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Subject: Ontario Regulation 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, under the Conservation Authorities Act

Good morning select Regional and Municipal Clerks:

I hope you all had a great long weekend!

This email is to advise of some new requirements under the Conservation Authorities Act, specifically around budget approval. This is the first year for these new requirements, as they took effect with the 2024 Budget.

In accordance with O. Reg. 402/22: Budget and Apportionment under the Conservation Authorities Act, (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/220402#BK20>) Approval of Apportionment under subsections 25 (1) and 27 (1) of the Act and Amounts owing under subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act), which states:

Notice of meeting

17. (1) An authority shall give notice of a meeting under section 16 to all participating municipalities and to any specified municipality that is entitled to receive notice of the meeting under subsection (2).
- (2) The authority shall give notice of a meeting under section 16 to a specified municipality if, after consultations held under section 15, the authority has determined under section 3 of Ontario Regulation 401/22 (Determination of Amounts under Subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act) made under the

Act that the specified municipality should be required to pay amounts owing under subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act for the budget year in connection with Category 1 CWA/LSPA programs and services.

(3) The notice of meeting shall be given at least 30 days before the meeting.

(4) The notice of meeting shall include,

(a) a copy of the most recent draft of the budget; and

(b) the amount of the reduced operating expenses and reduced capital costs that the participating municipality or specified municipality that is given notice will be required to pay for the year.

Please accept this email as **Notice of the Meeting** of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors on Friday, March 22nd at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Conservation Authority's Administrative Offices, located at 120 Bayview Parkway in Newmarket. Attached is the most recent draft budget which, in accordance with Section 14 of O. Reg. 402/22: Meeting on the draft budget, was considered and approved by the Board of Directors at their January 26, 2024 meeting.

If you or any members of your Council have any questions concerning this email or this new process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you and best regards,

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Draft Budget At-A-Glance

2024



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Lake Simcoe Region
conservation authority



At-A-Glance

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is a local watershed management organization incorporated under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (1946).

Since our formation in 1951, we have been dedicated to conserving, restoring and managing the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Our jurisdiction, which began in the East Holland River with five municipalities, has grown to include the entire Lake Simcoe watershed with the exception of the City of Orillia and the Upper Talbot River subwatershed.

The Authority is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, appointed within a four-year cycle by its 9 member municipalities. Each year, the Board of Directors elects a Chair and Vice Chair from among its 18 members.

Our Watershed

The Lake Simcoe watershed is a 3,400 square kilometre area of land that sweeps across 20 municipalities, from the Oak Ridges Moraine in the south to the Oro Moraine in the north, through York and Durham Regions, Simcoe County and the cities of Kawartha Lakes, Barrie and Orillia.

The watershed is delineated by 18 major river systems and many smaller ones that flow through the landscape to the heart of the watershed; Lake Simcoe.

Board Approved Assumptions - June 23, 2023

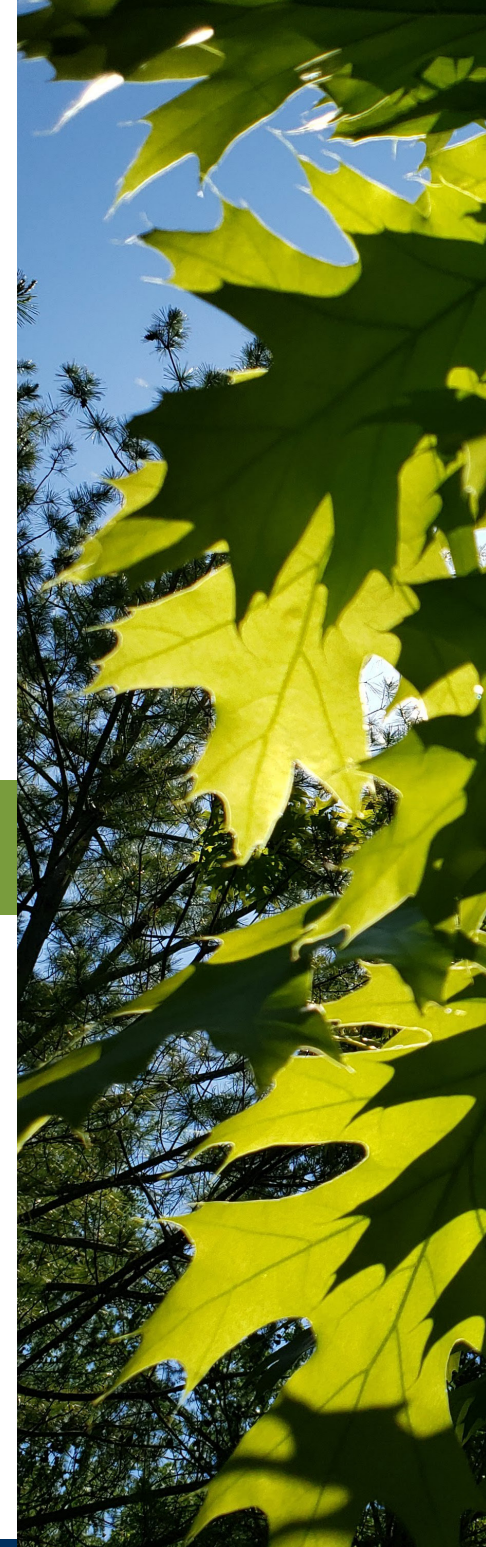
1. Inflation: up to 2.00% used only for applicable expenditures (2023: 4.00%)
2. COLA: up to 2.00% (2023: 2.00%) plus applicable step increases
3. Infrastructure levy for Asset Management: up to 0.50% included in Category 1 funding (2023: 0.50%)
4. Investment in Strategic Priorities: 1.50% (2023: 0.00%)
5. No additional new FTEs in 2024, unless they are fully funded through external funding or self generating revenue
6. Tax Levy (Category 1): Up to 2.00% (2023: 2.00%)

New Funding Categories for 2024: Levy Request for 2024

Based on Board Approved Assumptions

	2023 Levy in Millions	Increase in Millions	2024 Levy in Millions*	% Increase
Category 1 - Mandatory	5.70	0.11	5.81	2.00%
Category 1 - Mandatory - <i>Lake Simcoe Protection Act</i>	2.46	0.05	2.51	2.00%
Category 2 - Work on behalf of Municipality	0.66	0.01	0.67	2.00%
Category 3 - Funding requested by Authority	0.35	0.01	0.36	2.00%
Total	\$9.17M	\$0.18M	\$9.35M	2.00%

*Pending approval by municipalities and Board of Directors



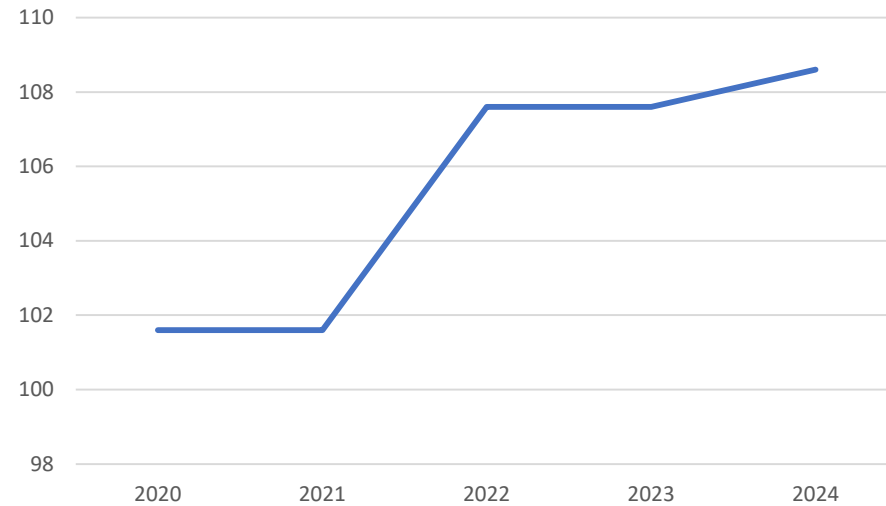
2024 Budget Highlights

- Transitioning with Transparency
- Renewed Vision for 2022-2024
- Authority spending increase is below inflation

The Authority continues to demonstrate respect for the taxpayer by only requesting modest levy increases for 2024 and not adding any new levy funded FTEs. Our focus in 2024 will be implementation of our strategic plan and transitioning to changes from the review of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

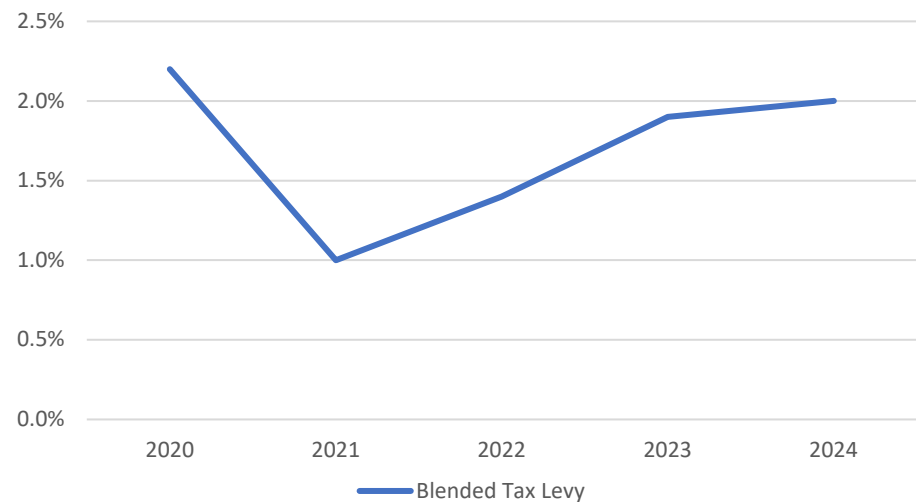


Respecting the Taxpayer: Number of FTEs over 5 Years*



*All additions funded by fees or grants.

Responsible Increases for 5 years



2024 Draft* Capital and Operating Budget

For the period January - December 31, 2024

Consolidated Summary	Approved Budget 2023 (Millions)	Proposed Budget 2024 (Millions)*
<u>Revenue:</u>		
Category 1 - Mandatory	5.7	5.8
Category 1 - Mandatory - <i>Lake Simcoe Protection Act</i>	2.5	2.5
Category 2 - Work on behalf of Municipality	0.7	0.7
Category 3 - Funding requested by Authority	0.3	0.4
Provincial and Federal Funding	2.4	1.6
Revenue Generated by Authority	11.2	13.5
Other Revenue	0.2	-
Total Revenue	23.0	24.5
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Corporate Services	5.7	5.6
Ecological Management	3.4	2.4
Education & Engagement	0.9	0.9
Greenspace Services	1.0	1.0
Planning & Development Services	5.2	4.8
Water Risk Management	2.4	2.2
Watershed Studies & Strategies	1.1	1.1
Operating Expenditures	19.7	18
Internal Fee for Service	(2.9)	(3.1)
Capital & Project Expenditures	5.9	10.0
Total Expenditures	22.8	24.9
Required Draws to/(from) Reserve	0.1	(0.4)
Net Revenue (Expenditures)	0	0

* Draft budget only, pending approval by our Board of Directors. Staff will continue to work with budget holders to finalize the 2024 budget.

Investing in Lake Simcoe

Budget Submissions*	2023 Restated Budget (in 000s)	2024 Proposed Budget (in 000s)				TOTAL	2025 Outlook (in 000s)
		Category 1 Core	Category 1 LSP	Category 2	Category 3		
York Region	6,015	3,798	1,569	534	231	6,133	6,256
Barrie	1,450	951	401	66	58	1,476	1,506
Durham Region	509	335	142	23	20	521	531
Bradford West Gwillimbury	454	304	122	21	18	465	474
Innisfil	400	263	110	18	16	408	416
Oro-Medonte	92	57	30	4	3	94	96
Ramara	79	53	21	4	3	80	82
Kawartha Lakes	57	20	35	1	1	59	60
New Tesumseth	45	28	14	2	2	46	47
Orillia (new for 2024)	66	-	67	-	-	67	68
Total Municipal Investment	\$ 9,166	\$ 5,810	\$ 2,510	\$ 674	\$ 354	\$ 9,349	\$ 9,535
Increase in Investment						\$ 183	\$ 187
Increase as a percentage						2.0%	2.0%

* Subject to Board of Directors approval, totals will not change but re-allocations between programs may occur.

