

Full Authority
28 November 2024
Agenda Item: 18

CVCA Transition Plans

Background

Please reference the 19 September 2024 General Manager's Report (Admin-Transition Plans)

Current Status

Additional progress has been made on the six plans to be completed by the 31st of December 2024. *The Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy* and the *Conservation Area Strategy* have been posted on the CVCA website as per the direction of the Provincial regulation 686/21 for public consultation.

As of the 20th of November, there have been no comments received by the CVCA regarding these two strategies. The CVCA has fulfilled our requirements as per the regulation.

The plans are not beyond the scope of the CVCA's past mandate. They have been prepared using templates from Conservation Ontario and other conservation authorities. The CVCA thanks the Grand River Conservation Authority and acknowledges their work provided a sound template for the CVCA. This has saved the CVCA a significant financial investment to complete the plans. Most conservation authorities hired a consultant to complete the work.

Work has continued on the *Asset Management Plan (AMP)* with a draft which will be included in the agenda package for the Board's review. This document in its current draft form meets the requirements of O. Reg. 686/21.

There are two components to the AMP, the capital infrastructure assets (dams) and operational (supporting) assets. It has been divided in this manner since dam assets for this conservation authority are such a vital component of our program due and should be treated separately. At this time, there is also four options for the Board to consider for the dam infrastructure component of the plan. Of course, the Board may also wish to consider other options based on the discussion at the meeting.

Staff do recognize that additional reviews will be necessary, likely on a yearly basis depending on the data collected moving forward and the direction from the Board.

Since 2018, the CVCA has included operational assets in the budget process, but the Authority never had a formalized asset management plan. The AMP further focuses the original positive efforts through a formal document.

The remaining plans are in house documents the Provincial government felt were necessary to include in their list of requirements for conservation authorities to ensure the Category 1 mandatory services and programs are delivered. This requirement is a positive step for the CVCA as these services were being completed, but not formally documented.

The Land Inventory is completed. The Ice Management Plan and the Operational Plans are yet to be finalized, but will be completed by the 31st of December 2024. These plans and the inventory will not be shared with the public, however should the Board wish to view them, please advise staff and a copy will be made available.

Staff Recommendation

That the CVCA Board approve the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy and the Conservation Areas Strategy be approved to ensure compliance with Ont. Regulation 686/21 and if any revisions are required they be completed in 2025.

And

That the Asset Management Plan as presented with the implementation option _____ be approved to ensure compliance with Ont. Regulation 686/21 and the AMP be reviewed by staff yearly before budget deliberations.

Board Decision

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