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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors refers to the General Membership as set out in the Lower Trent Conservation Administrative By-Law No. 2023-01

Administration Office, 714 Murray Street, Trenton
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Thursday July 9, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair

2. First Nations Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

4. Approval of the Agenda

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

5. Delegations

There are no requests for delegations received for this meeting.

6. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)

7. Adoption of the Minutes:

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2026 be adopted.

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8. Business arising from these minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

9. Correspondence – Rhonda Bateman, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

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a. 2026-06-26 MECP - Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* with respect to budget and apportionment matters

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the correspondence from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks be received as information.

STAFF REPORTS**10. Monthly Payments Issued – Chitra Gowda, Manager, Corporate Services** [Page # 14](#)

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of payments issued in the total amount of \$257,312.54 for the month of June 2026 be received as information.

11. Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Reports – Rhonda Bateman, CAO/

Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Summary of Permits for Period May 27 – June 26, 2026 [Page # 15](#)
- b. Planning and Regulations
- c. Flood Forecasting and Warning (FFW) and Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR)

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Reports be received as information.

12. Conservation Lands Report – Chris McLeod [Page # 20](#)

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Conservation Lands Report for the period April 1 – June 29, 2026 be received as information.

13. Summary of Education and Outreach Activities Report – June 30, 2026 – Anne Anderson, Manager, Community Outreach and Special Projects [Page # 22](#)

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Education and Outreach Activities Report for the period April 1 – June 30, 2026 be received as information.

14. Summary of Risk Management Official Activity Report – Marcus Rice, Anne Anderson, Risk Management Officials [Page # 26](#)

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the Risk Management Official Activity Report pursuant to Part IV of the *Clean Water Act* for the period of April 1 – June 30, 2026 be received as information.

15. Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Program – Anne Anderson [Page # 29](#)

June 2026 Newsletter

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Newsletter for June 2026 be received as information.

16. Provincial Offences Officer Appointments – Rhonda Bateman [Page # 32](#)

RECOMMENDED:

THAT Elizabeth Lowe and Liam Bailey-McDade be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers

for the purpose of performing enforcement and offence related functions under Part VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Section 28.5 and 29 Regulations and the *Trespass to Property Act* within the area of jurisdiction for Lower Trent Conservation, effective during their employment with Lower Trent Conservation.

17. 2027 Preliminary Draft Budget – Rhonda Bateman, Chitra Gowda

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RECOMMENDED:

THAT the preliminary draft budget be accepted and be circulated to the member municipalities for consultation.

18. CAO's Report – Rhonda Bateman

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RECOMMENDED:

THAT the CAO's Report be received as information.

19. Members Inquiries/Other Business

20. Adjournment

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING # 2026-05

DATE: June 11, 2026

TIME: 1:24 PM

LOCATION: Administration Office, 714 Murray Street, Trenton / Virtually

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

ON SITE		REMOTE SITE
Sherry Hamilton (Chair)	Jeff Wheeldon (Vice-Chair)	
Rick English	Eric Sandford	
Mike Ainsworth	Jim Alyea	
Lynda Reid	Eugene (Gene) Brahaney	

ABSENT/REGRETS: Bobbi Wright, Bob Mullin

STAFF: Rhonda Bateman, Chitra Gowda

GUESTS: None

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamilton at 1:24 p.m.

2. First Nations Acknowledgement

"This land is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) peoples. We acknowledge our shared responsibilities and obligations to preserve and protect the land, air and water. We are grateful to have the privilege to meet, explore, and connect here on these shared lands. In the spirit of friendship, peace and respect, we extend our thanks to all the generations that came before us and cared for these lands - for time immemorial."

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

4. Approval of the Agenda as amendedRES: G66/26

Moved by: Jeff Wheeldon

Seconded by: Jim Alyea

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried**5. Delegations**

There were no delegations received for this meeting.

6. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)

There was no public input at this meeting.

7. Adoption of the Minutes:RES: G67/26

Moved by: Eric Sandford

Seconded by: Mike Ainsworth

THAT the Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of May 14, 2026 be adopted.

Carried**8. Business arising from these minutes**

None.

CORRESPONDENCE**9. Correspondence**

None.

STAFF REPORTS**10. List of Monthly Payments Issued**RES: G68/26

Moved by: Jeff Wheeldon

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the list of payments issued in the total amount of 297,510.97 for the month of May 2026 be received as information.

Carried**11. Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Update**RES: G69/26

Moved by: Jim Alyea

Seconded by: Rick English

THAT the Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Update be received as information.

Carried**12. Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Program**RES: G70/26

Moved by: Lynda Reid

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Newsletter for May 2026 be received as information.

Carried

13. CAO's Report

Rhonda Bateman, CAO, provided an update. The eastern Lake Ontario CA CAOs met recently in preparation of the upcoming transition. The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) has engaged EY as their consultant. EY began data gathering from CAs. Rhonda thanked LTC staff for helping to collect data. LTC has met the data requirements prior to EY's deadline. Rhonda noted that a transition 'playbook' by EY is anticipated to be ready by the end of July 2026; and that regional CA Project Executive positions are anticipated to be filled by mid-July 2026. Rhonda is participating in CO council and CAO meetings on June 22-23, 2026.

The Regulation and Enforcement Officer position is filled. The job advertisement for Development Officer closes very soon. Current staff are working together to prioritize permit files. Director Eric Sandford asked if the Board of Directors must meet certain requirements for permits and Rhonda responded that staff are doing everything they can.

Chair Sherry Hamilton noted that municipal councils dissolve in September 2026 in advance of the elections. The LTC draft budget would need to be circulated to municipalities for the required 30-day consultation period and be approved by the Board before September 2026. She added that the OPCA has indicated that the draft budget is to be circulated this year to current municipal members of CA boards; but for next year, the draft budget is to be circulated to the counties/upper tier and single tier municipalities. Rhonda Bateman added that the existing LTC Board members are in place until new members are appointed, likely by February 2027.

RES: G71/26

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Jim Alyea

THAT the CAO's Report be received as information.

14. Closed Session

None.

15. Members Inquiries/Other Business

None.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RES: G72/26

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Time: 2:43 P.M.

Sherry Hamilton, Chair

Rhonda Bateman, CAO/ST

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Conservation and Parks**

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de la Protection de la nature et des
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June 26, 2026

TO: Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities

SUBJECT: Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* with respect to budget and apportionment matters

I am writing with regards to the transition of Ontario's conservation authority system to a consolidated regional model. Pursuant to my authority under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), I am issuing a direction ("Direction") to conservation authorities on budget and apportionment matters leading up to the transition date – please see attached Direction.

The purpose of this Direction, effective from June 26, 2026 to the transition date under the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations), is to require conservation authorities to complete the budgetary process for the 2027 calendar year budget before the transition date, and in accordance with the CAA and applicable budget and apportionment regulations.


This Direction establishes deadlines for key budget process milestones, including the holding of meetings to approve apportionment amounts and final budgets, and the sending of notices of apportionment to participating municipalities. Conservation authorities are also required to notify the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) as certain steps of the budget process are completed. This Direction applies to all conservation authorities listed in Appendix A, with additional guidance set out in Appendix B of the attachment.

The Direction is intended to ensure that the transition to consolidation is successful with minimal disruptions to conservation authorities' governance, programs and services.

If you have any questions regarding this Direction, please contact the Conservation Authorities Section of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at ca.office@ontario.ca.

Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left and a sharp downward stroke at the end.

Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosures

c: The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

ATTACHMENT A

Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (this "Direction")

Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) provides the Minister with the authority to issue a direction to a conservation authority in relation to various matters for the purpose of facilitating the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities. The types of directions that can be issued by the Minister are set out in clauses 1.14(1)(a) to (d):

- (a) prohibiting the authority from making a decision in relation to its exercise of any of its powers under this Act or any other Act in the circumstances specified in the direction and subject to any specified conditions;
- (b) requiring the authority to give notice, in accordance with the direction, of a decision that it has made;
- (c) requiring the authority to send notices under subsection 25 (2), 27 (3) or 27.2 (3) by the date specified in the direction;
- (d) governing budgetary and apportionment matters relating to the authority that are otherwise addressed in a regulation made under clause 40 (1) (c), (e) or (f) or clause 40 (3) (k).

Section 1.14 further provides that an authority that receives such a direction shall comply with the direction within the time specified in the direction.

Pursuant to the authority of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under clauses 1.14(1)(c) and (d), the conservation authorities set out under Appendix "A" of this Direction (the "**authorities**" or each, an "**authority**") are hereby directed as follows:

1. Each authority shall take all necessary steps to develop and approve its budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with the CAA, to ensure that the authority complies with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Direction.
2. No later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Hold a meeting to approve apportionment amounts for its participating and specified municipalities as required by section 16 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Hold a meeting to approve a final budget as required by section 22 of O. Reg. 402/22.
3. Prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Provide a copy of its final budget to the Minister and each of its participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 24 of O. Reg. 402/22, and in addition, provide a copy of the approved final budget to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).
 - ii. Send notices to the authority's participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25(2) (notices of apportionment of capital

costs), 27(3) (notices of apportionment of operating expenses) and 27.2(3) (notices of amounts owed by specified municipalities) of the CAA.

4. Upon completion of each of the following steps, each authority shall provide written notice of the completion of the step to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks and the OPCA:
 - i. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes in accordance with section 14 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Approval of apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 18 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iii. Approval of a final budget in accordance with section 23 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iv. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25 (2), 27(3) and 27.2(3) of the CAA.

General

5. This Direction applies to the authorities listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction.
6. This Direction is effective from the date of its issuance to the transition date, within the meaning of the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations).
7. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.



Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
[June 26, 2026]

APPENDIX A**LIST OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THE DIRECTION APPLIES**

Ausable Bayfield CA	Lower Trent Region CA
Cataraqui Region CA	Maitland Valley CA
Catfish Creek CA	Mattagami Region CA
Central Lake Ontario CA	Mississippi Valley CA
Credit Valley CA	Niagara Peninsula CA
Crowe Valley CA	Nickel District CA
Essex Region CA	North Bay-Mattawa CA
Ganaraska Region CA	Nottawasaga Valley CA
Grand River CA	Otonabee Region CA
Grey Sauble CA	Quinte Region CA
Halton Region CA	Raisin Region CA
Hamilton Region CA	Rideau Valley CA
Kawartha Region CA	Saugeen Valley CA
Kettle Creek CA	Sault Ste. Marie Region CA
Lake Simcoe Region CA	South Nation River CA
Long Point Region CA	St. Clair Region CA
Lower Thames Valley CA	Toronto and Region CA
	Upper Thames River CA

APPENDIX B

Guidance document for the Minister’s Direction issued under section 1.14 of the CAA with respect to budget and apportionment matters

The Minister’s Direction issued June 26, 2026 under s.1.14 of the CAA aims to preserve operational and budget process continuity through the transition to a regional governance model for conservation authorities.

While Ontario Regulation 402/22 (Budget and Apportionment) does not set out specific dates or deadlines for the completion of the various phases of the budget and apportionment process, this Direction sets the following timing requirements and additional notification requirements:

Item/Task	Deadline
i. Holding of meeting to approve apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities (s. 16 of O. Reg. 402/22)	No later than 30 calendar days before the transition date
ii. Holding of meeting to approve final budget (s. 22 of O. Reg. 402/22)	
i. Providing copies of the approved final budget (s. 24 of O. Reg. 402/22)	Prior to the transition date
ii. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities (s. 25(2), 27(3), and 27.2(3) of the CAA)	
i. Providing a notice to the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) when each of the following steps is completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes b. Approval of apportionment amounts c. Approval of the final budget d. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities 	Upon completion of each step

With respect to any documents and notice required to be given to the MECP and OPCA (e.g., approved final budget and notice of completion of various steps), please send those documents and notices to MECP at ca.office@ontario.ca and OPCA at CCEO@ontario.ca.

2027 Annual Budget

Conservation authorities will carry out the 2027 calendar year budget process in accordance with Ministers Directions, the CAA and its regulations. 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.

Municipal Consultation

Current participating and specified municipalities are to be consulted on the draft budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with existing legislative/regulatory requirements.

Voting

Budget-related votes are conducted using current authority membership and existing governance rules and in accordance with regulations, where that is set out.

Final Approval and Posting

Authorities approve, post, and provide copies of the final budget for the 2027 calendar year in accordance with existing requirements and the Minister's Direction.

Municipal Apportionment

The approach to municipal apportionment will not change for 2027 calendar year budgets and will follow the existing methods set out in O. Reg. 402/22 and O. Reg. 401/22 (Determination of Amounts Under Subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act) and apply to the current participating and specified municipalities of each authority per the apportionment percentages distributed by the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks.

Once apportioned amounts are determined and approved by authorities, notices of apportionment are sent to each participating municipality and notices setting out amounts owing are sent to each specified municipality. Each municipality shall be required to pay the amount apportioned to it even after the transition date under the CAA, at which point the payment will be due to the regional conservation authority.

Future Annual Budget

Budget alignment across regional conservation authorities will occur following the transition date.

The ministry will assess whether any changes need to be made to the budgeting process as set out in the budget and apportionment regulations as a result of the regional consolidation of authorities and will consider amendments to those regulations in Fall 2026, where appropriate.

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Lower Trent Conservation
Payments LOG - JUNE 2026

CHEQUE # / EFT #	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	Staff Payroll	Jun/26 Payroll Period #12 and #13	152,865.29
EFT 84438772	OMERS	Jun/26 Pension Contributions	25,956.54
EFT 84438751	Nesda Technologies Ltd	Monthly IT services, project and tickets fees	1,843.66
EFT 84438773	Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada	Jul/26 Group Benefits Premium	9,320.48
EFT 84438859	Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB)	Jun/26 WSIB Premium	4,794.80
EFT 84438806	CIBC VISA	Jun/26 Payment	6,837.24
EFT 84438921	Staff	Staff Expenses - Reimbursed	171.33
EFT 84438750	J.J. Stewart Motors Limited	BQRAP vehicle lease	1,163.50
17595	Hastings County Plowmen's Association	Plowing Match booth payment	370.00
17596	Ausus Consulting	2026 benthic training	1,435.50
17597	Ferguson Tree Nursery	2026 native plant sale - seedling stock - remainder owing	6,639.31
17598	WM. J. Thompson Farm Supply Ltd.	CA Lands equipment - chainsaw	804.51
17599	Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	DWSP - SPC vacancy - advertising	149.24
17600	Alarm Systems	Annual monitoring fee - workshop	456.43
17601	Mahoney Sand and Gravel Ltd.	Property maintenance - GLCA	230.05
17602	OT Group - DCB Business Systems Group Inc	Monthly photocopier usage service fees	307.99
17603	Verbinnen's Nursery Ltd	2026 native plant sale - hard goods	385.44
17604	Brighton Springs	Drinking water for admin building	169.45
17605	Municipality of Centre Hastings	2026 final property taxes - Centre Hastings	368.87
17606	Municipality of Trent Hills	2026 final property tax - Trent Hills	922.84
17607	Free Flow Petroleum	Monthly vehicle and equipment fuel	1,856.55
17608	Emerald Cleaners	Cleaning services - admin bldg and workshop	1,378.60
17609	Corinne Ross	Staff Expenses - reimbursed - supplies for events	341.21
17610	Scott Robertson	Staff expenses - reimbursed - prof dev	64.00
17611	Keith Taylor	Staff expenses - reimbursed - DWSP meeting expenses	55.06
17612	Toby Farrell	Staff expenses - reimbursed - staff event	14.74
17613	Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	Alnwick/Haldimand 2026 Final Property taxes	301.55
17614	Township of Cramahe	Cramahe Twp 2026 final property taxes	237.04
17615	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Utilities - electricity - admin bldg and workshop	727.30
17616	City of Quinte West	Utilities - water/sewer - workshop	84.08
17617	Telizon Inc	Monthly telephone lines	565.71
17618	Obsentia	Vehicle maintenance	70.60
17619	VGS Group	Garage door remotes	474.60
17620	Trenton Home Hardware Building Centre	Maintenance supplies	224.12
17621	Freeman Bus Lines Ltd.	Bus service for Tri-County Children's Water Festival	372.90
17622	D. Koets Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	Plumbing repairs - workshop and admin building	561.21
17623	Caduceon Enterprises Inc.	Water analysis lab costs	1,854.30
17624	C. Martin's Bus Service Ltd.	Bus service to Tri-County Children's Water Festival	233.01
17625	Canadian Pacific Railway Company	Property tax bill - TGCA (in arrears 2021)	31.24
17626	Brighton Springs	Drinking water for admin building	69.40
17627	OT Group - DCB Business Systems Group Inc	Photocopier supplies	22.50
17628	Free Flow Petroleum	Vehicle and equipment fuel	1,948.64
17629	Environmental 360 Solutions (Ontario) Ltd.	Waste services - conservation lands	83.28
17630	Welch LLP	Audit 2025 remainder	2,260.00
17631	Pesce & Associates Inc.	Organizational and salary review	3,616.00
17632	Quinte Conservation	BQRAP Stewardship Program	18,000.00
17633	Emerald Cleaners	Cleaning services - admin building	1,084.80
17634	Emerald Cleaners	Cleaning services - workshop	293.80
17635	B&T Sales	Janitorial supplies	157.32
17636	Dows Climate Care	HVAC maintenance - workshop	223.16
17637	Vern Bastable	Staff expense reimbursed - travel	272.20
17638	Kathy Wang	Staff expenses reimbursed - supplies and equipment	161.14
17639	Jaclyn Elliott	Staff expenses reimbursed - travel, training	1,026.41
17640	Alanna Boulton	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	228.00
17641	Alexander Hukowich	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	247.20
17642	Cecil Ryall	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	285.60
17643	Cindy Broughton	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	260.00
17644	Dave Workman	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	244.00
17645	Faye Langmaid	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	252.00
17646	George Offshack	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	270.00
17647	Glenn Milne	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	225.60
17648	Lori Burt	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	200.00
17649	Mike Gibbs	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	225.60
17650	Philip Niblett	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	256.00
17651	Richard Straka	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	200.00
17652	Robert Lake	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	209.60
17653	Terry Rees	Mar19/26 Source Prot Comm per diem and mileage	350.00
Total of Payments			<u>257,312.54</u>

Agenda item #11a

Summary of Permits Approved by Staff For Period May 29, 2026 to June 26, 2026				
Permit #	Municipality	Street Address	Regulated Area	Permitted Activity
P-26-090	Quinte West	9-22465 Loyalist Parkway	Lake Ontario flood and erosion hazard	Installation of cantilever style dock
P-26-089	Trent Hills	Tanner Rd, Parkview Blvd, Gair St	Trent River floodplain	Road reconstruction
P-26-087	Quinte West	48 Fitzgerald Road	Cold Creek tributary, field verified wetland (30-metre setback)	Replace failed septic system
P-26-041	Cramahe	Elgin Street South	Colborne Creek floodplain	Replace pedestrian bridge
P-26-086	Alnwick/Haldimand	149 Bowman Court North	Barnum House Creek tributary, unevaluated wetland (30-metre setback)	Decommission failed septic weeping bed / replacement of bed
P-26-082	Quinte West	541 Barcovan Beach Road	Lake Ontario flood hazard, Lake Ontario erosion hazard	Install drainage works
P-26-060	Quinte West	58 Tompkins Road	Trent River, Trent River floodplain	Retaining wall repairs
P-26-063	Alnwick/Haldimand	415 Coyle Road	Percy Creek tributary	Driveway with water crossing / culvert
P-26-067	Trent Hills	Trentview Drive	Trent River floodplain (15-metre allowance)	Construct residential dwelling
P-26-070	Quinte West	794 2nd Dug Hill Road	Mayhew Creek, Mayhew Creek floodplain	Natural gas distribution main installation
P-26-073	Alnwick/Haldimand	2501 Shelter Valley Road	Shelter Valley Creek floodplain (15-metre setback)	Replace failed septic system
P-26-074	Alnwick/Haldimand	252 Dunnette Landing Road	Rice Lake flood hazard (15-metre allowance)	Holding tank installation
P-26-065	Quinte West	129 Peterson Street	Glen Miller Creek floodplain	Deck replacement
P-26-080	Brighton	101 Lakehurst Street	Lake Ontario tributary (15-metre allowance)	Septic system remediation

Amendments

P-24-193	Quinte West	30A Neighbourly Road	Oak Lake flood hazard	Construct addition, decommission old septic system, install a new septic system, add deck structure onto the existing dwelling structure ; amended to extend the expiry date.
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Agenda Item #11b.



LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 26, 2026
To: LTC Board of Directors
Re: Planning and Regulations UPDATE
Prepared by: Rhonda Bateman, CAO

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THAT the Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations update be accepted as information.

BY THE NUMBERS:

Here are the numbers for new files and deliverables in 2026

Table 1. File review – New files and deliverables in 2026

	# Files for 2026 (as of June 26, 2026)
Permits	79
Planning	75
Complaints	21
Enforcement	3
Online Inquiries	464
Legal Requests	10
Clearance Letters	22
Site Visits	49

Online Inquiries

Since the last reporting period, staff have received and actioned **86** inquiry submissions and inquiries are continuing to be received at a steady pace. Several complex files and properties are appearing, and these files are taking staff long periods of time to manage as many of the properties are regulated and development may be restricted or require further review from staff. As usual, to ensure a timely response time, we are asking that people continue to use our online inquiry service and avoid directly contacting staff unless they are following up on a pre-existing file. However, I would note that due to current staff shortages, there will be delays in staff response times.

Permitting:

Ongoing Permit files:

- Staff have issued **14** permits since the previous reporting period and one amendment.

Planning:

- LTC Staff reviewed and commented on **24** Subdivision and Condominium Files in 2026 (new and ongoing). Since the last reporting period, LTC Staff reviewed and commented on **5** Subdivision and Condominium files. Many of these files are ongoing and staff expect to work on these continuously throughout the year.

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- Since the last reporting period, LTC Staff reviewed and commented on **14** Planning Act Applications (Severances, Zoning By-law amendments, Official Plan amendments, Site Plan Control applications and/or Minor Variances). Since the previous reporting period, staff have reviewed and commented on **2** Environmental Impact Studies. There are currently **7** technical reports in our queue for review.

Lastly, a kind reminder to let your Municipal staff know that LTC is here to assist our Municipal partners where possible. LTC Staff can walk landowners through our permitting process, the planning process and other procedures/processes that may be applicable to their proposal or inquiries. LTC Staff are incredibly knowledgeable, and we are here to help the residents of our Watershed. However, I would note that due to current staff shortages, there will be delays in staff response times.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends to the Board of Directors that the Planning and Regulations Update be accepted as information.

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LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 28, 2026
To: LTC Board of Directors
Re: Flood Forecasting and Warning UPDATE
Prepared by: Rhonda Bateman, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THAT the Flood Forecasting and Warning Update be accepted as information.

BY THE NUMBERS:

Here are the number of flood communications issued and compared to the total number of statements issued in previous years.

Table 1. Number of flood communications issued by Staff.

Statements	Flood Communications Issued (as of June 28, 2026)	Total Number for Previous Years						
		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019*
Water Safety	1	3	5	4	2	2	3	8
Flood Outlook	4	3	2	8	4	4	5	5
Flood Watch	4	3	2	2	0	0	3	6
Flood Warning	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	13
Total (System)	12	13	9	15	6	6	11	32

*Lake Ontario water levels were highly elevated during 2019, which led to a high volume of flood warning statements and updates.

Summary of Current Conditions (since last report)

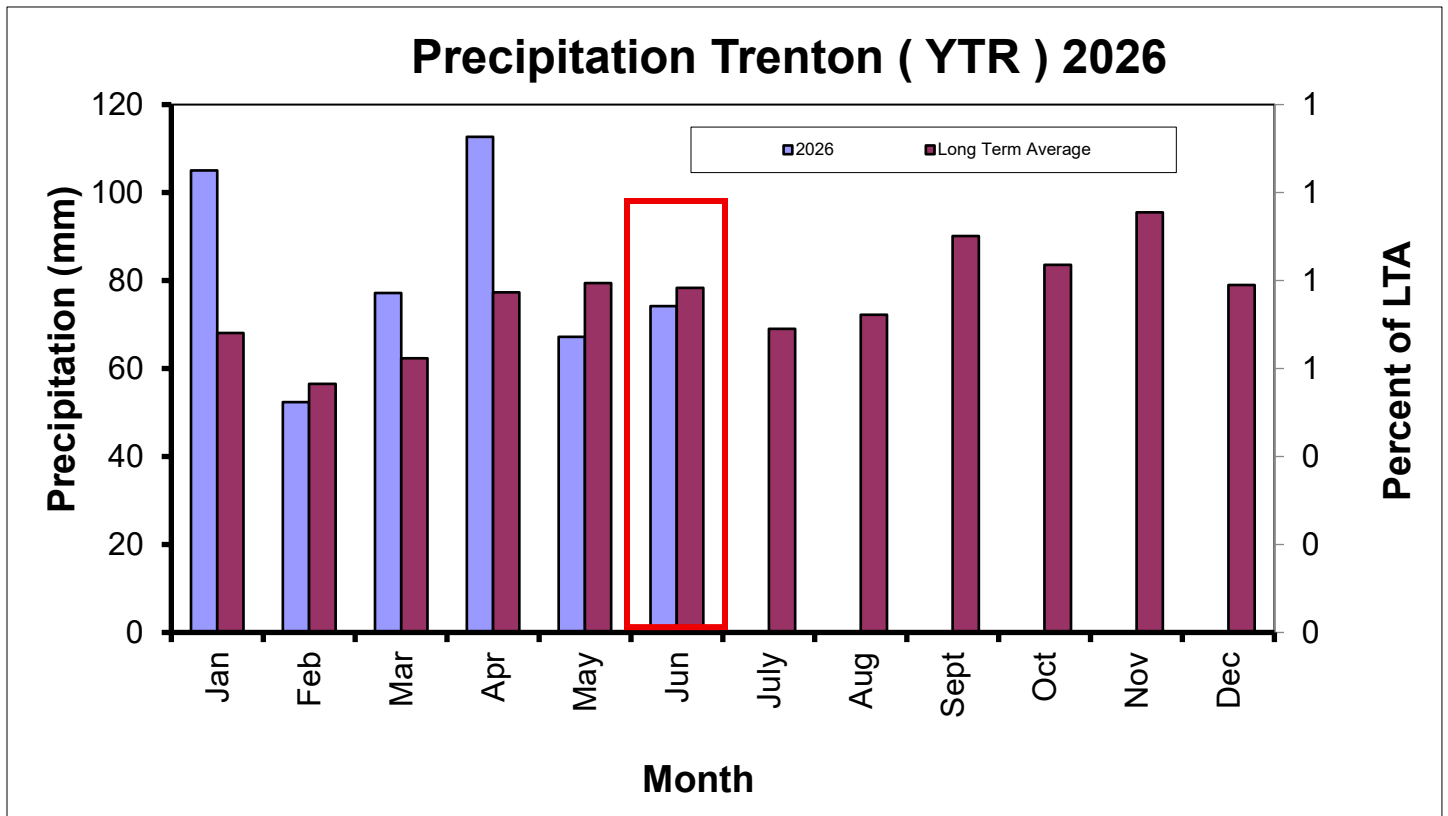
The month of June has had a few precipitation events. However, the recorded volumes did not exceed the established long-term average (LTA). Specifically, the month of June has recorded 74.2 mm of precipitation (94.8 % of the long-term average) from the date of this reporting. Local Creeks and Streams are fairly normal for this time of year while the Trent River has also receded to normal conditions following spring freshet. Heading into July, the two week forecast shows that July is expected to have some minor precipitation events with temperatures remaining warm.

A monthly comparison of the precipitation volumes observed in 2026 can be seen in Table 2.

LTC staff will continue to review the weather and stream conditions to report further if there appears to be any potential flood or drought issues.

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Table 2. Observed Monthly Precipitation (mm) in 2026 compared to the monthly long-term average.



Local Creeks

Since the last reporting period there have not been any statements issued for our Local Creeks. Although there have been a few large precipitation events throughout June, the creeks have maintained seasonal averages for streamflow and water levels for this time of year. Staff will continue to review the conditions and forecast updates to ensure the safety of our municipal stakeholders and the general public.

Trent River

The Trent River has returned to regular operations after a busy spring freshet. When large rainfalls occur there may be adjustments throughout the system. If there are any concerns or issues with the water levels on the Trent River system, owners are advised to contact Parks Canada-Trent Severn Waterway.

Lake Ontario

Lake Ontario Water levels remain about 35cm above normal for this time of year. This is in response to high inflows from Lake Erie and spring freshet flows. A flood outlook statement is in effect until June 30th. It is expected that slightly elevated levels will continue into the summer months. Staff are continuing to review weather conditions for any high wind events that may result in storm surges with waves exceeding 1 metre.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Flood Forecasting and Warning Update be received as information.

Agenda Item #12.



LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 29, 2026
To: Board of Directors
Re: Conservation Lands Update for the period April 1 to June 29, 2026
Prepared by: Chris McLeod, Supervisor, Conservation Lands

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THAT the Conservation Lands Update for the period April 1 – June 29, 2026 be received as information.

MAINTENANCE/ACTIVITES:

The following list of maintenance and activities are items beyond the regular vehicle, building and property maintenance (mowing grass, clearing back brush on trails, garbage collection, cleaning, painting, drinking water sampling and system management at Goodrich-Loomis Centre and main office).

During the Spring of 2026:

- Cleaned and maintained kiosks
- Removed garbage from conservation areas
- Maintained trail systems and removed multiple downed trees
- Installed docks at Green Belt and Glen Miller
- Cut all trails at Seymour CA and Goodrich-Loomis, cleared back trails at Bleasdell Boulder and Green Belt
- Interacted with Conservation Lands visitors and responded to inquiries, complaints, and requests from members of the public and neighbours of Conservation Areas
- Coordinated maintenance of fleet vehicles inspections and changed tires to all season
- A full inspection of all trails at all CA properties
- Portable seasonal washrooms installed at Proctor Park, Green Belt, Glenn Miller, Bleasdell Boulder, and Seymour
- Grading of parking lots at Seymour, Proctor Park, and Goodrich-Loomis
- The orientation and training of CA Lands Field Assistants (summer contracts)
- Cut back of Red Cedar trees encroaching on Parking lot at Seymour
- All fire extinguishers underwent annual inspections and maintenance and batteries were replaced in Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at the Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Centre, the Administration office, and the workshop
- Water seal applied to all wooden bridges and bare wood structures at Proctor Park, Bleasdell Boulder, and Goodrich-Loomis
- Repaired bridge steps and railing at Bleasdell Boulder
- Installation of logs at the Warkworth Dam

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SPECIAL PROJECTS & PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS:

- Developed and implemented a digital site inspection program for CA Lands, and began utilizing mobile field maps for projects occurring on CA Lands
- To impede the rapid spread of Wild Parsnip surrounding the Warkworth Dam property, staff installed additional solarizing material to smother the plants and any seedbank in the soil
- Rotary Day of Service – Trenton Rotary club worked with LTC staff to perform a litter clean up and Buckthorn removal event at Bleasdell Boulder
- Assisted in the setup, take down and clean up for the Children’s Water Festival
- 3 CA Lands staff members attended training for entry Level Prescribed Burn Rx 100
- 1 CA Lands staff member attended training – Ecological Land Classification
- Multiple Turtle nesting guards placed over laid eggs around the Green Belt
- Parking lot lines and exterior painting at Administration office

SPECIAL EVENT PROPERTY RENTALS:

LTC-owned properties and facilities are able to be rented for special activities (weddings, celebration of life, fun run events, large family picnics, Cadet training). The number of special event rental occurrences during this review period:

- Goodrich-Loomis = 6
- Seymour CA = 1
- Sager CA = 1

Note: This list does not include regular occurring rentals such as youth groups or day camps or LTC hosted events.

HAZARD TREE REMOVAL:

As per LTC’s Hazard Tree Removal Policy, we inspect, document, and remove hazard trees in various LTC-owned properties. All trees (unless otherwise stated) were removed by LTC staff. In early April, our watershed as well as the surrounding areas were hit with a devastating ice storm that caused extensive tree damage and subsequent power outages throughout the region, LTC trails were closed to the public during the massive clean up by LTC staff, the last trail to be opened to the public was 7 weeks after the storm.

- Proctor Park = 5
- Goodrich-Loomis = 31

CONSERVATION LANDS VANDALISM:

Aside from some isolated garbage dumping and spray painting, vandalism and misuse of the properties has been low during the spring months. On a few occasions, evidence of campfire remnants have been found and debris removed from properties.

CONSERVATION LANDS ENFORCEMENT:

No Section 29 tickets were issued during this period. Multiple dog owners on CA Lands were reminded of the on-leash rules by staff, and in all cases the owners complied by leashing their dogs.



LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 30, 2026
To: Board of Directors
Re: Summary of Education and Outreach Activities April 1- June 30, 2026
Prepared by: Anne Anderson, Manager of Community Outreach and Special Projects; Nicholas Reynolds, Environmental Education Technician and Corinne Ross, Communication Education and Stewardship Lead

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THAT the Summary of Education and Outreach Activities for the period of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 be received as information.

RECENT EDUCATION & OUTREACH EVENTS

Date	Event	Approximate Attendance
April 6	Guest Speaker: Campbellford Historical Society – 7 Wonders of the Lower Trent Watershed - Nicholas Reynolds	32
April 8-9	Youth Education: Trent River Public School - Nicholas Reynolds	83
April 13, 15, 16	Youth Education: Kent Public School – Great Lakes Giant Floor Map - Nicholas Reynolds	209
April 14	Youth Education: Camp Silver Heights – Great Lakes Giant Floor Map - Nicholas Reynolds	13
April 17	Special Event: Cramahe Public Library - Nicholas Reynolds	11
April 22	Special Event: Trail Steward Open House - Corinne Ross, Chris McLeod, John Mahoney	6
April 23	Youth Education: East Northumberland Secondary School – TCCWF prep - Nicholas Reynolds	35
April 27	Special Event: Trenton Rotary Club Epic Day of Service – Invasive Species - Corinne Ross, Chris McLeod, John Mahoney, Vern Bastable	17
May 9	Special Event: Forest Wellness - Raven Chartrand, Nicholas Reynolds	4
May 13-14	Youth Education: Tri-County Children’s Water Festival (TCCWF) - Nicholas, Corinne, Sarah, Elena, Sarah G., Kathy, Marcus, Carson, Raven, Rachel, Janeva, Massimo, Chitra	780

Date	Event	Approximate Attendance
May 19	Special Event: Hike-What to see at Seymour - Vern Bastable, Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	3
May 19	Youth Education: Trent River Public School - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	18
May 21	Special Event: Invasive Thursday – Buckthorn Pull Bleasdell Boulder - Vern Bastable, Corinne Ross, Carson Karja	18
May 22	Youth Education: Stockdale Public School – Great Lakes Giant Floor Map - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	17
May 27	Youth Education: St. Peter’s Catholic School – Goodrich-Loomis - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	40
June 3	Youth Education: Percy Centennial - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	26
June 8	Youth Education: Cramahe Library Homeschool - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	0
June 11	Youth Education: VP Carswell - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	76
June 11	Special Event: Invasive Thursday – Buckthorn Pull Bleasdell Boulder - Vern Bastable, Corinne Ross, Carson Karja	0
June 12	Youth Education: VP Carswell - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	38
June 14	Special Event: Quinte West Pop Ups - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	Cancelled due to weather
June 16	Guest Speaker: Colborne Garden Club - Nicholas Reynolds	26
June 20	Special Event: Guided Hike – Goodrich-Loomis North Loop - Vern Bastable, Nicholas Reynolds,	8
June 22	Guest Speaker: Friends of Wellers Bay – Phragmites Workshop - Anne Anderson, Carson Karja	20
June 23	Youth Education: Kent Public School - Nicholas Reynolds, Elena De Luca	26

SOCIAL MEDIA

Date	Item	No. of Views
April 1	Tri-County Children's Water Festival Registration	945
April 2	Native Plant Sale	10,008
April 7	DWSP – Committee Member	33,842
April 9	Trail Stewards Open House	1,209
April 10	Flood Warning Statement - Trent River	9,730
April 13	Trail Stewards Open House	1,034
April 16	Flood Warning Statement - Trent River Flood Watch – Local Creeks	12,851
April 17	Forest Wellness Series – A Walk of Appreciation	10,505
April 20	Native Plant Sale – Wildflower Kits	2,985
April 20	Trail Stewards Open House	678

Date	Item	No. of Views
April 22	Trail Stewards Open House	345
April 24	Native Plant Sale	1,514
May 1	Flood Watch Statement - Trent River Flood Outlook Statement – Local Creeks	7,534
May 4	Forest Wellness Series – A Walk of Appreciation	527
May 8	Guided Hike – Discover Seymour	441
May 8	Flood Outlook Statement – Lake Ontario	331
May 13	Tri County Children’s Water Festival – Day 1	167
May 13	Employment Opportunity	2,709
May 13	Guided Hike – Discover Seymour	1,460
May 15	Guided Hike – Discover Seymour	239
May 16	Guided Hike – Discover Seymour	261
May 17	Guided Hike – Discover Seymour	194
May 19	Tri-County Children’s Water Festival – Thank You	330
May 19	Invasive Species Action Day	440
May 20	Tri-County Children’s Water Festival – Thank You (MP)	525
May 21	Tri-County Children’s Water Festival – Thank You (Board Members)	613
May 22	Tri-County Children’s Water Festival – Thank You (ENSS)	278
May 27	Invasive Species Action Day	504
May 29	Invasive Species Video	12,804
May 29	Employment Opportunity	4,821
June 2	Conservation Lands Overview	1,560
June 3	June Events Calendar	367
June 3	Invasive Species Action Day	423
June 3	Trail Etiquette	1,019
June 4	Visit Sager Conservation Area	37,293
June 5	Native Plant Sale	1,533
June 5	Guided Hike – Hidden Gem	488
June 8	Invasive Species Action Day	427
June 10	Meet the Summer Staff	1,687
June 12	Invasive Species Action Day – Before and After	1,316
June 15	Guided Hike – Hidden Gem	509
June 17	Prairie restoration Video (NCC)	76
June 24	DWSP - Pesticides	366
June 24	Invasive Species – Volunteer Hours	1,837

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
July-August	Youth Programming at local day camps
July 2	Invasive Thursday – Dog-Strangling Vine Pull Bleasdel Boulder Conservation Area
July 9	Invasive Thursday – Dog-Strangling Vine Pull Glen Miller Conservation Area
July 11	Incredible Edibles Campbellford
July 13	Quinte West Public Library
July 16	Invasive Thursday – Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
July 17	Brighton Public Library
July 21	Roseneath Public Library

Date	Event
July 22	Forest Wellness – Proctor Park Conservation Area
July 23	Invasive Thursday – Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
July 29	Summer Fest – Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
August 5	Centreton Public Library
August 6	Nature Centre Day – Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
August 10	Quinte West Public Library
August 11	Vanderwater Discovery Day
Augst 14	Stirling Public Library
August 19-20	Hastings County Plowing Match
August 20	Trenton Horticultural Society
August 22	Nature Centre Day – Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Area
August 29	Forest Wellness – Seymour Conservation Area

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LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 30, 2026

To: Board of Directors

Re: Summary of Risk Management Official Activity Pursuant to Part IV of the *Clean Water Act* – April 1 – June 30, 2026

Prepared by: Marcus Rice, Risk Management Official
Anne Anderson, Risk Management Official

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Risk Management Official Activity Report pursuant to Part IV of the *Clean Water Act* for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2026, be received as information.

DISCUSSION:

This report summarizes work completed by the Risk Management Official (RMO) to implement Part IV policies in the Trent Source Protection Plan for the review period **April 1st to June 30th**

SITE VISITS

The following site visits were completed during the review period.

Location	Property Identifier	Purpose	Date
Campbellford	6919	Achieve a response for Risk Management Plan development.	April 2 nd
Stirling	6548	Walk pasture fields to verify surface water locations.	April 22 nd
Campbellford	1010	Discuss Risk Management Plan amendments.	April 29 th
Stirling	6985	Discuss agricultural activities and exemption letter.	April 29 th
Stirling	1594	Meeting to discuss concerns with Risk Management Plan measures.	April 30 th
Campbellford	6942	Discuss and sign amended Risk Management Plan.	May 6 th
Stirling	1549, 1555, 1582, 6546, 6548,	Discuss and sign amended Risk Management Plan.	May 7 th

Location	Property Identifier	Purpose	Date
	6749, 6990		
Campbellford	6974	Discuss and sign Risk Management Plan	May 20 th
Stirling	1594	Discuss and sign Risk Management Plan	May 21 st
Campbellford	6919	Discuss and sign Risk Management Plan	May 27 th
Warkworth	6975	Discuss and sign Risk Management Plan	June 4 th
Campbellford	1003	Discuss and sign amended Risk Management Plan.	June 10 th
Campbellford	6971	Discuss and sign amended Risk Management Plan.	June 16 th
Warkworth	6972	Discuss Risk Management Plan measures.	June 18 th

RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS (RMP)

The following table details Risk Management Plans established for the review period.

Location	RMP #	Activity	Date Established
Campbellford	RMP-26-001	The handling & storage of DNAPLs	May 20
Stirling	RMP-26-002	ASM generation (grazing & pasturing)	May 21
Campbellford	RMP-26-003	The handling & storage of DNAPLs	May 27
Warkworth	RMP-26-004	The handling & storage of DNAPLs	June 4

AMENDED RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS (RMP)

The following table details Risk Management Plans amended for the review period.

Location	RMP #	Activity	Date Established
Campbellford	RMP-24-003	The handling & storage of DNAPLs	November 8, 2024
Stirling	RMP-25-002	Application of ASM Storage of ASM ASM Generation (grazing & pasturing) ASM Generation (Yards or Confinement)	June 25, 2025
Campbellford	RMP-19-009	The handling & storage of DNAPLs Storage of snow Application of road salt	December 20, 2019
Campbellford	RMP-25-006	The handling & storage of DNAPLs	December 17, 2025

NOTICES

The following table details Notices issued for the review period.

Type of Notice*	Notice #	Location	Threat Subcategory
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-912	Hastings	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-913	Hastings	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-914	Hastings	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-915	Campbellford	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-916	Campbellford	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-918	Stirling	Rezoning
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-919	Hastings	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-920	Hastings	Building Permit
s. 59(2)(a)	N-26-921	Hastings	Building Permit

*Types of Notices

58(6) - Risk Management Official's Notice of Agreement on a Risk Management Plan

58(13) - Risk Management Official's Notice of Agreement on an Amendment to Risk Management Plan

59(2)(a)-Restricted Land Use Notice: neither section 57(Prohibition) nor section 58 (Risk Management Plans) applies.

S.59(2)(b) Restricted Land Use Notice: RMP Required

INSPECTIONS

The following table details Risk Management Inspections which occurred during the review period.

Location	RMP #	Purpose or Activity	Inspection Date
Campbellford	RMP-24-003	The handling & storage of DNAPLs	April 9 th

Types of Inspections

Risk Management Plans Compliance (Section 58)

Prohibition (Section 57)

Exemption Letter



Waterlogs - June 2026

Today, the Bay of Quinte is a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.
Now, we must focus on keeping it this way

RETURNING THE BALANCE

Spending more time outdoors is one of the great joys of the summer season. The other week, I was taking a walk along the Bayshore Trail, and so were a lot of other people. It made me wonder how many people realize the vast improvement in the Bay's water quality from the 1970s when it was very degraded. For those of you who remember the Bay back then it was like pea soup, you could scoop up algae by the handful.

Now, after decades of rehabilitation, the Bay of Quinte can be described as fishable, swimmable, drinkable, and beautiful. Most of the environmental challenges related to these issues are classified as restored, meaning they have met the scientific criteria set out in the Remedial Action Plan.

Restoring these environmental challenges does not mean the Bay has returned to a pristine historic condition, human influence has permanently altered the ecosystem. Instead, it means that the problems identified in the 1990 RAP Stage 1 Report have improved enough to meet the scientific criteria established for each challenge. These criteria are measurable environmental conditions that must be achieved before a challenge can be considered restored.

Fishable - Three environmental challenges related to this issue were the **Degradation of fish and wildlife populations**, **Degradation of benthos** (underwater bugs), and **Loss of fish and wildlife habitat**. All three met the scientific criteria required for a status change and were classified as restored in 2018.

Swimmable - The environmental challenge related to this issue was **Beach closures**, which was classified as restored in 2019. The RAP target was that Health Unit beach posting days should not exceed 20% of the annual swimming season, from Victoria Day to Labour Day. To assess this target, the RAP reviewed data from four Health Unit-monitored beaches: Centennial Park in Deseronto, Kingsford Mills on the Salmon River, Frankford Park on the Trent River, and Centennial Park in Northport.

Drinkable - This environmental challenge focused on **Restrictions on drinking water and taste or odour problems**. In the urban centers around the Bay of Quinte, drinking water is drawn from the Bay or its tributaries. It must meet Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards, among the strictest in the world. Ontario protects drinking water through a multi-faceted, source-to-tap system. This environmental challenge was classified as restored in 2020.

Beautiful - The environmental challenges **Degradation of aesthetics** addressed nearshore man-made issues related to water colour, clarity, odour and debris. It was classified as restored in 2022.

Eight of the original eleven environmental challenges have been deemed restored. Remaining are Restrictions on fish and wildlife consumption, Eutrophication (undesirable algae), Degradation of phytoplankton and zooplankton populations. All should have final assessment reports completed in the next year.

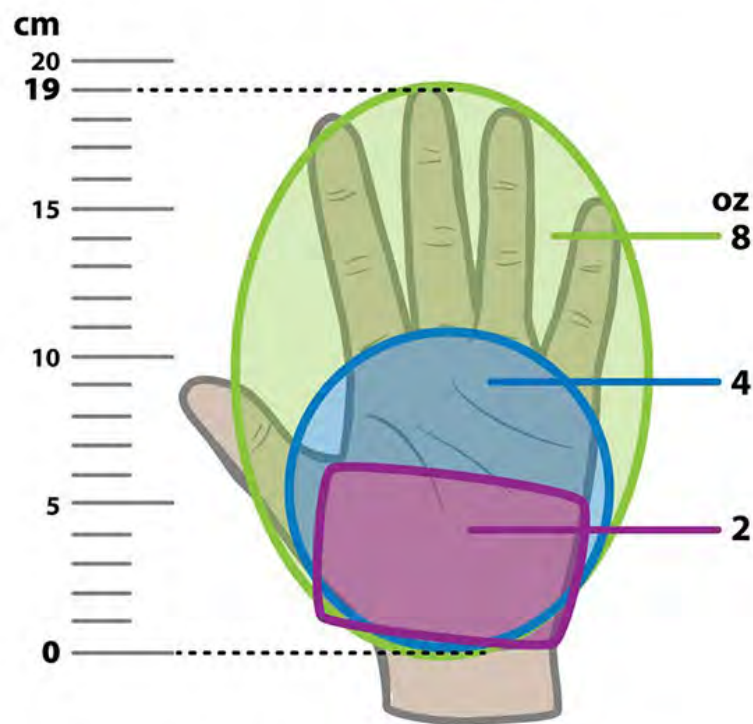
As the RAP winds down, a **Phosphorus Management Plan** is under development to ensure water quality does not decline. Everyone has a role to play in protecting the Bay's water quality, whether by supporting stewardship projects, advocating for water quality issues, volunteering as a citizen scientist, or encouraging local politicians and municipalities to take action to keep the Bay healthy and vibrant.

Water quality is everyone's responsibility.

In partnership locally with Lower Trent Conservation and Quinte Conservation



A visual guide to fish serving sizes



average adult male palm (~19cm)

Number of fish fillets in one fish meal

Our consumption advice is based on an average fish meal of 227 grams (8 ounces, half a pound or approximately a fillet of dinner plate length) for an average-size adult weighing 70 kilograms (154 pounds).

Use the palm of your hand to visually gauge the size of your fish meal

- half of your palm is approximately 2 ounces of fish
- your whole palm is approximately 4 ounces of fish
- the palm of your hand including your fingers is approximately 8 ounces of fish, (half a pound, or approximately a fillet of dinner plate length, or an average fish meal of 227 grams).

This amount is the basis for the consumption advice in the advisory tables.

NATURAL WATERFRONTS

Natural Waterfronts

You could be eligible for a cost-sharing waterfront planting program.

Grant rate - 75% - maximum up to \$1,000.


Natural waterfronts protect against erosion, support wildlife, and improve water quality.

The program includes a free site visit, and the creation of a customized planting plan using native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.



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Shoreline Planting Program to help you establish native plants on your shoreline. We offer a free site visit to help you decide on the best approach for your shoreline. If you decide to go with our planting program, we develop a customized planting plan for your property.

Not sure where to start, contact our stewardship technicians. They will help you to create, protect, or rehabilitate a shoreline. Also, we offer a grant for the purchase of native plants.

PLANNING FOR SPRING

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Reduce phosphorus loss to waterways and soil erosion

* Free Soil Testing *

Knowing what's going on with your soil is the first step in creating high yielding sustainable agriculture.
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We offer a cover crop seed grant of \$30.00 per acre - grant maximum up to \$2,500.

 **Bay of Quinte**
Remedial Action Plan
Healthy Bay • Healthy Community

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Time to start planning those spring projects. Contact our stewardship techs to get the process underway. Book your free site visit, Today

Rural Stewardship Program

Agenda Item #16.



LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

STAFF REPORT

Date: June 29, 2026
To: Board of Directors
Re: Provincial Offences Officer Appointment
Prepared by: Rhonda Bateman, CAO

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

THAT Elizabeth (Beth) Lowe and Liam Bailey-McDade be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers for the purpose of performing enforcement and offence related functions under Part VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Section 28.5 and 29 Regulations and the *Trespass to Property Act* within the area of jurisdiction for Lower Trent Conservation, effective during their employment with Lower Trent Conservation.

BACKGROUND:

Lower Trent Conservation currently has one staff member designated as Provincial Offences Officers for the purpose of enforcing Part VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Section 28.5 and 29 Regulations, and the *Trespass to Property Act*: Mike Wilson. In order to ensure appropriate coverage and workload volumes, we require three staff members be appointed.

Beth Lowe was hired by Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) in June 2026 as the Regulations and Enforcement Officer at LTC. Beth comes to LTC with years of regulations and planning experience at both Crowe Valley and Quinte Conservation Authorities. Beth possesses a Level 1 and Level 2 Provincial Offences Officer designation.

Liam Bailey-McDade is the new Development Officer. Liam was a summer student in Conservation Lands at LTC, he moved to Crowe Valley Conservation as a field operations staff member and became the Source Protection Lead, Risk Management Official, Regulations Officer. He has his Level 1 Provincial Offences Officer designation.

Section 30.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* provides for the appointment of officers to ensure compliance with the *Act* and the regulations. In this regard, Conservation Ontario, in consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, has established a protocol to establish documentation requirements for designating staff as Provincial Offences Officers.

Beth and Liam will be asked to take an oath as part of the appointment process, declaring that they will serve Lower Trent Conservation as Enforcement Officers and will administer the regulations in a fair and equitable manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends to the Board of Directors that Beth Lowe and Liam Bailey-McDade be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers for the purpose of performing enforcement and offence related functions under Part VII of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, Section 28.5 and 29 Regulations and the *Trespass to Property Act*.

2027 PRELIMINARY DRAFT LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION BUDGET - VERSION 1 (capital \$98,105)

CATEGORY 1 - MANDATORY AND ENABLING/CORPORATE SERVICES	EXPENSES - CATEGORY 1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES		APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
	NATURAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT		Staffing \$ 625,638	\$ 639,881	\$ 14,243	2%
		Operating \$ 128,945	\$ 137,840	\$ 8,895	7%	
		Capital \$ 8,600	\$ -	-\$ 8,600		
PROVINCIAL WATER QUALITY-QUANTITY MONITORING		Staffing \$ 26,656	\$ 27,749	\$ 1,093	4%	
		Operating \$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
		Capital \$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION (DWSP)		Staffing \$ 282,617	\$ 286,818	\$ 4,201	1%	
		Operating \$ 82,000	\$ 82,000	\$ -	0%	
		Capital		\$ -		
CA LANDS/AREAS AND STEWARDSHIP		Staffing \$ 346,939	\$ 339,228	-\$ 7,711	-2%	
		Operating \$ 177,570	\$ 180,160	\$ 2,590	1%	
		Capital \$ 87,320	\$ 51,000	-\$ 36,320	-42%	
ENABLING SERVICES		Staffing \$ 670,409	\$ 692,003	\$ 21,595	3%	
		Operating \$ 260,835	\$ 261,882	\$ 1,047	0%	
		Capital \$ 57,300	\$ 47,105	-\$ 10,195	-18%	
		Operating Expenses Sub-Total \$ 2,601,608	\$ 2,647,561	\$ 45,953	2%	
		Capital Expenses Sub-Total \$ 153,220	\$ 98,105	-\$ 55,115	-36%	
		TOTAL EXPENSES - CATEGORY 1 \$ 2,754,828	\$ 2,745,666	-\$ 9,162	0%	
INCOME - CATEGORY 1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES						
		Provincial Funds \$ 68,831	\$ 68,831	\$ -	0%	
		Federal Funds \$ 38,200	\$ 38,200	\$ -	0%	
		General Donations \$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ -	0%	
		Grants - special projects \$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ -	0%	
		Rebates/Recoveries \$ 71,640	\$ 71,640	\$ -	0%	
		Legal inquiries / Permit Fees \$ 135,095	\$ 135,095	\$ -	0%	
		Plan Review Fees \$ 77,740	\$ 77,740	\$ -	0%	
		Administered Programs \$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ -	0%	
		Drinking Water Source Protection \$ 364,617	\$ 368,818	\$ 4,201	1%	
		Bank interest earned (misc. revenue) \$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%	
		Conservation Lands Fees and Leases Income \$ 32,820	\$ 32,820	\$ -	0%	
		Operations Surplus \$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%	
		Municipal - General Levies \$ 1,548,766	\$ 1,590,517	\$ 41,752	3%	
		Operating Revenue Sub-Total \$ 2,601,608	\$ 2,647,561	\$ 45,953	2%	
		Municipal - Capital Levies \$ 98,105	\$ 98,105	\$ -	0%	
		Capital Reserves \$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
		Capital Revenue Sub-Total \$ 98,105	\$ 98,105	\$ -	0%	
		TOTAL REVENUE - CATEGORY 1 \$ 2,699,713	\$ 2,745,666	\$ 45,953	2%	

CATEGORY 2 - MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS	PROGRAM	EXPENSES	APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE	
	NON-OWNED FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE						
		Staffing	\$ 6,793	\$ 7,365	\$ 572	8%	
		Operating	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
		Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	LOCAL DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION (DWSP) - RISK MGMT PART IV & EDUCATION						
		Staffing	\$ 122,754	\$ 124,598	\$ 1,845	2%	
		Operating	\$ 3,325	\$ 2,918	\$ 407	-12%	
		Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	TOTAL EXPENSES - CATEGORY 2			\$ 132,871	\$ 134,882	\$ 2,010	2%
INCOME - CATEGORY 2 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES							
			APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE	
Provincial Funds							
Federal Funds							
	Municipal - Agreements	\$ 6,793	\$ 7,365	\$ 572	8%		
	Municipal - SP Agreements	\$ 96,920	\$ 99,326	\$ 2,406	2%		
	Surplus	\$ 29,159	\$ 28,191	\$ 968	-3%		
TOTAL REVENUE - CATEGORY 2			\$ 132,872	\$ 134,881	\$ 2,978	2%	
CATEGORY 3 - SPECIAL PROJECTS							
	PROGRAM	EXPENSES	APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE	
LOCAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING							
	Staffing	\$ 61,421	\$ 61,958	\$ 537	1%		
	Operating	\$ 19,815	\$ 31,615	\$ 11,800	60%		
	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
YOUTH EDUCATION							
	Staffing	\$ 50,446	\$ 51,323	\$ 878	2%		
	Operating	\$ 11,740	\$ 11,740	\$ -	0%		
	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PRIVATE STEWARDSHIP							
	Staffing	\$ 19,745	\$ 20,555	\$ 810	4%		
	Operating	\$ 26,910	\$ 26,910	\$ -	0%		
	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
TOTAL EXPENSES - CATEGORY 3			\$ 190,076	\$ 204,101	\$ 14,024	7%	
INCOME - CATEGORY 3 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES							
			APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE	
Provincial Funds			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Federal Funds			\$ 38,200	\$ 38,200	\$ -	0%	
	Municipal - Agreements Monitoring	\$ 50,676	\$ 63,013	\$ 12,337	24%		
	Municipal - Agreements Youth Education	\$ 46,546	\$ 47,423	\$ 878	2%		
	Municipal - Agreements Stewardship	\$ 14,655	\$ 15,465	\$ 810	6%		
	Reserve - Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Stewardship-Outreach Funds	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -	0%		
	Youth Education Funds	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%		
TOTAL REVENUE - CATEGORY 3			\$ 194,425	\$ 204,101	\$ 14,024	5%	

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<i>Staffing</i>	\$ 2,213,416	\$ 2,251,479	\$ 38,062	2%
<i>Operating</i>	\$ 711,140	\$ 735,065	\$ 23,925	3%
Sub-Total Operations	\$ 2,924,556	\$ 2,986,544	\$ 61,987	2%
Sub-Total Capital	\$ 153,220	\$ 98,105	-\$ 55,115	-36%
TOTAL LTC BUDGET	\$ 3,077,776	\$ 3,084,649	\$ 6,872	0%
Municipal General Levy	\$ 1,548,766	\$ 1,590,517	\$ 41,752	3%
Municipal Capital Levy	\$ 98,105	\$ 98,105	\$ -	0%
Municipal Agreements Funded	\$ 215,589	\$ 232,592	\$ 17,002	8%
	\$ 1,862,460	\$ 1,921,214	\$ 58,754	3%

2027 Draft Budget: Municipal Allocations (*previously "Levy"*) and MOU/Agreement Amounts

Program	Total Cost to Municipalities	Alnwick/Haldimand	Cramahe	Brighton	Stirling-Rawdon	Trent Hills	Centre Hastings	Quinte West	Other Revenue	Total Budget
Category 1 Programs Allocations										
Operations (<i>previously General Levy</i>)	\$1,590,517.28	\$165,189.87	\$132,958.21	\$257,600.76	\$60,523.95	\$259,175.80	\$36,452.53	\$678,616.17		\$1,590,517.28
Capital Levy	\$98,105.00	\$10,189.11	\$8,201.02	\$15,889.12	\$3,733.19	\$15,986.27	\$2,248.44	\$41,857.85		\$98,105.00
Total Municipal Alloc. 2027 - Category 1	\$1,688,622.28	\$175,378.97	\$141,159.23	\$273,489.88	\$64,257.14	\$275,162.08	\$38,700.96	\$720,474.02		\$1,688,622.28
Total Municipal Levy - 2026 Category 1	\$1,646,870.56	\$170,970.92	\$137,196.67	\$266,102.64	\$62,739.82	\$267,534.86	\$37,680.12	\$704,645.54		\$1,646,870.56
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$41,751.72	\$4,408.05	\$3,962.56	\$7,387.24	\$1,517.32	\$7,627.22	\$1,020.85	\$15,828.48		
% Change between 2027 and 2026	2.5%	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%	2.4%	2.9%	2.7%	2.2%		2.5%
Category 2 Programs										
Risk Management Official/Inspector	\$81,960.58	\$2,727.15	\$3,071.06	\$3,617.43	\$36,084.88	\$36,460.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,544.95	\$105,505.53
Source Protection Education	\$17,365.35	\$532.21	\$609.72	\$552.88	\$5,687.75	\$6,427.85	\$0.00	\$3,554.95	\$4,645.56	\$22,010.91
Sub-Total Local Source Protection	\$99,325.93	\$3,259.36	\$3,680.77	\$4,170.30	\$41,772.63	\$42,887.91	\$0.00	\$3,554.95	\$28,190.51	\$127,516.44
Non-Owned Flood/Erosion Control Structures inspections	\$7,365.37				\$921.00	\$1,841.00	\$0.00	\$4,603.00	Above amounts from 2026 Surplus	\$7,365.37
Total MOUs 2027 - Category 2	\$106,691.30	\$3,259.36	\$3,680.77	\$4,170.30	\$42,693.63	\$44,728.91	\$0.00	\$8,157.95	\$28,190.51	\$134,881.80
Total MOUs - 2026 Category 2	\$103,712.85	\$3,180.37	\$3,591.58	\$4,069.12	\$41,608.20	\$43,545.99	\$0.00	\$7,717.63	\$29,158.64	\$132,871.49
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$2,978.45	\$78.99	\$89.19	\$101.19	\$1,085.43	\$1,182.92	\$0.00	\$440.32		
% Change between 2027 and 2026	2.9%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%		5.7%	-3.3%	1.5%
Category 3 Programs										
Youth Education	\$47,423.25	\$4,925.00	\$3,964.00	\$7,681.00	\$1,805.00	\$7,728.00	\$1,087.00	\$20,235.00	\$15,640.00	\$63,063.25
Stewardship/Outreach	\$15,464.68	\$1,606.00	\$1,293.00	\$2,505.00	\$588.00	\$2,520.00	\$354.00	\$6,598.00	\$32,000.00	\$47,464.68
Monitoring	\$63,012.75	\$6,544.00	\$5,268.00	\$10,206.00	\$2,398.00	\$10,268.00	\$1,444.00	\$26,885.00	\$30,560.00	\$93,572.75
Total MOUs 2027 - Category 3	\$125,900.68	\$13,075.00	\$10,525.00	\$20,392.00	\$4,791.00	\$20,516.00	\$2,885.00	\$53,718.00	\$78,200.00	\$204,100.68
Total MOUs - 2026 Category 3	\$111,876.45	\$11,614.00	\$9,321.00	\$18,077.00	\$4,262.00	\$18,174.00	\$2,559.00	\$47,869.00	\$78,200.00	\$190,076.45
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$14,024.23	\$1,461.00	\$1,204.00	\$2,315.00	\$529.00	\$2,342.00	\$326.00	\$5,849.00		\$14,024.23
% Change between 2027 and 2026	12.5%	12.6%	12.9%	12.8%	12.4%	12.9%	12.7%	12.2%	0.0%	7.4%
TOTAL MOUs - Categories 2&3	\$232,591.97	\$16,334.36	\$14,205.77	\$24,562.30	\$47,484.63	\$65,244.91	\$2,885.00	\$61,875.95	\$106,390.51	\$338,982.48
OVERALL % CHANGE - CAT 1,2,3										
2027 TOTAL Mun. Alloc and MOUs Cat1,2,3	\$1,921,214.25	\$191,713.34	\$155,365.00	\$298,052.18	\$111,741.77	\$340,406.99	\$41,585.96	\$782,349.97	\$106,390.51	\$2,027,604.76
2026 TOTAL Mun. Alloc and MOUs Cat1,2,3	\$1,862,459.85	\$185,765.29	\$150,109.24	\$288,248.76	\$108,610.02	\$329,254.85	\$40,239.12	\$760,232.17	\$107,358.64	\$1,969,818.50
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$58,754.40	\$5,948.04	\$5,255.75	\$9,803.43	\$3,131.75	\$11,152.14	\$1,346.85	\$22,117.80		
% Change between 2027 and 2026	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	3.4%	2.9%	3.4%	3.3%	2.9%	-0.9%	2.9%

Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority Levy Apportionment Data for 2027 and 2026

Municipality	% in CA	Municipal Population	Municipal Population in CA Jurisdiction	2026 Tax Year Current Value Assessment (CVA) (Modified) - used for Budget 2027	2026 Tax Year CVA (Modified) in CA Jurisdiction - used for Budget 2027	CVA Based Apportionment Percentage for 2027 Budget	CVA Based Apportionment Percentage for 2026 Budget	% Change between 2027 and 2026
Centre Hastings	44	3,597	1,583	596,818,225.0	262,600,019	2.29	2.29	0.17%
Quinte West	77	32,879	25,317	6,348,930,427.5	4,888,676,429	42.67	42.79	-0.28%
Stirling-Rawdon	76	3,951	3,003	573,694,605.3	436,007,900	3.81	3.81	-0.11%
Alnwick/Haldimand	88	5,866	5,162	1,352,283,720.7	1,190,009,674	10.39	10.38	0.04%
Brighton	100	9,231	9,231	1,855,727,595.1	1,855,727,595	16.20	16.16	0.23%
Trent Hills	94	10,869	10,163	1,996,870,656.3	1,867,074,064	16.30	16.25	0.31%
Cramahe	100	5,222	5,222	957,816,328.5	957,816,329	8.36	8.33	0.34%
		71,615	59,680		11,457,912,010	100.00	100.00	

CVA: Current Value Assessment. Note that 2026 Tax Year data is being used for Budget 2027. The 2025 Tax Year data was used for Budget 2026.

2027 PRELIMINARY DRAFT LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION BUDGET - VERSION 2 (capital \$122,446)

CATEGORY 1 - MANDATORY AND ENABLING/CORPORATE SERVICES	EXPENSES - CATEGORY 1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
		NATURAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT			
	Staffing	\$ 625,638	\$ 639,881	\$ 14,243	2%
	Operating	\$ 128,945	\$ 137,840	\$ 8,895	7%
	Capital	\$ 8,600	\$ 7,410	-\$ 1,190	
	PROVINCIAL WATER QUALITY-QUANTITY MONITORING				
	Staffing	\$ 26,656	\$ 27,749	\$ 1,093	4%
	Operating	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION (DWSP)				
	Staffing	\$ 282,617	\$ 286,818	\$ 4,201	1%
	Operating	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000	\$ -	0%
	Capital			\$ -	
	CA LANDS/AREAS AND STEWARDSHIP				
	Staffing	\$ 346,939	\$ 339,228	-\$ 7,711	-2%
	Operating	\$ 177,570	\$ 180,160	\$ 2,590	1%
	Capital	\$ 87,320	\$ 61,199	-\$ 26,121	-30%
	ENABLING SERVICES				
	Staffing	\$ 670,409	\$ 692,003	\$ 21,595	3%
	Operating	\$ 260,835	\$ 261,882	\$ 1,047	0%
	Capital	\$ 57,300	\$ 53,837	-\$ 3,463	-6%
	Operating Expenses Sub-Total	\$ 2,601,608	\$ 2,647,561	\$ 45,953	2%
	Capital Expenses Sub-Total	\$ 153,220	\$ 122,446	-\$ 30,774	-20%
	TOTAL EXPENSES - CATEGORY 1	\$ 2,754,828	\$ 2,770,007	\$ 15,179	1%
	INCOME - CATEGORY 1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
	Provincial Funds	\$ 68,831	\$ 68,831	\$ -	0%
	Federal Funds	\$ 38,200	\$ 38,200	\$ -	0%
	General Donations	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ -	0%
	Grants - special projects	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ -	0%
	Rebates/Recoveries	\$ 71,640	\$ 71,640	\$ -	0%
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	Operating Revenue Sub-Total	\$ 2,601,608	\$ 2,647,561	\$ 45,953	2%
	Municipal - Capital Levies	\$ 98,105	\$ 122,446	\$ 24,341	25%
	Capital Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Capital Revenue Sub-Total	\$ 98,105	\$ 122,446	\$ 24,341	25%
	TOTAL REVENUE - CATEGORY 1	\$ 2,699,713	\$ 2,770,007	\$ 70,294	3%

CATEGORY 2 - MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS	PROGRAM	EXPENSES	APPROVED 2026 BUDGET	DRAFT 2027 BUDGET	2027-2026 DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE	
	NON-OWNED FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE						
		Staffing	\$ 6,793	\$ 7,365	\$ 572	8%	
		Operating	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
		Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
	LOCAL DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION (DWSP) - RISK MGMT PART IV & EDUCATION						
		Staffing	\$ 122,754	\$ 124,598	\$ 1,845	2%	
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INCOME - CATEGORY 2 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES							
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Capital Levy	\$122,446.00	\$12,717.14	\$10,235.79	\$19,831.40	\$4,659.44	\$19,952.65	\$2,806.30	\$52,243.28		\$122,446.00
Total Municipal Alloc. 2027 - Category 1	\$1,712,963.28	\$177,907.01	\$143,194.00	\$277,432.16	\$65,183.39	\$279,128.46	\$39,258.83	\$730,859.44		\$1,712,963.28
Total Municipal Levy - 2026 Category 1	\$1,646,870.56	\$170,970.92	\$137,196.67	\$266,102.64	\$62,739.82	\$267,534.86	\$37,680.12	\$704,645.54		\$1,646,870.56
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$66,092.72	\$6,936.09	\$5,997.33	\$11,329.51	\$2,443.57	\$11,593.60	\$1,578.71	\$26,213.90		
% Change between 2027 and 2026	4.0%	4.1%	4.4%	4.3%	3.9%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%		4.0%
Category 2 Programs										
Risk Management Official/Inspector	\$81,960.58	\$2,727.15	\$3,071.06	\$3,617.43	\$36,084.88	\$36,460.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,544.95	\$105,505.53
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Category 3 Programs										
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Total MOUs 2027 - Category 3	\$125,900.68	\$13,075.00	\$10,525.00	\$20,392.00	\$4,791.00	\$20,516.00	\$2,885.00	\$53,718.00	\$78,200.00	\$204,100.68
Total MOUs - 2026 Category 3	\$111,876.45	\$11,614.00	\$9,321.00	\$18,077.00	\$4,262.00	\$18,174.00	\$2,559.00	\$47,869.00	\$78,200.00	\$190,076.45
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$14,024.23	\$1,461.00	\$1,204.00	\$2,315.00	\$529.00	\$2,342.00	\$326.00	\$5,849.00		\$14,024.23
% Change between 2027 and 2026	12.5%	12.6%	12.9%	12.8%	12.4%	12.9%	12.7%	12.2%	0.0%	7.4%
TOTAL MOUs - Categories 2&3	\$232,591.97	\$16,334.36	\$14,205.77	\$24,562.30	\$47,484.63	\$65,244.91	\$2,885.00	\$61,875.95	\$106,390.51	\$338,982.48
OVERALL % CHANGE - CAT 1,2,3										
2027 TOTAL Mun. Alloc and MOUs Cat1,2,3	\$1,945,555.25	\$194,241.37	\$157,399.77	\$301,994.46	\$112,668.01	\$344,373.37	\$42,143.83	\$792,735.40	\$106,390.51	\$2,051,945.76
2026 TOTAL Mun. Alloc and MOUs Cat1,2,3	\$1,862,459.85	\$185,765.29	\$150,109.24	\$288,248.76	\$108,610.02	\$329,254.85	\$40,239.12	\$760,232.17	\$107,358.64	\$1,969,818.50
Change between 2027 and 2026	\$83,095.40	\$8,476.08	\$7,290.52	\$13,745.70	\$4,057.99	\$15,118.52	\$1,904.71	\$32,503.22		
% Change between 2027 and 2026	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%	4.8%	3.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	-0.9%	4.2%

Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority Levy Apportionment Data for 2027 and 2026

Municipality	% in CA	Municipal Population	Municipal Population in CA Jurisdiction	2026 Tax Year Current Value Assessment (CVA) (Modified) - used for Budget 2027	2026 Tax Year CVA (Modified) in CA Jurisdiction - used for Budget 2027	CVA Based Apportionment Percentage for 2027 Budget	CVA Based Apportionment Percentage for 2026 Budget	% Change between 2027 and 2026
Centre Hastings	44	3,597	1,583	596,818,225.0	262,600,019	2.29	2.29	0.17%
Quinte West	77	32,879	25,317	6,348,930,427.5	4,888,676,429	42.67	42.79	-0.28%
Stirling-Rawdon	76	3,951	3,003	573,694,605.3	436,007,900	3.81	3.81	-0.11%
Alnwick/Haldimand	88	5,866	5,162	1,352,283,720.7	1,190,009,674	10.39	10.38	0.04%
Brighton	100	9,231	9,231	1,855,727,595.1	1,855,727,595	16.20	16.16	0.23%
Trent Hills	94	10,869	10,163	1,996,870,656.3	1,867,074,064	16.30	16.25	0.31%
Cramahe	100	5,222	5,222	957,816,328.5	957,816,329	8.36	8.33	0.34%
		71,615	59,680		11,457,912,010	100.00	100.00	

CVA: Current Value Assessment. Note that 2026 Tax Year data is being used for Budget 2027. The 2025 Tax Year data was used for Budget 2026.



CAO REPORT

Date: June 30, 2026
To: Board of Directors
Prepared by: Rhonda Bateman, Chief Administrative Officer

STAFFING

LTC is pleased to announce the successful recruitment for the Regulations and Enforcement Officer and Development Officer positions. These new staff members have the necessary experience to begin their roles effectively. We look forward to their contributions and welcome them to the LTC family.

Beth Lowe is the new Regulations and Enforcement Officer and comes to LTC with years of regulations and planning experience at both Crowe Valley and Quinte Conservation Authorities. Beth possesses a Level 1 and Level 2 Provincial Offences Officer designation. Beth has been trained as a Risk Management Official and has the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System certification.

Liam Bailey-McDade is the new Development Officer. Formerly a summer student in Conservation Lands at LTC, he moved to Crowe Valley Conservation as a field operations staff member and became the Source Protection Lead, Risk Management Official, Regulations Officer and has flood forecasting and warning experience. He has his Level 1 Provincial Offences Officer designation and the Ontario Wetland Evaluation Systems certification.

EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO REGION CAs

The Eastern Lake Ontario Region Conservation Authority GM/CAO's had a meeting on June 8th at the LTC office. Five of the six general managers/CAOs attended. Discussions were friendly and cooperative and focussed on common practices, administration, policies, finance, etc.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) has engaged the services of EY (formerly Ernst and Young) to develop the Playbook for the transition committees. The team from EY have developed a list of information requirements that each CA will have to submit no later than June 12th. The data includes governance, finance, policies, information management, etc. The submission from LTC was uploaded on June 10th.

The Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency held a CA Update Session on Wednesday June 3rd for general managers. The description for the meeting is "an information session to provide an overview of transition planning activities, including governance structures and financial considerations." There was no new information shared at this meeting, just the refinement of some timelines.

CONSERVATION ONTARIO

Conservation Ontario Council meeting was held virtually on June 22, 2026 and was attended by the Chair and the CAO.

Following the CO Council meeting the GM/CAOs met in person on June 22 and June 23 at the Kingbridge Centre in King City. The meeting was a good opportunity to share ideas, concerns and continue to move forward on regular business items.