



TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE
SUMMARY
DECEMBER 20, 2019

1. **C-009-2020**

Correspondence dated December 11, 2019 from the County of Simcoe to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, respecting endorsement of the Township of Ramara's resolution re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

2. **C-010-2020**

Correspondence dated December 11, 2019 from the County of Simcoe to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority supporting the Township of Springwater's resolution re: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

3. **C-011-2020**

Correspondence dated December 17, 2019 from the Township of Huron-Kinloss to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, respecting support of the Township of Ramara's resolution re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

4. **C-012-2020**

Memorandum dated December 20, 2019 from Mark Tardif, By-law Enforcement Officer respecting Niagara College Co-op Student



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December 11, 2019

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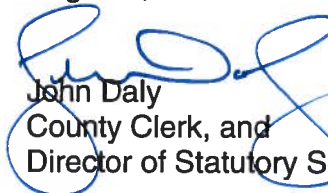
Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

On behalf of Warden Cornell and County Council, I'm writing to advise that at its meeting on December 4, 2019, Simcoe County Council approved the following recommendation:

"That the resolution from the Township of Ramara regarding conservation authority exit clause, be supported."

A copy of the related correspondence from the Township of Ramara is enclosed for your information. Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned at extension 1623.

Regards,



John Daly
County Clerk, and
Director of Statutory Services

Enclosure/

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
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Honourable Jeff Yurek
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Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly,



Jennifer Connor, CMO
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

JC/cw

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
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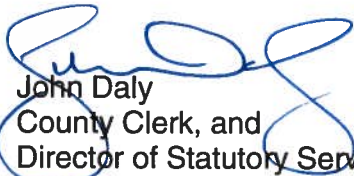
Re: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy (NVCA)

On behalf of Warden Cornell and County Council, I'm writing to advise that at its meeting on December 4, 2019, Simcoe County Council approved the following recommendation:

"That the resolution from the Township of Springwater regarding NVCA Levy be supported."

A copy of the related correspondence from the Township of Springwater is enclosed for your information. Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned at extension 1623.

Regards,



John Daly
County Clerk, and
Director of Statutory Services

Enclosure/

c.c. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
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RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C457-2019

Moved by: Coughlin
Seconded by: Moore

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

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

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

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

- (1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;
- (2) The costs of each as determined under (1);
- (3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

(4) The costs of each as determined under (3);


(5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

(6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

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

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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The Honourable Jeff Yurek
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December 17, 2019

Dear Minister;

Re: Copy of Resolution #645

Please find below a copy of the resolution adopted by the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council at its December 16, 2019 session supporting the resolution brought forth by the Township of Ramara.

Motion No: 915

Moved by: Ed McGugan

Seconded by: Lillian Abbott

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss support the the Township of Ramara's request for the province to review the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.SO.1990, c. C.27 and request that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to costly and FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Emily Dance
Clerk

c.c Conservation Ontario, Ontario Conservation Authorities, Ontario Municipalities



Memo

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mark Tardif, By-law Enforcement Officer
Date: December 20, 2019
Re: Niagara College Co-op Student

On September 16, 2019, Niagara College reached out the 12 Niagara Municipalities to discuss the possibility of a co-op program in By-law, as well as to gauge interest in holding an information session to discuss the matter further. Only 4 municipalities replied with interest, with Wainfleet being among them.

On October 8, 2019, I along with my colleagues from 3 other municipalities attended the information session for the Niagara College By-law Student Co-op Program. This co-op program is designed to address the increasing demand for By-law Officers in the Region and Province, due to pressures from increasing retirements in the field, responsibilities downloaded from the Province to the Municipality (the most relevant one being Cannabis). This is further compounded by the fact that that By-law Enforcement, as a profession is not as widely known, as compared to policing and border control.

This co-op program is only available to third year students enrolled in the Advanced Law Enforcement and Investigations (ALEI) Program. All students that apply for this program must complete a rigorous screening process by the Niagara Regional Police and all fees and insurance for these students is covered by Niagara College.

I am very eager to bring this program to the Township because it represents an excellent partnership opportunity for Niagara College and the Municipalities that participate. This co-op student will be working three hours, once a week for the semester.

The Township has never embarked on a By-law Co-op program before and I am very excited that Wainfleet will be helping to take the lead in training of the next generation of By-law Officers in the Region.