

Full Authority
17 November 2022
Agenda Item: 9

CVCA Fee Policy and Fee Schedules

Background

Please see 15 Sept 2022 Agenda Item 14.

Update

CVCA staff have compiled a CVCA Fee Policy and updated the CVCA Fee Schedule to be compliant with prior changes to the Conservation Authorities Act. (*Please see attached.*)

Staff used the Conservation Ontario template, a policy developed by the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority and the Lower Trent Conservation Authority to develop a CVCA policy. Many thanks to those organizations that provided the support to the CVCA.

In addition, since the recent tabling of Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act and Schedule Two which addresses changes for conservation authorities, fees will be frozen as of 1 Jan 2023 for an undisclosed period of time.

Therefore, like many other conservation authorities, the CVCA is proposing to increase fees in this very narrow window between now and the January deadline. This is particularly important since conservation authorities don't know when increases will be made again and the rate of inflation continues to remain high now and for the foreseeable future. Even with the increases built into the current Draft 2023 budget, the cost recovery for the regulations and planning program is only at approximately 62%. Many other conservation authorities are also planning increases since their recovery rates are lower and in some cases significantly lower than ours.

Staff Recommendation

- 1) That the CVCA Fee Policy be adopted as presented in order to be compliant with current legislative requirements and***
- 2) That the CVCA Fee Schedule be adopted and implemented as of 1st of December 2022.***

Board Decision
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