

TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Conservation Authorities

On behalf of the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood, I write to advise you of the following recommendation approved at its meeting held on January 20, 2020 for your consideration:

- WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood has recently declared a Climate Emergency;
- AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood has committed to nine core principles of sustainability;
- AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood is a beneficiary of the upstream environmental remediation work done by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA);
- AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood is a member of the NVCA, with representation on its Board of Directors;
- AND WHEREAS** under the direction of the Board of Directors, the NVCA provides programs and services addressing local priorities to the residents of Collingwood and its other member municipalities, including inclusive outdoor education and recreation, water quality monitoring, preservation of species at risk as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;
- AND WHEREAS** the NVCA provides the Town of Collingwood with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Municipality does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;
- AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks provides approximately one percent of the budget for programs and services currently delivered by the NVCA;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Collingwood supports Conservation Authority regulations under Bill 108 being completed in consultation with municipalities, the NVCA and Conservation Ontario;
- AND THAT** the Town of Collingwood supports continuation of the critical programs and services included in the mandate of Conservation Authorities;
- AND THAT** during the fulsome review and consultations the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks continue to allow local municipalities' designated representatives


to determine which programs will be delivered and mandatory, along with the use of a Board-directed fair municipal levy as per current Regulation;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Jim Wilson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, and the County of Simcoe.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-445-1030 ext. 3230 or clerk@collingwood.ca.

Yours truly,

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