

November 18, 2024

Attention: Municipal CAOs, Clerks and Treasurers,

Subject: Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) 2025 Draft Budget

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) Board of Directors and Staff are pleased to provide you with its proposed 2025 Budget for your information. The 2025 Draft Budget currently forecasts operating expenditures of \$26,538,076 which requires a municipal contribution of \$9,051,726. In 2025, the UTRCA will leverage each municipal dollar to bring in almost three additional dollars towards conservation activities that benefit watershed residents and local communities.

Additional details are included in the enclosed:

- 2025 Draft Budget: Overview
- Municipal Specific Insert
- 2025 Draft Budget

The proposed increase in 2025 is \$1,052,137 for general operating purposes to provide a balanced budget for mandatory programs and services. The actual change for individual municipalities will vary based on the Modified Current Value Assessment formula used by the province. Capital expenditures of \$15,464,600 are proposed, of which \$11,682,500 is for Water and Erosion Control Structures major maintenance and capital projects where benefit-based levy rates are applied. Capital projects proposed for Conservation Areas will be funded with existing campground reserves.

Notice is provided pursuant to the Approval apportionment under subsections 25(1) and 27(1) of the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) and Amounts owing under subsection 27.2(2) of the CAA. It is the Board of Directors intention to finalize and approve the budget and levy at the Annual General Meeting in February. The meeting date will be confirmed and provided to municipal Clerks once the 2025 meeting schedule is approved.

Please share the attached 2025 Draft Budget with Council and appropriate staff. I would be pleased to attend and review the proposed budget at a council meeting. Please contact either Michelle Viglianti (vigliantim@thamesriver.on.ca) or Tracy Annett (annett@thamesriver.on.ca) to arrange. We welcome your comments.

Sincerely,



Tracy Annett
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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