



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Bill 229, Conservation Authorities Act – Inventory of Programs and Services**

**Prepared By: Emily Dance, Clerk**

**Department: Clerk**

**Date: Mar. 7, 2022**

**Report Number: CLK-2022-03-25  
Conservation Authorities Act**

**File Number: C11**

**Attachments: Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Inventory of Programs and Services Plans**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report No CLK-2022-03-25 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk AND receives the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Inventory of Programs and Services Plans.

#### **Background:**

As noted in staff report [CLK-2021-12-139](#) the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks released new regulations under the *Conservations Authorities Act*. These regulations change the relationship between municipal governments and conservation authorities (CAs) around the scope of the programs and services delivered.

The release of Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 687/21: Transition Plans and Agreements for the Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act outlines the requirement for conservation authorities to develop and deliver an inventory of programs and services to municipalities under its jurisdiction and to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) by February 28, 2022.

The programs and services are to be categorized as mandatory or non-mandatory as outlined in Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services

**Discussion:**

The inventory of programs and services from SVCA, MVCA and GSCA are attached for Council's review and have been circulated to Senior Staff.

Consultation on the inventory is to be conducted as soon as the inventory is received until December 31, 2023. Staff will collaborate with the CAs to bring a report to Council to begin discussions, acquire feedback on the inventory and provide the opportunity to address questions.

**Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good steward of our natural environment by protecting our natural assets, by using our resources wisely and by being aware and taking responsibility.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Emily Dance, Clerk

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer