

**UPPER THAMES RIVER
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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Attention: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk

Dear Ms. Msuya-Collison:

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) hosted its Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2018. As part of this meeting the Board of Directors approved the 2018 Budget which includes revenue generated from municipal levy as authorized under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. This notice and levy invoice is being provided via registered mail to the Clerk of each member municipality and stipulates the amount of levy owing for 2018 along with the basis for levy apportionment.

Conservation Authority levies are apportioned to their member municipalities based on relative benefits received. Apportionment of the municipal levy for 2018 has been established in accordance with the formula set forth in Ontario Regulation 670/00 which assesses benefit pursuant to the modified current value assessment (CVA) of each municipality. A second method of apportionment is used for much of the flood control section of the levy which considers benefits received from the flood control structure itself (e.g., Wildwood Dam) rather than using current value assessment. Apportionment values are detailed in the 2018 UTRCA Municipal Levy table at the back of the budget document.

The UTRCA's Board of Directors approved two resolutions regarding the budget (see below). The first approves an overall operating budget of nearly \$15 million. The second approves capital expenditures of nearly \$6.5 million. Note that municipal levy is only a portion of these total amounts:

- 1. That the UTRCA Board of Directors approve the 2018 Draft Operating Budget under Section 27 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* in the amount of \$14,929,033 and that staff be directed to circulate the Approved Budget to member municipalities as part of the required 30 day review period. Please note the levy component of the operating budget of \$4,988,777 will be apportioned to member municipalities based on a general levy formula as developed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry using Current Value Assessment data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.**
- 2. That the UTRCA Board of Directors approve the 2018 Capital Budget under Section 26 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* in two parts:**
 - a) The amount of \$5,998,704 to support the Authority's 20 year Flood Control Capital Plan. Apportionment of the flood control portion of the capital levy of**

\$2,130,933 is based on Special Benefiting Percentages, by structure, as presented in the 2018 Draft Budget. It is noted this levy amount has been set based on cooperative discussions with participating municipalities and assumes that the majority of the works will receive a matching funding contribution through the provincial Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program (WECI).

- b) The amount of \$479,500 to support the Authority's other (non-flood control) capital spending needs. The municipal levy share of this capital amount is \$168,324 and will be apportioned to member municipalities based on a general levy formula as developed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry using Current Value Assessment data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.**

A bound copy of the 2018 Approved Budget is attached for your reference.

This letter and attachments have been forwarded to your municipal clerk by registered mail as required by the *Conservation Authorities Act* and triggers the beginning of the thirty day notice period, during which time municipalities have the right to consider an appeal of the levy.

Should you have any questions regarding the UTRCA's Approved Budget please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly
UPPER THAMES RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Ian Wilcox
General Manager/ Secretary Treasurer

Attachments:

1. UTRCA 2018 Approved Operating Budget
2. Levy Invoice

cc: Dan Best, CAO