



November 10, 2022

Chair and Board of Directors
Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
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Via Email

RE: Conservation Authority Watershed/Jurisdiction Enlargement

I am writing to advise you that the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is undertaking the process of bringing the portion of the township currently not covered by a Conservation Authority under the jurisdiction of Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority as per Sec. 10 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The Township's decision to request Lower Trent Conservation enlarge their jurisdictional mandate was introduced through Council Resolution R-313-22:

"Whereas there is a vast quantity of land within the southern portion of the Township that is currently not under any conservation authority jurisdiction; and

Whereas this lack of conservation authority oversight has the potential for creating major planning, environmental and legal issues stemming from planning approvals, development applications, severances and other planning matters; and

Whereas the current procedure, when lands do not fall under any conservation authority, is to consult with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) which is a lengthy process and often leads to bureaucratic entanglement; and

Whereas a conservation authority having jurisdiction over these lands will allow for a more efficient process whereby Township staff can consult directly with the conservation authority as opposed to the MECP in order to avoid costly and lengthy complications;

Be It Resolved That staff is hereby directed to provide a letter to the Lower Trent Conservation Authority (LTC) Board of Directors outlining the Township's expression of interest in joining the LTC as a member municipality and having the LTC capture the southern portion of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen under its jurisdiction."

This enlargement will allow for regulations and planning operations within the area to be completed in a more consistent fashion under CA Act regulations applicable to all conservation authorities.

As you are aware, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen is primarily located within the jurisdiction of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority. Within the proposed area of enlargement, the flow of the



waterways is southward to the Trent River and directly into the jurisdiction of Lower Trent Conservation.

The attached map illustrates the area (in dark green) to be added to the Lower Trent's jurisdiction. The portion indicated is an area of approximately 29.55km².

There will be a public consultation session to allow for public comment on the enlargement. Landowners in the affected area will be advised via direct mail and public notice on the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen and Lower Trent Conservation's websites.

This enlargement exercise will not affect the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority's jurisdiction in the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen.

Should Crowe Valley Conservation Authority have any concerns with this proposal please contact me by November 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

Bob Angione

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Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

C.c.: Rhonda Bateman, CAO, Lower Trent Conservation

Area Proposed to be added to the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority jurisdiction

