

**Full Authority**  
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**Addendum to General Manager’s Report**

**CVCA Budget Voting Process**

The need to have a voting procedure which is definitive, clear and consistent for the Board members should be the foundation for establishing the CVCA’s budgets.

**Budget Voting Process and Implications for Each Section of the Budget**

There are two voting mechanisms available to the CVCA to establish the levy, provide the necessary funding for the budgeted programs and services and for capital projects for the current year. Those voting methods are a 1) one for one vote and 2) a weighted vote. The voting methods are not interchangeable. For example, you are not able to apply the one for one vote for the Operations Budget in one year and then decide to use the weighted vote for the Operations Budget the following year.

The one for one vote (one municipality = one vote) is a democratic vote everyone is obviously familiar with and the most commonly used. The 1 for 1 vote is applied to the proposed CVCA’s Operations Budget where provincial dollars are contributed to the CVCA budget to assist with the delivery of core programs (such as flood forecasting and warning, operation of CVCA dams, administrative expenses and provincial planning). The 1 for 1 vote will also be used for the Special Projects section of the Operations Budget. This voting system is based on the definitions in the CA Act regarding maintenance and administrative expenses.

The weighted vote is a system which changes the “value” of the vote of each Board Member. The following chart shows the value of each vote in percentages. This weighted vote is based on the Current Value Assessment given to the Authority by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry every year.

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Weighted Vote Percentage</b>
Faraday	6.23
Havelock-Belmont-Methuen	38.62
Highlands East	9.27
Limerick	4.35
North Kawartha	11.36
Marmora and Lake	17.29
Stirling-Rawdon	1.22
Trent Hills	3.88
Tudor and Cashel	2.07
Wollaston	5.72

The weighted voting system recognizes for certain projects/programs the CVCA delivers that only municipal dollars are used to fully fund certain sections of the budget. In the absence of provincial dollars to support a particular program or project, the province has determined (through the adoption

of Ont. Reg 139/06) a weighted vote could be used to decide whether these expenses should be funded on a “pay for say” structure. In other words, those municipalities that will be paying more to support these projects should have more to say in the voting process whether to proceed or not with the project in question.

The Capital Budget, because it does not have any provincial funding (at the onset of the budget and WECl funding is subject to an additional approval mechanism) and is to be funded completely through municipal support (should WECl funding not be approved) the weighted voting process will be used. This makes sense since the municipal partners who will have to pay more for these projects should have the greatest say whether to proceed with the projects or not. In addition, the Lands portion of the Operations Budget will use the weighted voting system since it uses just municipal dollars and there is no additional Provincial funding for these items.

Finally, with two separate voting mechanisms, a defeated Operations Budget vote does not mean the Capital Budget will be defeated. The weighted vote still needs to proceed. Should only one of the two budgets be supported, there will need to be a recirculation of the revised budget that was defeated.

The total levy amount will be determined once the second budget and an apportionment letter will be sent to the member municipalities. Of course, if both budgets are passed at the same time, the apportionment letter stating how much the levy will be for the member municipalities will be sent after the Board meeting.

At this juncture, staff would like to inform the Board members since the above noted weighted vote percentage is based on the CVA information, the CVA information is **not** to be shared with the public but can be shared amongst our Board members. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has required staff to sign a confidentiality agreement.

## **Board Information**

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