



**Ganaraska Region
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MEMBER OF
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Mayor John Henderson
Town of Cobourg
55 King Street West
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Dear Mayor Henderson:

Re: Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Transition Plan

In early October 2021, the province of Ontario released three new regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. These regulations are intended to implement some of the amendments made to the *Act* over the last few years. It is my understanding that the province has communicated information about these new regulations directly to municipalities.

One of these regulations, Ontario Regulation 687/21, Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the *Act* requires each Conservation Authority to develop a Transition Plan which outlines timelines for developing and completing program and service agreements with watershed municipalities. The transition process requires the Conservation Authority to circulate a transition plan by December 31, 2021 to all watershed municipalities as well as the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Further required is the preparation of a program and service inventory by February 28, 2022, with completed agreements prior to the transition date of January 1, 2024.

Attached is the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's (GRCA) Transition Plan which was approved by the Board of Directors at its November 25, 2021 meeting. Staff is currently working on the required program and service inventory and is expected to present the inventory to the Board of Directors at the February 17, 2022 Annual General meeting. The agenda and accompanying reports will be available for viewing on the GRCA's website a week prior to the meeting.

The GRCA appreciates its partnership with all watershed municipalities and looks forward to working with you on the agreements.

This letter has been sent to the Mayor, Chief Administrative Office and Clerk of all watershed municipalities. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

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Introduction

The passage of Regulation 687/21 "Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act" requires the development and implementation of Transition Plans by each Conservation Authority. The Transition Plans are to outline the process and timelines for the development of cost apportioning agreements with municipalities within their jurisdiction for non-mandated programs and services.

This Transition Plan is in effect for the seven municipalities in whole or in part within the Ganaraska's jurisdiction: Municipality of Clarington, Municipality of Port Hope, City of Kawartha Lakes, Township of Cavan Monaghan, Town of Cobourg, Township of Hamilton and Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Regulated Timelines

Phase I

Transition Plan

This Transition Plan is required to be completed by **December 31, 2021** and distributed to member municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Prior to this distribution, the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) Board of Directors will receive and approve the plan. The Transition Plan will be posted on the GRCA website before December 31, 2021.

Inventory of Programs and Services

An inventory of program and services is to be prepared and circulated to municipalities within their watershed jurisdiction by **February 28, 2022**.

The inventory of programs and services will be classified as either Category 1 Mandatory, Category 2 Non-Mandatory or Category 3 Other. These categories are identified in Section 21 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The inventory will include an estimate of the annual cost of the service, sources of funding and the percentage attributed to each funding source.

In addition, a record of the municipal distribution of the inventory is to be forwarded to the MECP.