country, or Trail Race Permit Fees</b>                                                                                                          |           |           |
| Student pass, per day                                                                                                                                                   | \$3.50    | \$3.50    |
| Spectator vehicle entry and parking                                                                                                                                     | \$5.00    | \$5.00    |
| School bus entry fee                                                                                                                                                    | \$80.00   | \$80.00   |
| Trail Race permit, up to 200 participants, additional \$10.00 fee per additional race participant                                                                       | \$2000.00 | \$2000.00 |
| <b>Storage Fees – Under review for 2027</b>                                                                                                                             |           |           |
| Winter Storage - Trailer with shed and/or deck, October through April (non-refundable)                                                                                  | \$475.00  | TBD       |
| Winter Storage - Shed and/or deck only, October through April (non-refundable)                                                                                          | \$250.00  | TBD       |
| Winter Storage - Deck only, October through April (non-refundable)                                                                                                      | \$100.00  | TBD       |
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**Schedule 3: Stewardship Services Fees**

| <b>Forestry</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2026 Approved</b>     | <b>Proposed 2027</b>     |
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| Professional Planting Plans<br>Small acreage: Planting plans, design input, funding, planting supervision, <b>survival assessment-2 years</b>                                        | \$300.00 per plan        | \$300.00 per plan        |
| Professional Planting Plans<br>Larger tracts: Planting plans, design input, funding, planting supervision, survival assessment-2 years and 5 years                                   | \$500.00 per plan        | \$500.00 per plan        |
| Stewardship Technical Services<br>Includes but is not limited to wetland coordination, tree planting coordination, other requests that meet the mission of MVCA Stewardship Services | \$65.00 per hour         | \$65.00 per hour         |
| Tree Sale Administration                                                                                                                                                             | \$20.00 per order        | \$20.00 per order        |
| Planting initiatives (storage, handling, transportation)                                                                                                                             | \$0.80 per tree or shrub | \$0.80 per tree or shrub |
| Planting Initiatives hand planting<br>Minimum hand planting fee of \$1,000                                                                                                           | \$1.30 per seedling      | \$1.30 per seedling      |

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| Hand planting large stock trees and shrubs<br>Minimum hand planting fee of \$1,000 | \$14.00 per<br>tree or shrub                | \$14.00 per<br>tree or shrub                |
| <b>Large Stock Trees</b>                                                           |                                             |                                             |
| <del>Sugar Maple</del>                                                             | <del>\$25.90</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Native Red Maple</del>                                                        | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Silver Maple</del>                                                            | <del>\$19.70</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Red Oak</del>                                                                 | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Bur Oak</del>                                                                 | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Swamp White Oak</del>                                                         | <del>\$26.85</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Hackberry</del>                                                               | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Tulip Tree</del>                                                              | <del>\$25.90</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Sycamore</del>                                                                | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Yellow Birch</del>                                                            | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Birch</del>                                                             | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Bitternut Hickory</del>                                                       | <del>\$26.85</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Kentucky Coffee Tree</del>                                                    | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Basswood</del>                                                                | <del>\$22.80</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Cedar</del>                                                             | <del>\$21.70</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Black Cedar</del>                                                             | <del>\$21.65</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Red Cedar</del>                                                               | <del>\$22.50</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Norway Spruce</del>                                                           | <del>\$22.50</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Pine</del>                                                              | <del>\$24.05</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Spruce</del>                                                            | <del>\$23.25</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Tamarack</del>                                                                | <del>\$15.05</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Eastern Hemlock</del>                                                         | <del>\$18.15</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Colorado Spruce</del>                                                         | <del>\$28.70</del>                          | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Large stock trees (potted / ball and burlap)</del>                            | <del>New</del>                              | <del>\$15.00 - \$35.00</del>                |
| Spiral tree guards, pack of 5 (for deciduous trees)                                | \$10.50 per 5<br>pack (\$2.10 per<br>guard) | \$10.50 per 5<br>pack (\$2.10 per<br>guard) |
| <b>Seedlings</b>                                                                   |                                             |                                             |
| <del>Sugar Maple</del>                                                             | <del>\$3.35</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Native Red Maple</del>                                                        | <del>\$3.35</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Bur Oak</del>                                                                 | <del>\$3.15</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Red Oak</del>                                                                 | <del>\$3.15</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Black Walnut</del>                                                            | <del>\$2.95</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Sycamore</del>                                                                | <del>\$3.35</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Birch</del>                                                             | <del>\$3.15</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Tulip Tree</del>                                                              | <del>\$4.00</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Bitternut Hickory</del>                                                       | <del>\$3.35</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>Norway Spruce</del>                                                           | <del>\$2.25</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Spruce</del>                                                            | <del>\$2.25</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |
| <del>White Cedar</del>                                                             | <del>\$2.85</del>                           | <del>Remove</del>                           |

**Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Fee Schedule**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <del>White Pine</del>          | <del>\$1.80</del>  | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Tamarack</del>            | <del>\$2.25</del>  | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>High-Bush Cranberry</del> | <del>\$4.30</del>  | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Red Osier Dogwood</del>   | <del>\$2.95</del>  | <del>Remove</del> |
| Seedlings (bare root)          | New                | \$1.80 - \$5.00   |
| <b>Wildlife Shrubs</b>         |                    |                   |
| <del>Sandbar Willow</del>      | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Red Osier Dogwood</del>   | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Elderberry</del>          | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Ninebark</del>            | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>High-Bush Cranberry</del> | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Nannyberry</del>          | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Spicebush</del>           | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>Serviceberry</del>        | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| <del>American Hazelnut</del>   | <del>\$11.40</del> | <del>Remove</del> |
| Large stock shrubs (potted)    | New                | \$11.00 - \$14.00 |

**Schedule 4: Corporate Services**

| <b>Office Fee Schedule</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>2026<br/>Approved</b>                      | <b>Proposed<br/>2027</b>                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Boardroom rental<br>(free to non-profit groups)<br>Kitchen facilities are included with boardroom rental and<br>available for use by group with their own supplies | \$60.00 per<br>day<br>\$35.00 per<br>half day | \$60.00 per<br>day<br>\$35.00 per half<br>day |
| AV equipment use with room rental (digital projectors)                                                                                                             | \$5.00 per day                                | \$5.00 per day                                |
| Off-site AV equipment use digital projectors (no charge<br>for the screen)                                                                                         | \$15.00 per day                               | \$15.00 per day                               |
| Mileage <b>for Special Projects or Requests.</b>                                                                                                                   | \$0.60 per<br>kilometer                       | <b>\$0.65 per<br/>kilometer</b>               |
| Freedom of Information Application                                                                                                                                 | \$5.00                                        | \$5.00                                        |
| Freedom of Information Request Searches                                                                                                                            | \$30.00 per<br>hour                           | \$30.00 per<br>hour                           |
| Office Space rental                                                                                                                                                | \$240.00 per<br>month                         | <b>\$250.00 per<br/>month</b>                 |
| NSF Payments                                                                                                                                                       | \$40.00                                       | \$40.00                                       |
| Reissuing Returned EFT Payments                                                                                                                                    | <b>New</b>                                    | <b>\$20.00</b>                                |
| Special Payment Requests                                                                                                                                           | \$10.00                                       | \$10.00                                       |
| Service charge for outstanding account receivable balances over<br>30 days                                                                                         | 3% per month                                  | 3% per month                                  |

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| Snowshoe rental (1 pair) | \$5.00 per day | \$5.00 per day |
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#### Schedule 5: Resource Data

| <b>Resource Data Fees-Air Photos</b>                                                                                       | <b>2026<br/>Approved</b>                                 | <b>Proposed<br/>2027</b>                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Plotting of <b>2025</b> air photos (8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17")                                                             | \$32.00 for first copy + \$2.00 for each additional copy | \$32.00 for first copy + \$2.00 for each additional copy                                        |
| Plotting of <b>2025</b> air photos (24" and up)                                                                            | \$30.00 + \$2.00 per square foot                         | \$30.00 + \$2.00 per square foot                                                                |
| Aerial Photography<br><b>2025</b> photography of watershed (individual JPEG2 2020 (1km x 1km) (8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17")) | \$30.00 per image                                        | \$30.00 per image                                                                               |
| Custom Photography<br><b>2025</b> (jpegs/png/etc.) 8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17" sizes                                         | \$30.00 per image                                        | \$30.00 per image                                                                               |
| Aerial Photography<br><b>2025</b> photography of watershed (Member Municipalities)                                         | No fee                                                   | No fee                                                                                          |
| Historic Photography<br>(1951 - 2006) digital file - 8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17" sizes                                       | \$30.00 per image                                        | \$30.00 + \$2.00 per square foot                                                                |
| Historic Photography<br>(1951 - 2006) printed (non-digital copy) - 8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17" sizes                         | \$32.00 for first copy + \$2.00 for each additional copy | Historic Photography (1951 - 2006) printed (non-digital copy) - 8 1/2" X 11" or 11" X 17" sizes |
| Historic Photography (Member Municipalities)                                                                               | No fee                                                   | No fee                                                                                          |
| Entire Watershed 2010, 2015 & 2020 JPEG2 (14 tiles) plotter printout                                                       | \$100.00 + \$2.00 per square foot                        | Entire Watershed 2010, 2015 & 2020 JPEG2 (14 tiles) plotter printout                            |

### Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Fee Schedule

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maitland Conservation Maps<br>general image plotting, colour images                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$15.00 per<br>image plus<br>\$2.00 per<br>square foot                    | Maitland<br>Conservation<br>Maps<br>general<br>image<br>plotting,<br>colour images |
| Proprietary (Closed Source) Data Layers<br>consulting firms                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$350.00 per<br>project                                                   | Proprietary<br>(Closed<br>Source) Data<br>Layers<br>consulting<br>firms            |
| Proprietary (Closed Source) Data Layers<br>landowners                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$75.00 per<br>project                                                    | Proprietary<br>(Closed<br>Source) Data<br>Layers<br>landowners                     |
| Data Layers<br>member municipalities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No fee                                                                    | No fee                                                                             |
| <b>Hydrology information-Special Note</b><br>The Authority has streamflow information for the major<br>tributaries of the Maitland and Nine Mile River. This information is<br>used by engineers to design bridge projects. It typically costs<br>approximately \$1,000. to \$1,500. |                                                                           |                                                                                    |
| Discharge values for a range of flow magnitudes where flow<br>values are available                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$300.00 per<br>project                                                   | \$300.00 per<br>project                                                            |
| Discharge values for a range of flow magnitudes where flow<br>values must be calculated                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$500.00 per<br>project                                                   | \$500.00 per<br>project                                                            |
| Custom hydrometeorological data packaging                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | New                                                                       | \$30.00<br>minimum<br>charge plus<br>\$55.00 per<br>hour                           |
| <del>Streamflow &amp; Rainfall (HEC)</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <del>\$30.00-<br/>minimum-<br/>charge plus<br/>\$55.00 per<br/>hour</del> | <del>Remove</del>                                                                  |
| Maitland Conservation Maps, colour photocopy (8 1/2 x 11)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.20 per<br>copy                                                        | \$0.20 per<br>copy                                                                 |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Maitland Conservation Maps, colour photocopy (8 1/2 x 14) | \$0.25 per copy | \$0.20 per copy |
| Maitland Conservation Maps, colour photocopy (11 x 17)    | \$0.40 per copy | \$0.20 per copy |

## Members Report #62-2026

TO: Members, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
FROM: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer  
DATE: September 4, 2026  
SUBJECT: Review of Comments on Revised Draft Guiding Principles for Transition

### Purpose:

To make the Members aware of the response from the Project Executive for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

This report is being presented for the Members information and discussion.

### Background:

At the August 26, 2026 meeting the Members approved the following motion:

Motion FA #85-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT MVCA adopt the draft guiding principles for transition with the additional guiding principles identified in this report and circulate a copy of the revised document to the other five conservation authorities who are part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority for feedback.

(carried)

### Follow Up:

MVCA's comments were sent to the five other conservation authorities who are included in the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority for comment along with the Project Executive.

On September 2, 2026 the members of the transition committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority received the attached email from the Project Executive.

No comments have been received from any of the other conservation authorities who are part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

September 1, 2026

MVCA's Comments on the Revised Draft Guiding Principles for Transition: Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

Thank you for sharing Phil. I've had a chance to review the draft and appreciate the time and effort spent developing this document.

I think it's important to note there is already an established framework that has been developed to support Transition Committees as the transition process moves forward.

I look forward to sharing more information when we meet on Sept 9th, including;

- A Terms of Reference that will define the committee's role, mandate, and responsibilities,
- A Transition Playbook that identifies six key transition workstreams,
- A Regional Snapshot that will help inform planning and decision-making, and
- Standardized project management tools and templates to support consistency.

In my role as Project Executive, I will lead the development of a comprehensive Transition Plan with input and contributions from the Transition Committee. Many of the themes contained in your document are consistent with the objectives and areas of focus already contemplated within the transition framework, including governance, service delivery, stakeholder engagement, workforce transition, risk management, and watershed planning. These principles will be addressed in the Transition Plan to guide our Regional CA, especially as it pertains to local contexts and relationships.

The committee's local knowledge and expertise will be important contributions to the development of a successful transition plan that reflects regional considerations while maintaining alignment with the broader transition framework.

Thank you again for your engagement and commitment to this work.

Best regards,  
Don

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## **Members Report #64-2026**

TO: Members, Maitland Conservation  
FROM: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer  
DATE: September 10, 2026  
SUBJECT: Communications Strategy Progress Report

### **Purpose:**

To update the members on the development of a communications strategy.

### **Background:**

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Chair and Vice Chair met with representatives from the Maitland Conservation Foundation and the Carbon Footprint Initiative to discuss how we could work together to develop a strategy to highlight the importance of maintaining and increasing action to restore the health of the watersheds within MVCA's jurisdiction.

Redbrick Communications has been retained to assist the MVCA to develop messaging that can be used by the MCF and the CFI to highlight the importance of continuing to support watershed science and watershed naturalization work with MVCA area of jurisdiction once the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority has been formed.

An outline of the next steps will be presented at the meeting.

## **Members Report #65-2026**

**To:** Members, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
**From:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Administrative-Financial Services Coordinator  
Shannon Millar, Restoration Supervisor  
Ben Van Dieten, Agricultural Stewardship Supervisor  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications, GIS, IT Coordinator  
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor  
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecast Supervisor  
Donna Clarkson, DWSP Supervisor  
**Date:** September 10, 2026  
**Subject:** Draft 2027 Work Plan and Budget

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### **Purpose:**

To outline the priorities for each service area and the draft budget for 2027.  
To obtain direction on the draft work plan and budget for 2027.

### **Background:**

The three year financial forecast that was adopted by the Members at the October 15, 2025 meeting. The forecast identified a cost apportionment increase of \$128,394 for 2027.

Staff have incorporated the 2027 forecast amount into the 2027 draft budget.

## Vision, Mission and Ends:

MVCA has developed the following vision, mission, and ends:

### Vision:

Working for a healthy environment

### Mission:

Providing leadership to protect and enhance local water, forests, and soils.

### Ends:

1. To protect life, property and prevent social disruption from flooding and erosion hazards.
2. To protect water and related resources for present and future generations.
3. To protect and expand natural areas

### **Priorities:**

Maitland Conservation has developed a work plan that focuses our resources on delivering core services.

Our priorities for the next three years are to:

1. Help our member municipalities reduce the potential for loss of life, property damage and social disruption in flood and erosion prone areas.
2. Help our member municipalities and landowners develop and implement soil and water conservation systems that will help keep soil and nutrients on the land and out of watercourses and Lake Huron.
3. Ensure that management of our conservation areas sets high standards of conservation practices and are safe for the public to use.
4. To ensure that MVCA has a stable financial base so that we can help our member municipalities to develop a healthy, resilient, and prosperous watershed.

## **Service Area Priorities:**

### **1. Corporate:**

- a) Development in the development and implementation of the Transition Plan for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority
- b) Determine whether support will be provided by the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority to the MCF in 2027
- c) Determine whether the LHRCA will participate and coordinate the Carbon Footprint Initiative in 2027
- d) Determine whether the LHRCA will participate in the steering committee for Healthy Lake Huron in 2027

Budgetary Impacts of the draft 2027 work plan: Increases are due to increases in wages and benefits and supplies.

Unknowns: transition and consolidation costs in 2027. All conservation authorities in the Province were instructed by the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks on June 26, 2026.

“The determination of revenue, expenses and costs under Section 5 of O. Reg. 402/22 and determination of reduced amounts to be apportioned under Section 6 of O. Reg. 402/22 should reflect continuity of normal operations of an authority according to current organization’s governance, financial structures, and programs and services. Any anticipated impacts from regional consolidation should not be considered or incorporated into the preparation of the budget for the 2027 calendar year under this direction.”

The cost of living (COL) increase of \$0.75 per hour has been factored in the salary projections. COL is based upon the changes in the consumer price index for Ontario for the past year (2%). MVCA’s practice is to review the average rate of the index August through September and establish a per-hour rate to apply to each grid band. September data will be released on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Projected Mandatory Employment Related Costs (MERCs) are included in the staffing cost estimates. Both CPI and MERCs will adjust staffing projections slightly when they are when known and applied later in the year.

### **2. Flood & Erosion Safety:**

Flood & Erosion Safety Services will focus on equipping our municipalities with the information and support for a changing climate, and the increased incidence and impacts of severe weather. This includes forecasting and monitoring, administration of planning and regulatory legislation, and federally funded projects for increasing community resilience; specifically:

- a) Southern Lake Huron Coastal Resiliency pilot projects (Goderich restoration complex, Transformative Development Policy &

Planned Relocation Task Force)

- b) Support our local municipalities through our growing and established partnerships, including the Conservation Authority Coastal Working Group, Climate Resilient Coastal Communities Steering Committee, Laurier University, The Coast Adapt Project, S.28 Committee, and others
- c) Rural Communities: Apply for FHIMP funding to support floodplain mapping updates in rural flood prone communities in the watershed.
- d) Implement the 2026 regional hydrology model for operational use in flood forecasting and support of floodplain mapping updates.
- e) Headwater Precipitation Monitoring Network (HPMN) Telemetry Replacement: Monitor and optimize the newly installed telemetry units to identify and resolve any issues and ensure reliable performance.
- f) Develop flood progression mapping and tools to communicate forecasted flood extents for priority damage centres.
- g) Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR): Deliver the OLWR program during drought conditions. Define local impacts and associated indicators of severe drought specific to the MVCA watershed and establish impactful mitigation recommendations.

Budgetary Impacts of the draft 2027 work plan: Freeze on fee increases for planning and regulations expected to be extended to 2027. Increases are due to increases in wages and benefits and supplies.

### 3. Watershed Stewardship:

The focus of Watershed Stewardship is to assist landowners and municipalities to restore the health of rivers, wetlands, and forests as well as to implement rural stormwater management systems, improve soil health and soil conservation projects. MVCA provides technical advice, project planning, and assistance with funding applications.

- a) Restore Rivers Corridors and Tributaries: Providing technical assistance and funding to assist landowners, primarily through Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program, Ministry of Environment Conservation & Parks-Healthy Lake Huron, and Forests Canada funding.
- b) Implementing Rural Stormwater Management (RSM): Providing technical assistance and funding for wetlands, erosion-control berms and grassed waterways, primarily through RALP, MCF and Wellington RWQP.
- c) Improving Soil Health: Encouraging and supporting local momentum in cover crop adoption, linking interested farmers with more experienced peers for knowledge sharing. Also providing financial support through MECP COA funding.
- d) Developing Partnerships and Science Support Network: working with academic institutions, professionals and other

agencies to network and developing scientific support for learning how to improve the health of soil, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Several Counties/Agencies are also in the process of reshaping or developing stewardship funding programs. Staff will cultivate relationships with these Counties/Agencies to help secure and inform these funding programs (Huron County, Bruce County, Clean Water Agency, Huron Stewardship Council)

#### 4. Watershed Health Assessment and Monitoring:

- a) Undertake long-term environmental water quality monitoring through the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network, Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network and Healthy Lake Huron.
- b) Healthy rivers and streams: Continue assessing the health of our rivers and streams through a study on the small aquatic life. This benthic study will complete our initial efforts to understand where we have healthy stream and other streams that need attention, as well as how to help them.
- c) Build Knowledge: Complete analysis on the field measures including stream temperatures, stream physical form and aquatic life.
- d) Build Understanding: Bring together what we are learning about stream and forest health to identify priorities and share this information with our staff, Board, Foundation and community partners. Use the information to support a healthy environment.
- e) Build Knowledge Transfer: Use built knowledge and understanding and make it readily accessible to staff and community partners by providing it to them in electronic formats so it can be used to support their work outcomes this includes the Ecosystem Siting Tool Project that MVCA is developing.

Budgetary Impacts of the 2027 Work Plan: Slight decrease in support costs.

#### 5. Conservation Areas:

- a) Conservation Areas Infrastructure:  
Conservation areas service will continue to prioritize maintaining and developing infrastructure based on the needs and resources of the Authority. In 2027, projects will include replacing property signage that is due for replacement as well as the barriers and gates to restrict users from sensitive areas.  
The development of a parking lot at the George Taylor C.A and Memorial Grove is also proposed to provide onsite parking to access the property and trails. This project will be proposed to the Maitland Conservation Foundation for funding.

Falls Reserve Conservation Area, a new addition to the existing workshop is proposed to provide office space and additional storage to support operations.

- b) Provide Recreational Opportunities:  
Provide compatible recreational activities on Conservation Areas lands by monitoring use, inspecting facilities for hazards, educating users of acceptable activities, and the issuance of permits or agreements where required. Campgrounds will continue to operate on a cost recovery basis while considering compatible uses.
- c) Forest Management:  
Implement best management conservation practices on authority owned lands by managing invasive species, improving forest health through tree planting and completing forestry management identified in approved forestry management plans. Priority areas will be identified to assist in effective management.
- d) Conservation Areas Strategy Review:  
Review and update the Conservation Areas Strategy to ensure current authority objectives and goals are being met. The Conservation Areas Strategy is reviewed every 3 years and will need to be approved by December of 2027.

Budgetary Impacts of the 2027 Work Plan: Increases in the operational budget are mainly due to wages, estimated property taxes and the addition of Wawanosh Park day-use expenses. The Projects require the use of applicable accumulated surpluses (working capital, forestry management, FRCA) or where indicated, Maitland Conservation Foundation funding if approved.

#### 6. Drinking Water Source Protection:

- a) The Maitland Source Protection Authority (SPA) works in partnership with the Ausable Bayfield SPA in support of the DWSP program. The partnership agreement between the two SPAs will need to be renewed in early 2027, as the current three-year agreement expires March 31, 2027.
- b) The SPA will review annual reports on the implementation of the Source Protection Plan, to ensure that source water is protected as planned.
- c) The Joint Management Committee for the Maitland and AB SPAs will meet as needed to recruit new members of the Source Protection Committee

d) Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments:

The Maitland Source Protection Plan and associated assessment report will be amended as needed to incorporate changes to municipal drinking water systems, plus changes to the Clean Water Act. The next amendment is anticipated in 2026-2027, to incorporate two new municipal wells in the Town of Minto

## 2027 Draft Operating Budget

The draft operating budget is summarized by service area. The following table includes the 2026 approved budget, 2027 draft budget and the rationale for any changes. A summary (Table 1) is attached to this report.

| <b>Corporate Services</b> | <b>2026 Budget</b> | <b>2027 Draft Budget</b> | <b>Rationale for Changes</b>                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Administration            | \$397,022          | \$382,072                | Reduced MERCs cost (CPP, OMERS) for staffing                |
| Financial Management      | \$158,522          | \$128,957                | Insurance, vehicle, staff and consulting expenses expected. |
| Governance                | \$18,020           | \$18,847                 | Cost of living expense update.                              |
| Service Area Support      | \$62,291           | \$66,400                 | Cost of living expense update.                              |
| Communications - GIS/IT   | \$304,787          | \$307,261                | Staffing costs update.                                      |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$940,642</b>   | <b>\$903,537</b>         |                                                             |

| <b>Drinking Water Source Protection</b> | <b>2026 Budget</b> | <b>2027 Draft Budget</b> | <b>Rationale for Changes</b>                        |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$22,974</b>    | <b>\$26,229</b>          | Updated budget allocation from lead authority, ABCA |

| <b>Flood and Erosion Safety Services</b> | <b>2026 Budget</b> | <b>2027 Draft Budget</b> | <b>Rationale for Changes</b>                                            |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Flood Control Structures                 | \$3,210            | \$3,262                  | Increase reflects standard inflationary adjustments to operating costs. |
| Erosion Control Structures               | \$1,671            | \$1,696                  | Increase reflects standard inflationary adjustments to operating costs. |

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|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Flood Forecasting & Warning | \$313,645        | \$326,336        | Increase reflects additional operational funding for specialized consulting and technical support for flood forecasting and warning operations. |
| Hazard Prevention           | \$25,546         | \$24,383         | Decreased expenses for plan input.                                                                                                              |
| Natural Hazard Information  | \$71,789         | \$72,830         | Increase reflects standard inflationary adjustments to operating costs.                                                                         |
| Regulation Administration   | \$340,051        | \$379,044        | Increase reflects standard inflationary adjustments to operating costs.                                                                         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$755,912</b> | <b>\$807,551</b> |                                                                                                                                                 |

| <b>Watershed Stewardship Services</b> | <b>2026 Budget</b> | <b>2027 Draft Budget</b> | <b>Rationale for Changes</b>                                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monitoring and Reporting              | \$105,235          | 103,879                  | Cost of living expense update.                                  |
| Health Assessment Reporting           | \$138,291          | 136,373                  | Cost of living and vehicle use expenses update.                 |
| Extension Services                    | \$225,473          | 295,795                  | Increase costs from loss of the Huron Clean Water Project.      |
| Forestry Program                      | \$189,100          | 189,884                  | No change, projection of tree sale and MVCA's planting service. |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$658,099</b>   | <b>725,931</b>           |                                                                 |

| <b>Conservation Areas Services</b> | <b>2026 Budget</b> | <b>2027 Draft Budget</b> | <b>Rationale for Changes</b>                                                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Management/Development             | \$350,032          | \$360,787                | Addition of Wawanosh park expenses, increase in taxes and staffing.                   |
| Motor Pool                         | \$26,050           | \$26,174                 |                                                                                       |
| Wawanosh Park                      | \$38,044           |                          | Expenses have been included in Management budget as day use only in 2027.             |
| Falls Reserve Campground           | \$765,994          | \$948,708                | Workshop addition to include office space. Increase in staffing/operational expenses. |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$1,180,120</b> | <b>\$1,335,669</b>       |                                                                                       |

**Operating Budget Summary - Maitland Valley Conservation Authority**

**Table 1**

| <b>ITEM</b>    | <b>Revenue</b> | <b>Levy Funds</b> | <b>Reserve Funds</b> | <b>Expense</b> | <b>NET Surplus/<br/>Deficit</b> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Administration | 70,000         | 312,072           |                      | 382,072        |                                 |

|                                       |                  |                  |                |                  |               |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Financial Management                  |                  | 128,957          |                | 128,957          |               |
| Governance                            |                  | 18,847           |                | 18,847           |               |
| Services Areas Support                |                  | 66,400           |                | 66,400           |               |
| Communications, IT, GIS               | 2,000            | 305,261          |                | 307,261          |               |
| Source Water Protection               | 26,229           |                  |                | 26,229           |               |
| Flood Control Structures              |                  | 3,262            |                | 3,262            |               |
| Erosion Control Structures            |                  | 1,696            |                | 1,696            |               |
| Flood Forecasting and Warning         | 36,424           | 289,912          |                | 326,336          |               |
| Hazard Prevention                     |                  | 24,383           |                | 24,383           |               |
| Natural Hazard Information            |                  | 72,830           |                | 72,830           |               |
| Regulations                           | 62,500           | 316,544          |                | 379,044          |               |
| Watershed Monitoring and Reporting    | 2,000            | 101,879          |                | 103,879          |               |
| Watershed Health Assessment Reporting |                  | 136,373          |                | 136,373          |               |
| Extension Services                    |                  | 295,795          |                | 295,795          |               |
| Forestry Services                     | 189,100          |                  | 784            | 189,884          |               |
| Management/Development/Operations     | 10,680           | 350,107          |                | 360,787          |               |
| Motor Pool                            | 51,350           |                  |                | 26,174           | 25,176        |
| Falls Reserve Conservation Area       | 800,400          |                  | 148,308        | 948,708          |               |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>1,250,683</b> | <b>2,424,318</b> | <b>149,092</b> | <b>3,798,917</b> | <b>25,176</b> |

## 2027 Projects Budget

The Projects Budget includes both new and ongoing projects

Some projects are long term in design and will have funding carried over from 2026. We will not know the exact amount of funding that will be carried over into 2027 until the end of the year.

Funding sources from Municipal cost apportionment (CA), accumulated surplus for working capital, motor pool, forestry management (FM), Maitland Conservation Foundation (MCF), Falls Reserve FR, Conservation Ontario (CO), Federal (FED), Provincial (PRO) other partners (OP) special apportionment (SA – CA) and projected deferred revenue from carry over projects (DEF), are identified in the details for each program.

| Corporate Projects | Draft Cost | Funding Source(s) | Details                                  |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Corporate          | \$10,500   | CA                | Communications strategy support MVCA/MCF |

|                       |                 |    |                                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----|---------------------------------------------------|
| GIS/IT/Communications | \$30,350        | CA | Computers, software, hardware, licensing, server. |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$40,850</b> |    |                                                   |

| <b>Flood/Erosion Safety Projects</b>                             | <b>Draft Cost</b> | <b>Funding Source(s)</b>   | <b>Details</b>                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Flood Forecasting Monitoring Network/Maintenance/Hydrology Model | \$15,000          | CA                         | Forecasting network telemetry changeover.               |
| ECCC Natural Hazards Outreach and Education                      | \$50,000          | FED                        | Carry over project, expenses reimbursed at report ends. |
| NRCAN Coastal Resiliency Strategy Implementation                 | \$99,500          | SL \$37,500<br>CO \$62,000 | Carry over project, expenses reimbursed at report ends. |
| <b>Total</b>                                                     | <b>\$164,500</b>  |                            |                                                         |

| <b>Watershed Stewardship Projects</b>    | <b>Draft Cost</b>  | <b>Funding Source(s)</b>                   | <b>Details</b>                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Watershed Health Assessment              | \$36,431           | \$5,500 FED<br>\$20,931 CA<br>\$10,000 MCF | Aquatic and forest health research and data collection.                                                                                                     |
| Garvey Glenn Coordination                | \$131,500          | \$31,500 DEF<br>\$100,000 PRO              | Staffing, cover crop incentives, and funds for restoration projects in priority North Shore and Eighteen-Mile watershed.                                    |
| Middle Maitland Restoration              | \$31,500           | DEF                                        | Funds for riparian buffers and wetland creation projects throughout the watershed, with priority in the Middle Maitland sub-watersheds.                     |
| Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program | \$984,500          | CO                                         | Funding for staffing and restoration projects throughout the watershed. Also includes funding for projects in the Saugeen Valley and Pine River watersheds. |
| OMAFRA COA                               | \$12,000           | OP                                         | Funds for soil health initiatives in priority North Shore and Eighteen-Mile watersheds.                                                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$1,195,931</b> |                                            |                                                                                                                                                             |

| Conservation Areas Projects | Draft Cost      | Funding Source(s)           | Details                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Forestry Management         | \$9,500         | FMR                         | Invasive species control and planting of native trees and shrubs to increase biodiversity.                                                             |
| Vehicle Replacement         | \$50,000        | MPR                         | Replace 2017 electric car with similar vehicle.                                                                                                        |
| Carbon Sequestration        | \$700           | MPR                         | Plant trees on C.A property following Carbon Sequestration strategy                                                                                    |
| Conservation Areas          | \$36,600        | \$30,000 MCF<br>\$6,600 WCR | Develop new parking lot at George Taylor Conservation Area for community use.<br>Replace signage, gates, and barriers where scheduled for replacement. |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$96,800</b> |                             |                                                                                                                                                        |

**Project Budget Summary - Maitland Valley Conservation Authority**

**Table 2**

| ITEM                                                 | Revenue | Levy Funds | Special Levy Funds | Deferred Revenue | Working Capital Reserves | Forest Management Reserves | Motor Pool Reserves | Expense |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Administration Centre                                |         | 10,500     |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     | 10,500  |
| GIS/IT Management/Communications                     |         | 30,350     |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     | 30,350  |
| Flood Forecasting Monitoring Network/Hydrology Model |         | 15,000     |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     | 15,000  |
| FHIMP Morris Turnberry                               |         |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     |         |
| FHIMP Lucknow                                        |         |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     |         |
| ECCC Natural Hazards Outreach & Education            | 50,000  |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     | 50,000  |
| NRCAN Coastal Resiliency Strategy Implementation     | 62,000  |            | 37,500             |                  |                          |                            |                     | 99,500  |
| Watershed Health Assessment Project                  | 15,500  | 20,931     |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     | 36,431  |
| Carbon Footprint Initiative                          |         |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     |         |
| Garvey Glenn Coordination                            | 100,000 |            |                    | 31,500           |                          |                            |                     | 131,500 |
| Middle Maitland Headwaters Restoration               |         |            |                    | 31,500           |                          |                            |                     | 31,500  |
| Huron Clean Water                                    |         |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     |         |
| Watershed Stewardship Projects                       |         |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     |         |
| Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP)      | 984,500 |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     | 984,500 |
| Wellington County Water Program                      |         |            |                    |                  |                          |                            |                     |         |
| OMAFRA COA                                           |         |            |                    | 12,000           |                          |                            |                     | 12,000  |
| Forestry Management                                  |         |            |                    |                  |                          | 9,500                      |                     | 9,500   |

|                                |                  |               |               |               |              |              |               |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Vehicles/Equipment Replacement |                  |               |               |               |              |              | 50,000        | 50,000           |
| Carbon Sequestration Planting  |                  |               |               |               |              |              | 700           | 700              |
| Conservation Area Projects     | 30,000           |               |               |               | 6,600        |              |               | 36,600           |
| <b>Net Project Budgets</b>     | <b>1,242,000</b> | <b>76,781</b> | <b>37,500</b> | <b>75,000</b> | <b>6,600</b> | <b>9,500</b> | <b>50,700</b> | <b>1,498,081</b> |

## Summary:

### Projects Budget

The total draft Projects Budget is \$1,498,081. The Projects Budget is based upon utilizing \$66,800 from accumulated surplus.

Total Budget:

MVCA's total draft budget for operating and projects for 2027 is \$5,296,998.

A copy of the draft cost apportionment for 2027 is attached to this report.

### Draft Information Package for Member Municipalities:

Staff will develop a draft information package to circulate to our member municipalities with respect to the draft 2027 work plan and budget. The information package typically includes the following:

- i) Letter from the Chair- outlining the Minister's directive on the 2027 budget.
- ii) Priorities for 2027
- iii) Summary budget tables for operating and projects
- iv) Draft Cost Apportionment Schedule

Staff would appreciate the Members' input with respect to any other information that they would like to see included in the letter that is to be sent to Member Municipalities.

**Recommendation:**

THAT the 2027 draft budget, work plan and cost apportionment be approved for review and comment by MVCA's member municipalities;

AND THAT the final work plan and budget be brought back to the Members at the October 21, 2026 meeting for final review and approval;

AND FURTHER THAT the municipal information package be circulated to member municipalities based upon the direction provided by the Members.

| <b>September 9, 2026</b>                      | <b>% of</b>         | <b>2026 Tax Year</b>  | <b>Municipal</b>          | <b>CVA Based</b>     | <b>2026</b>     | <b>2027</b>    | <b>\$</b>         | <b>2027</b>    | <b>2027</b>  |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>2027 Draft Cost Apportionment Schedule</b> | <b>Municipality</b> | <b>CVA (modified)</b> | <b>Population</b>         | <b>Apportionment</b> | <b>Approved</b> | <b>Draft</b>   | <b>Increase</b>   | <b>Draft</b>   | <b>Draft</b> |
| <b>Increase Amount: \$128,394</b>             | <b>In Watershed</b> | <b>in Watershed</b>   | <b>in CA jurisdiction</b> | <b>Percentage</b>    | <b>General</b>  | <b>General</b> | <b>from</b>       | <b>Special</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Municipality</b>                           |                     | <b>\$</b>             |                           |                      | <b>Levy</b>     | <b>Levy</b>    | <b>Prior Year</b> | <b>Levy</b>    | <b>Levy</b>  |
| Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township           | 100                 | \$1,398,943,756       | 4,547                     | 12.3900              | \$ 295,857      | \$ 309,886     | \$ 14,029         | \$ 10,000      | \$ 319,886   |
| Central Huron Municipality                    | 76                  | \$1,047,679,566       | 6,104                     | 9.2800               | \$ 221,354      | \$ 232,102     | \$ 10,748         | \$ 10,000      | \$ 242,102   |
| Goderich Town                                 | 100                 | \$1,243,854,785       | 6,114                     | 11.0100              | \$ 251,725      | \$ 275,371     | \$ 23,646         | \$ 17,500      | \$ 292,871   |
| Howick Township                               | 92                  | \$486,115,152         | 2,840                     | 4.3000               | \$ 103,198      | \$ 107,547     | \$ 4,349          |                | \$ 107,547   |
| Huron East Municipality                       | 72                  | \$1,156,268,422       | 7,940                     | 10.2400              | \$ 244,136      | \$ 256,112     | \$ 11,976         |                | \$ 256,112   |
| Huron-Kinloss Township                        | 43                  | \$688,052,368         | 5,919                     | 6.0900               | \$ 143,534      | \$ 152,317     | \$ 8,783          |                | \$ 152,317   |
| Mapleton Township                             | 5                   | \$102,528,764         | 7,674                     | 0.9100               | \$ 21,814       | \$ 22,760      | \$ 946            |                | \$ 22,760    |
| Minto Town                                    | 64                  | \$798,624,618         | 6,482                     | 7.0700               | \$ 169,396      | \$ 176,828     | \$ 7,432          |                | \$ 176,828   |
| Morris/Turnberry Municipality                 | 95                  | \$585,206,119         | 2,832                     | 5.1800               | \$ 123,840      | \$ 129,557     | \$ 5,717          |                | \$ 129,557   |
| North Huron Township                          | 100                 | \$615,399,340         | 3,854                     | 5.4500               | \$ 130,009      | \$ 136,310     | \$ 6,301          |                | \$ 136,310   |
| North Perth Municipality                      | 98                  | \$2,579,048,801       | 11,266                    | 22.8400              | \$ 544,046      | \$ 571,251     | \$ 27,205         |                | \$ 571,251   |
| Perth East Township                           | 9                   | \$199,439,404         | 9,538                     | 1.7700               | \$ 41,982       | \$ 44,269      | \$ 2,287          |                | \$ 44,269    |
| South Bruce Municipality                      | 1                   | \$7,834,494           | 5,154                     | 0.0700               | \$ 1,646        | \$ 1,751       | \$ 105            |                | \$ 1,751     |
| Wellington North Township                     | 16                  | \$332,114,590         | 9,558                     | 2.9400               | \$ 69,268       | \$ 73,532      | \$ 4,264          |                | \$ 73,532    |
| West Perth Municipality                       | 3                   | \$51,846,012          | 7,504                     | 0.4600               | \$ 10,899       | \$ 11,505      | \$ 606            |                | \$ 11,505    |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |                     | \$11,292,956,191      | 97326                     | 100.0000             | \$ 2,372,704    | \$ 2,501,098   | \$ 128,394        | \$ 37,500      | \$ 2,538,598 |

## **Members Report #66-2026**

TO: Members, MVCA  
FROM: Ed McGugan, Chair; Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer  
DATE: September 10, 2026  
SUBJECT: Transition Committee-Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority

### **Purpose:**

To report back to the Members regarding the Transition Committee meeting.

### **Background:**

The Members appointed the Chair and General Manager to sit on the Transition Committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency has appointed the Chair and General Manager to be members of the Transition Committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

### **Summary:**

The Transition Committee held their first meeting on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the meeting was to outline the process and timeline for developing the Transition Plan for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

The Committee members were advised that all materials and discussions are confidential and can only be shared with the approval of the Project Executive.

The Committee did receive permission to share the Conservation Authority Transition Readiness Assessment report. A copy is attached to this report.

Meetings will be held monthly from now until February 1, 2027. The Transition Plan is to be completed by January.

MVCA is hosting the October meeting. A date has not been set as yet.



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# Conservation Authority Transition Readiness Assessment and RCA Playbook *Lake Huron RCA*

Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

July 2026

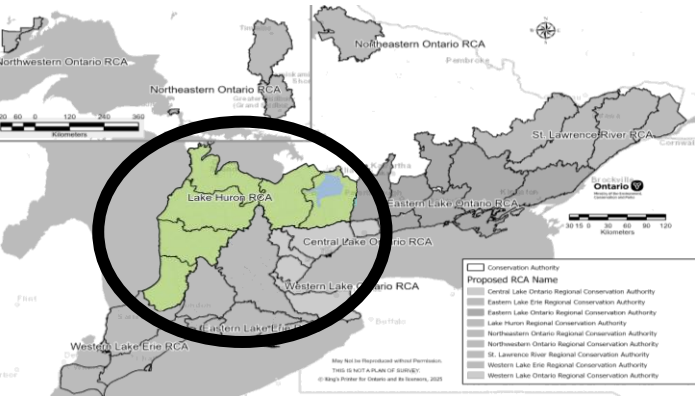


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# Lake Huron RCA - High-level Overview

Lake Huron RCA will consist of rural and small/growth urban regions\* in central Ontario and amalgamate Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA), Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA).

|       | Category 1 Services                   |                        |                                                            |                         |                                                   | Category 2 & 3 Services                               |                                                   |                                                               |                                      |                                              |                                    |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|       | Flood forecasting and warning systems | Development permitting | Watershed and natural hazard mgmt., monitoring and science | Source water protection | Regulatory compliance and administrative hearings | Technical advisory to support local land use planning | Conservation areas, parks and recreation programs | Environmental stewardship services and land mgmt./restoration | Education, public awareness outreach | Research, innovation and climate initiatives | Heritage lands and site management | Agricultural outreach and programming |
| ABCA  | X                                     | X                      | X                                                          | X                       | X                                                 |                                                       | X                                                 | X                                                             | X                                    |                                              |                                    | X                                     |
| GSCA  | X                                     | X                      | X                                                          | X                       | X                                                 |                                                       | X                                                 | X                                                             | X                                    |                                              |                                    |                                       |
| LSRCA | X                                     | X                      | X                                                          | X                       | X                                                 | X                                                     | X                                                 | X                                                             | X                                    | X                                            | X                                  |                                       |
| MVCA  | X                                     | X                      | X                                                          | X                       | X                                                 |                                                       | X                                                 | X                                                             | X                                    |                                              |                                    |                                       |
| NVCA  | X                                     | X                      | X                                                          | X                       | X                                                 |                                                       | X                                                 | X                                                             | X                                    |                                              | X                                  |                                       |
| SVCA  | X                                     | X                      | X                                                          | X                       | X                                                 |                                                       | X                                                 | X                                                             | X                                    |                                              |                                    |                                       |



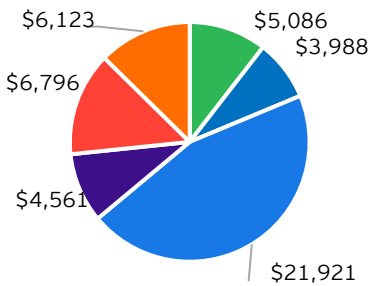
Total population: ~1,110,381

Total area covered: 21,104 km<sup>2</sup>

Total staff: ~280 Full-time, ~22 Part-time/Contract, ~7 Seasonal

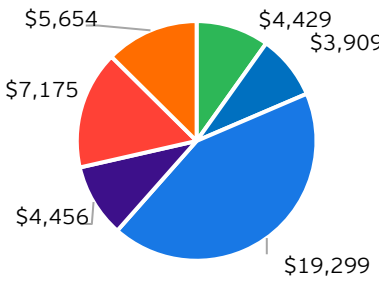
## Financial Overview

Total revenues in 2024 (\$000)  
\$48,475



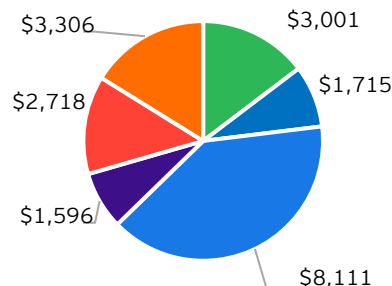
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Total expenses in 2024 (\$000)  
\$44,922



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■ MVCA ■ NVCA ■ SVCA

Total self-generated revenue in 2024 (\$000) \$20,447



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■ MVCA ■ NVCA ■ SVCA

## Additional Financial Metrics

Average levy per capita: ~\$22/person (ranging from ~\$16/resident to ~\$30/resident)

Ratio of reserve funds to revenues across CAs: 0.66:1 (ranging from 0.27:1 to 1.64:1)

\*Jurisdiction covered includes: Adelaide Metcalfe, Bluewater, Central Huron, Huron East, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, Middlesex Centre, North Middlesex, Perth South, South Huron, Warwick, and West Perth, Central Huron, Huron East, Morris-Turnberry, South Bruce, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Howick, North Huron, Perth East, West Perth, Mapleton, Wellington North, Huron-Kinloss, Goderich, North Perth and Minto, Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Chatsworth, Grey Highlands, Hanover, Howick, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, Minto, Morris-Turnberry, Saugeen Shores, South Bruce, Southgate, Wellington North and West Grey, York, Durham, Simcoe County, Kawartha Lakes, Barrie and Orillia, Wasaga Beach, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Essa, Collingwood, Clearview, Mono, Amaranth, Innisfil, New Tecumseth, Mulmur, Shelburne, Adjala-Tosorontio, Barrie, Grey Highlands, The Blue Mountains and Melancthon, with Springwater and Oro-Medonte, Arran-Elderslie, Grey Highlands, Meaford, The Blue Mountains, South Bruce Peninsula, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, and Owen Sound.

# Lake Huron RCA - Transition Readiness Overview

| Category                                       | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Low | Medium | High |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| <b>Governance and Organizational Structure</b> | LSRCA and NVCA appear strongest, with more mature, structured, and transparent governance models that support integrated planning and oversight; ABCA, GSCA, MVCA, and SVCA have functional municipal governance foundations but are less advanced in enterprise-wide governance, performance measurement, and risk integration.                                                                        |     |        |      |
| <b>Financial Performance and Procedures</b>    | NVCA and LSRCA demonstrate the highest financial readiness through stronger controls, planning discipline, and more robust financial management practices; ABCA, GSCA, MVCA, and SVCA are generally stable and compliant, but show more limited evidence of long-term forecasting, reserve strategy, and capital planning maturity.                                                                     |     |        |      |
| <b>Workforce and Human Resources</b>           | NVCA appears most workforce-ready, supported by broader multidisciplinary capacity and more developed HR systems, while LSRCA also has a solid HR foundation but still has room to mature forward-looking workforce planning; ABCA, GSCA, MVCA, and SVCA rely more heavily on lean teams, cross-functional roles, and institutional knowledge, creating greater succession and transition-capacity risk |     |        |      |
| <b>Operational Processes</b>                   | GSCA and LSRCA show the strongest operational readiness, with more modernized, integrated, and performance-oriented processes; ABCA, NVCA, MVCA, and SVCA have sound core service delivery, but readiness is moderated by greater reliance on staff versatility, less standardized KPI tracking, and more limited evidence of enterprise-wide process discipline                                        |     |        |      |
| <b>Systems and Supporting Technology</b>       | LSRCA is the leader in technology readiness, with stronger digital modernization, IT governance, and system-enabled operations; GSCA, ABCA, MVCA, NVCA and SVCA have functional systems but are more reliant on external support or are resource dependent, have fewer formal IT roadmaps, and would likely require more hands-on support during systems harmonization.                                 |     |        |      |
| <b>Asset and Infrastructure Inventory</b>      | NVCA and LSRCA appear most advanced in asset readiness, with more structured asset management, reporting, and longer-range planning; ABCA, GSCA, MVCA, and SVCA maintain practical asset tracking and inspection practices, but generally need stronger lifecycle planning, condition assessment, capital forecasting, and RCA-wide standardization.                                                    |     |        |      |

## Legend

Ausable Bayfield CA
 Grey Sauble CA
 Lake Simcoe Region CA
 Maitland Valley Region CA
 Nottawasaga Valley CA
 Saugeen Valley CA

**Key considerations for transition to the RCA:** This RCA is uniquely defined by staff with high-capabilities and low-capacity with LSRCA and NVCA bringing stronger asset-financial, reporting, and modernization practices, while ABCA, GSCA, MVCA, and SVCA contribute locally grounded watershed knowledge, agricultural/shoreline/flood-risk expertise, and relationship-based service delivery that will be vulnerable if the new RCA operating model becomes overly centralized. OPCA should actively manage governance representation, funding-formula transparency, workforce/compensation harmonization, systems integration, and asset due diligence, while deliberately preserving LSRCA's asset-financial planning and digital governance, MVCA/SVCA's flood-monitoring and WISKI/ESRI-enabled operational knowledge, and the smaller CAs' local stewardship, municipal, and conservation-land management relationships rather than replacing them with a one-size-fits-all model.

## **Members Report #67-2027**

TO: Members, Maitland Conservation  
FROM: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer;  
Jayne Thompson, GIS-IT-Communications Coordinator  
DATE: September 8, 2026  
SUBJECT: **Draft Program and Timing for October 21<sup>st</sup> Members Meeting**

### **Purpose:**

To obtain direction on the program for the afternoon session on October 21<sup>st</sup>  
To confirm the time for the Members Meeting.

### **Background:**

The Members approved the following motion at the April 15, 2026 meeting:

#### **Motion FA #46-26**

Moved by: Evan Hickey Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT a daytime social with members, past members and staff will begin at 4pm on October 21, 2026

at Wroxeter Hall;

AND THAT following a short break, members will reconvene to MVCA Administration Centre at 7pm.

### **Proposed Program and Start Time:**

Staff have identified some draft ideas a program for the daytime social.

We would appreciate the Members direction on the draft Program.

Start at 3:00pm and finish at 4:30pm.

### **Draft Program:**

1. Welcome by the Chair
2. Introduction of guests and purpose of the gathering.
3. Remarks from guests
4. Present service awards to retiring Members (Sharen, Ed P. and Megan)

5. Presentations: Highlights from MVCA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Jayne
6. Video Presentation: "Why We Care About Nature": Cory Bilyea
7. Closing Remarks and social time.

Staff and Member photos to be taken after the social gathering.

Members Meeting to be held at the Admin. Centre starting at 7:00pm.

Recommendation:

To be developed at the meeting.

## **Members Report #68-2026**

**TO:** Members, MVCA  
**FROM:** Jason Moir, Superintendent, Falls Reserve Conservation Area;  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
**DATE:** September 4th, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Falls Reserve CA Winter Storage Service Review

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### **Purpose:**

To identify MVCA Solicitor, Insurance Broker and Staff recommendations regarding the storage of trailers at Falls Reserve Conservation Area (FRCA)

### **History and Background:**

FRCA began offering seasonal camping beginning in 1986 and introduced closed season (October to April) trailer storage options in 1987 with the objective to increase revenues to offset increasing operation costs.

In 2005, the Authority developed seasonal camping guidelines to help ensure the Conservation Area operated as a passive non-permanent type of campground as issues evolved around “permanent” type structures. These guidelines dealt with issues including large permanent like structures, sheds and even fishponds which had remained on-site during the closed season and created a more “trailer park” style campground.

While the guidelines helped, several ongoing challenges and concerns remain for closed season storage options which have been considered in this report.

### **Winter Trailer Storage Review:**

Staff have considered several factors regarding the current winter trailer storage option and impacts on FRCA operations. Advice from the authority’s Insurance Broker and Solicitor was obtained for the review along with staff concerns noted in the past few years.

### **Marsh Canada Ltd (Marsh) Guidance:**

Marsh is the Insurance broker that oversees MVCA’s liability insurance policy. A guidance document on “*Seasonal Campground Risk Management, dated January 2025*” was provided by Marsh. Within this guidance document, it illustrates levels of risk along with recommendations and guidance to consider which are highlighted below:

Suggested guidance: “disallow or minimize the allowance for winter storage.”

- “Allowing the storage of trailer or structure can lead campers to perceive CA lands as an extension of their own property, resulting in misunderstandings.”
- Camp units and built structures stored on-site, also increase the likelihood of risks related to eviction refusals, threats to escalate matters to the Landlord Tenant Board or pursue legal action without valid grounds.
- “Reduce a sense of site entitlement among recurring campers.”
- “Facilitate the CA’s regulations and verification of site clean-up.”
- “Ensure that trailers are consistently transportable.”
- “Minimize issues related to people living in trailers during the winter season.”

Suggested guidance: “disallowing any built structure that cannot be easily removed from the site by the campers at the end of the season.”

- “Built structures may present safety hazards and foster a sense of entitlement to the site, leading to misconceptions about ownership or land rights.”

Suggested guidance, if winter storage is allowed:

- “an alternative is to require trailers and items for storage be moved to a different location, such as a consolidated lot.”

### **MVCA Solicitors Guidance:**

Staff have reached out to our Solicitor to clarify what makes on-site trailer storage a risk or liability to MVCA. The Solicitor indicated “*there is risk in permitting RV’s and campers to be stored on the Reserve*” with the most significant risk is the camper/trailer owners believe that they have more than permission to occupy and form a sense of ownership and entitlement of the campsite.

Also, advised by the Solicitor that if the MVCA allows trailer storage the courts will expect a level of care of the stored trailer or structure whereas appropriate, secure enclosure/storage area along with regular inspections would be a minimum requirement.

Around the question about allowing storage, the solicitor indicated “*it is obvious that removal of all the property of others from the Reserve during the off season is the best risk management strategy*”.

### **Staff Considerations:**

Staff have considered past and potential issues with continuing of seasonal trailers being left onsite during the closed season which include:

- Restricts the ability to effectively and safely maintain the campsite grounds, facilities, services and to mitigate hazards during the campground closed season when trailers remain on-site.
- Trailers left onsite can lead to maintenance not being performed to maintain them in road worthy conditions or to require extensive renovations on-site.
- The storage of RV trailer units, sheds and decks also presents a risk to the MVCA should a tree limb fall, or the snow load collapses a structure during the winter closed season.
- There is risk of theft stored items or the risk of someone unlawfully staying overnight in a stored RV trailer with the possibility of loss of life should an unfortunate event occur.
- Long term occupancy of a site can lead to Increasing the likelihood of campsites becoming more permanent with structures that are more difficult to remove from the site at the end of the season.

### **Conclusion:**

The guidance provided by Marsh matches the guidance given from our Solicitor whereas the best risk management strategy is to remove and cease storage operations.

The option to store trailers, sheds and decks have historically been permitted as a service at FRCA to those seasonals wishing to return the following year.

The following Options are presented for consideration:

1. Continue with closed season storage as in the past and accept liability.
2. Discontinue winter storage of trailers in order to reduce liability and risks.

Staff would develop a consultation process with the seasonal campers based on the Members direction

**Recommendation: to be developed**

## **Members Report #69-2026**

**To:** Members, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
**From:** Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
**Date:** Sept 3, 2026

**Subject:** Turnberry Floodplain C.A – Memorial Gates Request

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### **Purpose:**

To obtain Members direction on the request from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry to acquire a small portion of land for the reconstruction of the Memorial Gates at Turnberry Floodplain C.A.

### **Background:**

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, Maitland Conservation staff attended the first meeting of the Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee to discuss possible options for the reconstruction of the memorial gates that were damaged and required removal earlier this summer at the entrance to the Turnberry Floodplain C.A. Staff advised the Committee of the current operations, possible options, and disposition requirements if the Committee and Municipality was interested in re-constructing a memorial structure at the same or similar location. Following this discussion, the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry sent in a letter and request to the Membership which is attached at the end of this report for consideration.

The request to transfer a small portion of land (approximately 0.05 acres) where the previous memorial gates were located, would allow the Municipality to reconstruct a similar memorial structure which would be under the Municipality's care and ownership.

This request as proposed, would not interfere with future access to the conservation area or affect the current lease agreement with the Township of North Huron for use of the Galbraith Soccer field.

In order for a transfer (disposition) to occur, the authority would have to support the request by declaring the portion of land as surplus to the Authority and to request approval from the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency's (OPCA).

Authority disposition guidelines and considerations include if the property no longer meets the goals and objectives of the Authority or is determined to be surplus to the Authorities needs. This includes reviewing historical factors and how ownership of the property was obtained. In the case of the Turnberry Floodplain C.A., the property was purchased in 1967 with the assistance of Provincial funding. The entire property (11.25 acres) lies within the floodplain and at the time of purchase was acquired to protect the land from flooding hazards.

While ownership of the entire property can still be considered as meeting our goals and objectives, the request for a small portion of land to preserve the historical significance of the memorial gate structure could be considered.

Staff would recommend the Members support the request for the transfer of approximately 0.05 acres identified in the letter due to the limited impact it would have on the remaining property.

**Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Membership supports the request from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the transfer of approximately 0.05 acres of land being declared surplus.

**AND THAT** a request for authorization be sent to the OPCA.

## MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

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September 2, 2026

Chair and Members of the Board  
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
1093 Marietta Street  
Wroxeter, Ontario N0G 2X0

Re: Request to Acquire Land for Reconstruction of the Galbraith Memorial Gates

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry and the Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee, I am writing to request the transfer of a small portion of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority's property at Galbraith Field in Lowertown, Wingham, to accommodate the reconstruction of the Galbraith Memorial Gates.

The gates were constructed in 1928 at what was then known as the Turnberry Agricultural Park to honour veterans from Turnberry who served in the Canadian Forces. The gates have remained an important community memorial and a prominent feature of the property for nearly a century.

In May of this year a vehicle struck the upper portion of the gates, causing extensive damage to the metal sign and the fieldstone pillars, making them unsafe. The gates were carefully dismantled on June 16, 2026, in cooperation with MVCA staff. Each stone was marked and catalogued before removal, and the original stones and metal components are now being stored by the Municipality for potential reuse in the reconstruction.

The Galbraith Memorial Gates Advisory Committee was established to determine a path forward for the reconstruction of the gates. They have considered possible locations for the reconstructed gates and believe every reasonable effort should be made to return the memorial to its historic location at Galbraith Field. However, the Municipality's lack of ownership of the site creates uncertainty regarding its ability to invest in, maintain and preserve the reconstructed memorial over the long term.

Accordingly, Council respectfully requests that the MVCA Board consider declaring surplus and approving the transfer to the Municipality of a parcel approximately 0.05 acres in area, measuring approximately 8 metres deep by 25 metres wide, as illustrated on the enclosed sketch. The requested parcel has been limited to the area reasonably required to accommodate the reconstruction and future maintenance of the gates, and

is proposed to be merged with the adjacent road allowance to avoid complications regarding continued access to Galbraith Field.

The Municipality is prepared to assume the survey costs, as well as the legal costs incurred by both parties in completing the transfer. Given the nature of the project and its importance to the community, the Municipality respectfully requests that the Board consider the nominal sum of \$1.00 for the land. We recognize that the transfer may also be subject to applicable MVCA policies and any necessary provincial approval.

Council and the Advisory Committee believe that municipal ownership of this small parcel would provide the security needed to proceed with reconstructing the gates and safeguarding this important memorial for future generations. The Municipality appreciates the MVCA's cooperation following the damage to the gates and respectfully asks the Board to give this request its favourable consideration.

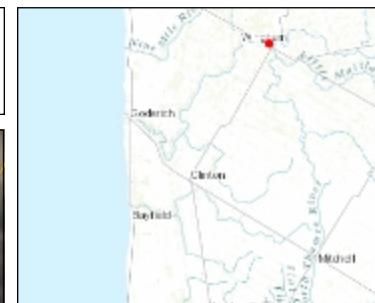
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Hallam', written in a cursive style.

Trevor Hallam  
CAO/Clerk  
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

Enclosure: Sketch of Requested Parcel (approximate)

# Proposed Parcel



## Legend

- 911 Address
- Parcel Fabric - Secure
  - Condominium
  - Road Allowance
  - Parcel
- Municipal Boundary
- County Boundary

## Notes

## Member's Report #70/26

**To:** Member's, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority  
**From** Danielle Livingston, Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator  
**Date:** September 4, 2026  
**Subject** Corporate Services - Accounts Paid and Received for:  
August 2026

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### Recommendation

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

| Financial Summary Report Ending August 2026 |              |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Revenue Invoiced                            | \$285,949.47 |
| Accounts Paid                               | \$513,555.47 |

| Financial Status at Month Ending August 2026 |                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Bank Loans Outstanding                       | \$0.00         |
| Bank Balance at Month End                    | \$2,982,911.89 |
| Total                                        | \$2,982,911.89 |

**Maitland Valley Conservation Authority**  
**Accounts Receivable as of August 31, 2026**

**Operating Budget Revenue**

**Corporate**

|                                                              |    |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Corporate Services sale office support/rent office equipment | \$ | 1,085.70        |
| bank interest                                                | \$ | 6,143.20        |
| Huron Clean Water Project administration                     | \$ | 497.41          |
|                                                              | \$ | <u>7,726.31</u> |
| Source Water Protection ABCA funding                         | \$ | 1,930.81        |
|                                                              | \$ | <u>1,930.81</u> |
| Communications sales and donations                           | \$ | 131.65          |
|                                                              | \$ | <u>131.65</u>   |

**Total Corporate Services** \$ 9,788.77

**Flood Safety**

|                                                |    |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Planning/Regulations planning application fees | \$ | 1,510.00        |
| property advisory fees                         | \$ | 360.00          |
| solicitor inquiries                            | \$ | 190.00          |
| CWMS/watercourse regulations                   | \$ | 1,970.00        |
| regulation applications                        | \$ | 790.00          |
|                                                | \$ | <u>4,820.00</u> |

**Total Flood Safety Services** \$ 4,820.00

**Watershed Stewardship**

|                                                   |    |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Monitoring and Reporting Provincial reimbursement | \$ | 476.32           |
|                                                   | \$ | <u>476.32</u>    |
| Forestry seedling user fee                        | \$ | 10,683.40        |
|                                                   | \$ | <u>10,683.40</u> |

**Total Watershed Stewardship Services** \$ 11,159.72

**Conservation Areas**

|                                 |    |                   |
|---------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| FRCA camping and park admission | \$ | 80,470.70         |
| sales/concession                | \$ | 11,045.84         |
| equipment sales                 | \$ | 690.01            |
| Federal CSJ                     | \$ | 22,764.00         |
|                                 | \$ | <u>114,970.55</u> |
| MDO property revenue            | \$ | 75.00             |
|                                 | \$ | <u>75.00</u>      |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Motor Pool revenue | \$ 5,947.68 |
|                    | \$ 5,947.68 |

|                                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Conservation Areas Operations</b> | <b>\$ 120,993.23</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Operating Budget Revenue</b> | <b>\$ 146,761.72</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|

## Projects Budget Revenue

### Corporate

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| IPM partners | \$ 9,843.99 |
|              | \$ 9,843.99 |

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total Corporate Projects</b> | <b>\$ 9,843.99</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|

### Watershed Stewardship

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Garvey Glenn Coordination Provincial | \$ 85,000.00 |
|                                      | \$ 85,000.00 |

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Middle Maitland donations | \$ 5,810.00 |
|                           | \$ 5,810.00 |

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Huron County Clean Water funding | \$ 38,533.76 |
|                                  | \$ 38,533.76 |

|                                             |                      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Watershed Stewardship Projects</b> | <b>\$ 129,343.76</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Project Budget Revenue</b> | <b>\$ 139,187.75</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Operating and Project Revenues</b> | <b>\$ 285,949.47</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|

**Maitland Valley Conservation Authority****Expense Reports****As of August 31, 2026**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Num</b> | <b>Name</b>                              | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 08-05-2026  | EFTA       | Aug2027 Sun Life Financial               | -7,390.10     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26014      | Horton's Dairy                           | -952.95       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26015      | McDonald Home Hardware                   | -285.19       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26016      | Radar Auto Parts - Brussels              | -105.84       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26017      | Rice Resource Technologies Inc.          | -538.24       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26018      | Watson's Home Hardware - Goderich        | -260.28       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26019      | Merner Contracting Ltd.                  | -828.78       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26020      | Gwen Richardson                          | -2,997.57     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26021      | Receiver General                         | -2,772.22     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26022      | Jeremy Van Esbroeck                      | -1,350.00     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26023      | Dekkerdale Holsteins Ltd.                | -2,000.00     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26024      | Wightman Telecom Ltd.                    | -1,314.12     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26025      | Brussels Agri Services Ltd.              | -3,395.09     |
| 08-14-2026  | 26026      | M.R.C. Systems Inc.                      | -551.72       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26027      | Crump Enterprises Ltd.                   | -82,712.61    |
| 08-14-2026  | 26028      | Speedy Glass                             | -705.12       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26029      | Corporation of the Twp. of Huron-Kinloss | -194.56       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26030      | Shred All Ltd.                           | -881.40       |
| 08-14-2026  | 26031      | Fordwich Tire (Ontario) Ltd.             | -50.85        |
| 08-14-2026  | 26032      | CIBC Visa Centre                         | -8,831.43     |
| 08-14-2026  | 01901      | Avenir Energy Ltd.                       | -270.27       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01902      | Ben Van Dieten                           | -45.00        |
| 08-14-2026  | 01903      | Brandt Security                          | -22.60        |
| 08-14-2026  | 01904      | Bureau Veritas Canada Inc.               | -163.62       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01905      | ContinuIT Corp.                          | -965.02       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01906      | F.S. Partners                            | -244.13       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01907      | Foxton Fuels Limited                     | -539.08       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01908      | Hodgins BC Wingham                       | -34.18        |
| 08-14-2026  | 01909      | Laura Hopkins                            | -151.20       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01910      | Lei's Lumber Company Ltd                 | -325.44       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01911      | MicroAge BASICS                          | -111.37       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01912      | North Huron Publishing Company Inc.      | -293.80       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01913      | Sepoy Trade Solutions                    | -358.99       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01914      | The Drafting Clinic Canada Limited       | -323.54       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01915      | Waste Management of Canada Corporation   | -2,154.63     |
| 08-14-2026  | 01916      | Watson's Home Hardware                   | -922.27       |
| 08-14-2026  | 01917      | Xerox Canada Ltd.                        | -77.61        |

|            |       |                                         |            |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| 08-14-2026 | 01918 | Yellow Pages                            | -132.75    |
| 08-15-2026 |       | Payroll                                 | -64,821.82 |
| 08-28-2026 | 26033 | Big Bang Promotional Products Inc.      | -4,092.86  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26034 | Canadian Raptor Conservancy             | -1,243.00  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26035 | Desco Plumbing & Heating Supply Inc.    | -79.13     |
| 08-28-2026 | 26036 | Domm Construction Ltd                   | -99,263.27 |
| 08-28-2026 | 26037 | EagleEyes Photography & Media Prod.     | -750.00    |
| 08-28-2026 | 26038 | Emanuel E.M. Martin                     | -708.51    |
| 08-28-2026 | 26039 | Grant Haven Media                       | -265.55    |
| 08-28-2026 | 26040 | Municipality of Bluewater               | -1,246.51  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26041 | Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy      | -1,250.00  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26042 | Horton's Dairy                          | -823.55    |
| 08-28-2026 | 26043 | Municipality of Central Huron           | -859.10    |
| 08-28-2026 | 26044 | Municipality of Huron East              | -1,519.89  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26045 | Peak HydroMet Solutions Inc.            | -213.15    |
| 08-28-2026 | 26046 | Patrick Morgan                          | -58.00     |
| 08-28-2026 | 26047 | Purolator Courier Ltd.                  | -20.74     |
| 08-28-2026 | 26048 | Speedy Glass                            | -1,446.40  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26049 | Timm Enterprises Limited                | -1,071.92  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26050 | Twp. of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh      | -2,662.98  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26051 | Township of Howick (Taxes)              | -3,196.87  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26052 | Corporation of the Twp. of North Huron  | -3,444.36  |
| 08-28-2026 | 01919 | Adam Youngblut                          | -113.51    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01920 | Avenir Energy Ltd.                      | -412.24    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01921 | CDW Canada Corp.                        | -132.84    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01922 | DeLageLandenFinancialServicesCanadaInc. | -1,475.70  |
| 08-28-2026 | 01923 | Erin Gouthro                            | -84.74     |
| 08-28-2026 | 01924 | Huronian Welding & Ind. Supplies Ltd.   | -259.37    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01925 | Mars-Bluewater Recycling Association    | -646.36    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01926 | Mathew Shetler                          | -50.00     |
| 08-28-2026 | 01927 | Mid Western Newspapers                  | -593.25    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01928 | Municipality of Morris-Turnberry        | -6,216.60  |
| 08-28-2026 | 01929 | Pagonis Live Bait                       | -271.20    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01930 | Robert's Farm Equipment                 | -1,372.58  |
| 08-28-2026 | 01931 | Sepoy Trade Solutions                   | -3,135.16  |
| 08-28-2026 | 01932 | Shannon Millar                          | -259.54    |
| 08-28-2026 | 01933 | Tim Prentice                            | -73.86     |
| 08-28-2026 | 01934 | Westario Power Inc.                     | -31.62     |
| 08-28-2026 | 01935 | Yellow Pages                            | -19.62     |
| 08-28-2026 | 01936 | Zuzek Inc.                              | -9,781.28  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26053 | Friends of Hullett                      | -2,901.79  |
| 08-28-2026 | 26054 | Municipality of South Huron             | -2,567.03  |

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|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 08-31-2026   | 26055      | Solid Rock Construction LTD.       | -205.00            |
| 08-31-2026   |            | Payroll                            | -69,718.57         |
| 08-31-2026   | 26056      | Receiver General                   | -60,021.01         |
| 08-31-2026   | EFTAUG2026 | Workplace Safety & Insurance Board | -6,277.15          |
| 08-31-2026   | EFTAUG2026 | Minister of Finance                | -3,885.81          |
| 08-31-2026   | EFTAUG2026 | OMERS                              | -28,758.46         |
| <b>Total</b> |            |                                    | <b>-513,555.47</b> |

## **Members Report #71-2025**

**To:** Members, MVCA  
**From:** Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecasting Supervisor  
**Date:** September 16th, 2026  
**Subject:** Agreements Signed

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### **Purpose:**

To outline recent agreements signed with other agencies for Authority projects, funding and services.

#### **1. Watershed Hydrology Model Project Agreement – Heron Hydrologic Ltd.**

In July 2026, the Members awarded the MVCA Flood Forecasting Hydrology Model project (RFP Bid no. FESS-2026-01) to Heron Hydrologic Ltd. for the development of the HEC-HMS watershed hydrology model and authorized staff to proceed with additional project components within the approved project budget (Members Report #46-2026).

A Project Agreement between MVCA and Heron Hydrologic Ltd. formalizes the expanded project scope, which includes the coordinated development of both HEC-HMS and Raven watershed hydrology models.

### **Recommendation:**

THAT Report 71-2026 be approved as outlined.

## **Members Report #72-2026**

**To:** The Members of Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)  
**From:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Danielle Livingston, Administrative and Financial Services Coordinator  
Jayne Thompson, Communications/GIS/It Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator  
Jeff Winzenried, Flood Forecasting Supervisor  
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning and Regulations Supervisor  
Shannon Millar, Restoration Supervisor  
Ben Van Dieten, Stewardship Supervisor

**Date:** September 8, 2026

**Subject:** Budget Update Report for the January 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 period

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### **Purpose:**

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

### **Background:**

The authority has received all but one partial cost apportionment payment from our member municipalities. The outstanding balance is the final installment due from Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh of \$152,928.

For the April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 period, MVCA has received an agreement and payment confirmation for the Section 39 grant from The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for \$36,424.

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 the portion that is

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.

Federal funding from Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program has been confirmed. \$5,688.50 has been allocated to conservation operations, \$5,688.50 to the watershed health project, and \$22,764 to the Falls Reserve Campground operations.

Projected revenue for reviewing planning applications and regulation applications is nearing the expectation for the full year, so a year-end surplus may occur if requests continue as they have been.

### **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 August 31, 2026.

| <b>Balance</b> | <b>Account</b>  | <b>Interest Received in Fiscal Period</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Maturity Date</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| \$392,676      | GIC/Mutual Fund | 7117.94                                   | 4.53-4.56%  | June 2027            |
| \$2,590,236    | Chequing/Saving | \$34,403                                  | 2.75%       | Reviewed annually    |

**Summary:**

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

| <b>Operating Budget Summary up to August 31, 2026</b> | <b>Budgeted Expenditure</b> | <b>Expenditure to Date</b> | <b>Comments</b>                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Administration                                        | \$397,021                   | \$251,957                  | Slight savings expected due to reduced MERCs expenses for CPP and pension.                                                 |
| Financial Management                                  | \$158,522                   | \$99,728                   | Insurance expenses slightly less than projected and WSIB rebate hasn't been allocated yet so a year end surplus may occur. |
| Governance                                            | \$18,020                    | \$8,203                    | On track, honorariums occurring in last quarter                                                                            |
| Service Area Support                                  | \$62,291                    | \$43,558                   | On track                                                                                                                   |
| Communications and IT                                 | \$304,787                   | \$160,693                  | Recruitment for GIS Specialist on-going, expenditures for expiring software licensing will come near year end.             |
| Source Water Protection                               | \$22,975                    | \$13,213                   | On track, fiscal period is April to March.                                                                                 |
| Flood Control Structures                              | \$3,210                     | \$1,016                    | On track                                                                                                                   |
| Erosion Control Structures                            | \$1,670                     | \$284                      | On track                                                                                                                   |
| Flood Forecasting and Warning                         | \$313,644                   | \$165,040                  | Slight savings from reduced staffing in 1 <sup>st</sup> and part of second quarter                                         |
| Hazard Prevention                                     | \$25,546                    | \$8,481                    | Majority of plan input activities expected in last quarter.                                                                |
| Natural Hazard Information                            | \$71,789                    | \$36,532                   | Majority of plan input activities expected in last quarter.                                                                |
| Regulations                                           | \$340,051                   | \$232,071                  | Reduced consulting and technical expenses.                                                                                 |
| Watershed Health Assessment Reporting                 | \$138,291                   | \$89,024                   | Reduced vehicle use.                                                                                                       |
| Watershed Monitoring and Reporting                    | \$105,235                   | \$62,799                   | On track, slight surplus expected at yearend due to reduced vehicle use.                                                   |
| Extension Services                                    | \$225,473                   | \$118,809                  | On track, more staffing expenses allocated in last quarter.                                                                |
| Forestry Services                                     | \$189,099                   | \$170,687                  | On track, remaining expenses being allocated in last quarter.                                                              |
| Falls Reserve Conservation Area                       | \$765,944                   | \$499,008                  | On track                                                                                                                   |
| Wawanosh Park Conservation Area                       | \$38,043                    | \$7,120                    | Infrastructure decommissioning planned for October.                                                                        |
| Conservation Areas                                    | \$350,032                   | \$242,855                  | On track                                                                                                                   |
| Motor Pool                                            | \$26,050                    | \$17,520                   | On track, extra expenses for windshield replacements in 2026.                                                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>\$3,557,745</b>          | <b>\$2,228,598</b>         |                                                                                                                            |

| <b>Projects Budget Summary up to August 31, 2026</b> | <b>Budgeted Expenditure</b> | <b>Expenditure to Date</b> | <b>Comments</b>                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Administration                                       | \$57,200                    | \$21,413                   | Project work finalizing later in year.                                                                                              |
| GIS-IT Management-Communication                      | \$54,500                    | \$30,121                   | 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and IPM expenses still to come, purchase of new computers will take place later in the year.           |
| Flood Monitoring Network/Hydrology Model             | \$174,799                   | \$213                      | Hydrology model expenses and flood network repair and maintenance expenses occurring in final quarter.                              |
| Lucknow Floodplain Mapping                           | \$17,906                    | \$51,870                   | Updated budget, expenses covered by FHIMP funding.                                                                                  |
| Listowel Retaining Wall Replacement                  |                             | \$125,000                  | Added item after approved budget, expenses carry into 2027. Revenue from Provincial Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure Fund.    |
| Natural Hazard Outreach                              | \$40,000                    | \$112,073                  | Expenses ongoing; funding from the Canada Water Agency.                                                                             |
| Coastal Resiliency Strategy                          | \$43,380                    | \$64,527                   | Expenses ongoing; funding from Natural Resources Canada                                                                             |
| Garvey-Glenn Coordination                            | \$127,500                   | \$74,217                   | Cover crops incentives, staff time allocated to date, and spring tree/wetland projects. Additional tree expenses to come this fall. |
| Middle Maitland Headwaters Restoration               | \$95,230                    | \$33,243                   | Spring projects complete and paid. Additional projects to come this fall. Long term project, with funding carried over.             |
| Wellington County Clean Water Program                | \$5,830                     | \$2,000                    | On track yet may be some carry over for projects.                                                                                   |
| Huron Clean Water Program                            | \$500,000                   | \$300,907                  | On track                                                                                                                            |
| Carbon Footprint Initiative                          | \$2,907                     | \$0                        | No expenses incurred yet.                                                                                                           |
| Watershed Health                                     | \$60,240                    | \$21,692                   | On track, remaining expenses being allocated in last quarter.                                                                       |
| Watershed Stewardship Projects                       | \$4,786                     | \$4,786                    | Final project complete, account on track to close this year.                                                                        |
| OMAFRA COA                                           | \$24,545                    | \$0                        | Carry over funding, expected to finalize later in year.                                                                             |
| Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program             | \$701,215                   | \$487,807                  | Spring and summer projects complete, on track to use remaining funds in the fall.                                                   |
| Forestry Management                                  | \$11,000                    | \$1,571                    | Invasive species control to occur this fall.                                                                                        |
| MVCA Carbon Offset                                   | \$700                       | \$522                      | Planting completed, expenses to be allocated, less than projected.                                                                  |
| Conservation Areas Projects                          | \$167,100                   | \$92,533                   | On track, pavilion expenses expected to be finalized in last quarter.                                                               |
| <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>\$2,088,837</b>          | <b>\$1,418,495</b>         |                                                                                                                                     |

**Recommendation:**

THAT the budget update outlined in Report #72-2026 be accepted as presented.

**Ontario Provincial  
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September 9, 2026

Dear Conservation Authority CAOs and GMs:

We have received several inquiries regarding CA board governance in light of the upcoming municipal election and would like to provide clarification. Specifically, we have heard concerns related to a potential “lame duck” status of municipal council members during the election period and resulting impacts for CA board responsibilities including the approval of 2027 budgets.

These concerns appear to stem from [Section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001](#), which establishes that if less than three quarters of the members of an outgoing council are returning, the outgoing council is restricted from specific actions, including making expenditures or incurring liabilities.

It is important to note that CAs are independent organizations and for that reason, this provision of the Act does not apply to CA's budgets or expenditures. In addition, [Section 14\(4.2\) of the Conservation Authorities Act](#) sets out that a municipal council member remains a member until they are replaced. This means that existing board members continue to hold their responsibilities as members of the conservation authority board, including participating in the budget process.

For these reasons, the municipal election this October will not affect the current composition or operation of CA boards. Existing board members will remain in their positions throughout the fall and until consolidation in February 2027.

To be clear, whether a current board member chooses not to seek re-election or is unsuccessful in their re-election, does not affect the CA board prior to consolidation. Current board membership remains unchanged until that time.

We hope this clarification is helpful and addresses any questions that may have arisen. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we continue our transition planning.

Sincerely,



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