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Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	279	217	149	151	209	104	157	142	93	133
FEBRUARY	201	205	184	186	330	81	169	74	197	142
MARCH	273	248	364	213	283	84	229	173	77	158
APRIL	566	211	181	295	370	81	371	400	282	343
MAY	422	202	197	337	262	270	372	266	188	343
JUNE	398	197	214	271	238	140	160	135	213	225
JULY	567	171	146	345	349	216	269	203	178	174
AUGUST	336	272	203	303	325	122	131	162	200	268
SEPTEMBER	238	173	117	184	298	190	163	155	124	327
OCTOBER	242	258	143	212	236	154	139	212	175	320
NOVEMBER	302	153	164	248	108	113	122	139	113	
DECEMBER	200	102	127	276	71	160	69	132	95	
Total	4024	2409	2189	3021	3079	1715	2351	2193	1935	2433

The above figures reflect tickets issued in Haldimand County from all sources including Haldimand County By-law Enforcement, the O.P.P., and various provincial ministries. They do not include Part II (Parking) issued offences.

Comprehensive POA Stats - 2024

Legislation / By-law Reference	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Summary of Charges Laid by OPP												
Highway Traffic Act (Part I - ticket)	90	109	115	244	270	173	122	222	287	268		
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)	38	32	33	73	44	8	11	28	17	35		
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	2			29	1						
	By-law 302/02 (snow)											
	By-law 1534-15 Parks											
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74											
	By-law 38-74											
	By-law 11-79											
Noise	By-law 1435/14											
Open Air Fires	By-law 1662/16											
EMCPA	7.0.11(2)(a)											
Late Filed Part 1 Tickets	these #'s not included in total					5						
Total of all Charges Laid	130	141	148	346	315	181	133	250	304	303	0	0
										OPP Total: 2251		
Summary of Charges Laid by County Staff												
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74											
	By-law 38-74											
	By-law 11-79											
Noise	By-law 1435/14											
Property Standards	By-law 730/06				2							
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit							3				
	Section 12(2) Fail to Comply to Order											
Open Air Fires	1662/16											
Planning Act	562(67)(1)			2	1	2	1	2	2	6		
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00											
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)	2					1					
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	16	28	30		248	208		118			
	By-law 302/02 (snow)											
Parks	By-law 1534/15					8	11		15			
Site Alteration By-law	By-law 1664/16											
Total of all Charges Laid	18	28	32	3	258	219	5	135	2	6	0	0
										Staff Total: 706		
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies												
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry					15	13	4	2		10		
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)(PAWS)	2	1	2	1	10		14	2	1	1		
Ministry of Finance					1	8	2	1	4			
Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS)				11								
Conservation Authority				6								
Ministry of Environment			6	1	1	15	15	11	16			
Ministry of Labour				4		8	1					
Ministry of Housing												
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs												
Ontario College of Trades												
Health Protection Act	1											
Total of all Charges Laid	3	1	8	23	27	44	36	16	21	11	0	0
										Other Enforcement Agency Total: 190		
<p>*Note: Total Charges (Excluding Parking) reflects what is recorded and reported regularly to Council (through the Council Information Package) and PSB for year-by-year historical trends. The historical trends spreadsheet does not capture parking tickets.</p>										*Total Charges (Excluding Parking) 2433		
										OPP Issued Parking Charges 32		
										Staff Issued Parking Charges 682		
										Total Parking Charges Issued 714		
										Total of All 2024 Charges 3147		



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024
Approved November 6, 2024

Members in attendance:

Robert Chambers, Chair	County of Brant
Dave Beres, Vice-Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Rainey Weisler	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets:

Stewart Patterson	Haldimand County
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Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
 Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
 Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
 Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
 Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant

*S. Bentley joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair, Robert Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2024.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of former Board Member, Chair of the Backus Museum Committee, and Norfolk County Councilor, Betty Chanyi. Betty was a supporter of the conservation authority and an active supporter of the community. Betty will be dearly missed.

2. Additional Agenda Items

There were no items added to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A-110/24

Moved by J. Palmer
 Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the agenda as circulated.

Carried

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus,
 Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Hearing Board Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2024

A-111/24

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Hearing Board Meeting held September 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2024

A-112/24

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by P Ypma

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held September 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

7. Review of Committee Minutes

a) Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Meeting - May 10, 2024

A-113/24

Moved by D. Brunton

Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the minutes of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Meeting held May 10, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

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9. Planning Department

a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits (L. Mauthe)

Michael Columbus asked the reason for fewer applications this year compared to last year. Leigh-Anne Mauthe will be completing an annual analysis but stated that part of the reason could be the change to the regulation which reduced the regulated area around Provincially Significant Wetlands from 120 metres to 30 metres.

A-114/24

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits report dated October 2, 2024 as information.

Carried

Shelley Ann Bentley joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

10. New Business

a) General Manager's Report (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell provided a report summarizing operations this past month and provided a few recent updates.

The General Manager and Chair were unable to attend the Conservation Ontario Meeting in September. Vice-chair, Dave Beres, attended the meeting and reported the main topics of discussion included the importance of keeping the conservation authorities flood mapping up-to-date as a result of climate change and the flooding issues in Toronto this past summer; and setting up foundations for conservation authorities. In discussions with LPRCA and other conservation authority staff, setting up a foundation may not be in the best interest of LPRCA at this time.

Michael Columbus asked is the Hemlock Wooley Adelgid is spreading rapidly. Judy Maxwell replied that it is currently located at Haldimand Conservation Area and on the properties of the adjacent landowners. It is isolated around that area at this time.

A-115/24

Moved by C. Van Paassen

Seconded by P. Ypma

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for September 2024 as information.

Carried

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

b) Updated Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 (A. LeDuc)

The report was presented by Aaron LeDuc. There were no questions from the Board.

A-116/24

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by R. Weisler

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors repeals the LPRCA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2020-2024, Resolution #A-123;

And,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the LPRCA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2025-2029 as **presented**.

Carried

c) Land Committee Terms of Reference (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell reviewed the report noting this is a requirement of the new regulations. A follow-up report will be presented at the next meeting.

Chris Van Paassen suggested appointing an additional member from the municipality where the land under consideration is located at the discretion of the Chair.

Michael Columbus suggested advertising that LPRCA is open to accepting donated property and asked if there are funding programs available to the Authority. Judy replied that funding has been available for land purchases and an application was submitted.

A-117/24

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the Land Acquisition Committee Terms of Reference Part 2 Section 32.2 of the LPRCA Personnel Policy be removed;

And,

THAT the Lands Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended.

Carried

d) WECl Projects Update (J. Maxwell)

Judy Maxwell updated the Board on the WECl Projects and the successful bidders who were awarded the contracts.

Doug Brunton asked why there was a special levy to Norfolk County for the Hay Creek Dam. Judy replied the studies and safety related items are funded on a watershed basis whereas

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design, repairs, and decommissioning is the responsibility of the municipality to which the dam is located. Staff apply to WECl funding to offset the costs of dam work annually.

Peter Ypma asked why the repairs were completed to the Deer Creek dam prior to the completion of the Dam Safety Review (DSR). Judy stated that previous applications to WECl to commission a DSR for Deer Creek were not successful. The repairs were considered necessary and will now be reflected within the DSR.

A-118/24

Moved by M. Columbus
Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the update on the WECl projects as information.

Carried

e) Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative Funding (L. Mauthe)

Leigh-Anne Mauthe presented a summary of the funding requested and granted by the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative (FEI) program.

A-119/24

Moved by S. Bentley
Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the FEI funding report as information.

Carried

11. Closed Session

A-120/24

Moved by R. Weisler
Seconded by D. Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

Carried

The members entered the closed session at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: November 6, 2024, Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.
November 13, 2024, Budget, 9:30 a.m.

There was a discussion concerning a conflict with the November 13, Budget meeting and a Norfolk County Council-In-Committee meeting scheduled for the same day at 1 p.m. It was agreed to tentatively re-schedule the start time of the meeting to 9:00 a.m. The time change will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting.

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Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Robert Chambers
Chair

Judy Maxwell
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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November 5, 2024
SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Mayor Shelley Ann Bentley and Council
Haldimand County
53 Thornburn Street South
Cayuga, ON
N0A 1E0

Dear Mayor Bentley and Council,

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 18, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority adopted the following as Resolution No. FA-107-2024:

Moved by Member Brian Grant
Seconded by Member Donna Cridland

THAT Report No. FA-50-24 RE: 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies **BE RECEIVED**;

THAT the 2025 Draft Budgets & Municipal Levies **BE APPROVED BY WEIGHTED LEVY VOTE** for discussion with municipal staff, in accordance with Board approved Budget Assumptions;

THAT the list of 2025 unfunded pressures **BE PROVIDED** to partner municipalities for any future opportunities outside the 2025 budget through collaborative projects or external funding;

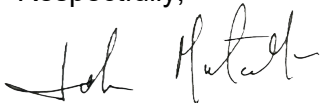
AND FURTHER THAT NPCA staff **REPORT** the results of discussions with municipal staff to the 2025 Q2 Finance Committee and Board of Directors meetings

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Included herewith for reference is a copy of the aforementioned Report No. FA-50-24 and associated appendices.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact CAO/Secretary – Treasurer, Leilani Lee-Yates at lee-yates@npca.ca or 905-788-3135 ext. 251.

Respectfully,



John Metcalfe
Chair, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority



Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies

Report No: FA-50-24

Date: October 18, 2024

Recommendation:

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AND FURTHER THAT NPCA staff **REPORT** the results of discussions with municipal staff to the 2025 Q2 Finance Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Directors with:

- 2025 General Levy Apportionment;
- 2025 Draft Budgets & Municipal Levies; and
- 2025 Unfunded Budget Priorities.

Full details of the 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies are outlined in Appendix 1 and 2. Please note that Appendix 2 represents the 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies in the *Conservation Authorities Act* Programs and Services Inventory format.

Background:

In the development of the recommended budget assumptions for the 2025 budget process, staff has reviewed and considered the following:

- Funding municipalities' guidelines when available
- Cost of living adjustments (COLA) and grid step increases, including the ongoing impact of the compensation review project completed in 2023
- Inflation (Consumer Price Index – CPI)
- Multi-year contractual obligations
- Operating, capital and program pressures
- Board approved Fee Policy and full cost accounting
- Focus on internal efficiencies
- General economic outlook
- Impacts on service delivery
- Asset management and state-of-good repair
- Priority technical studies and management plans required under the *Conservation Authorities Act*

On September 25, 2024, the Finance Committee passed Recommendation No. FC-19-2024, endorsing the 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies for approval by the Board of Directors.

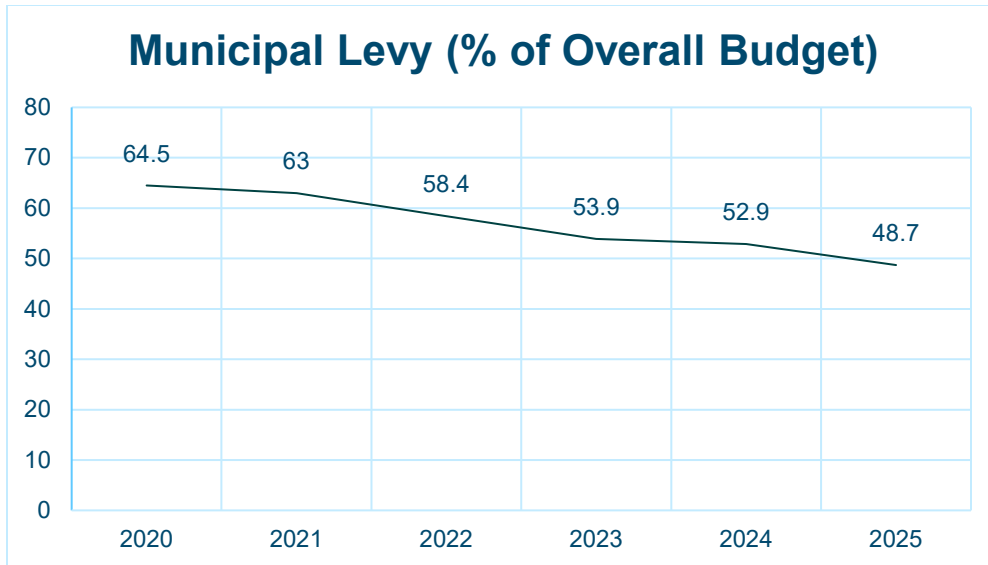
Discussion:

2025 Draft Operating Budgets

NPCA's overall 2025 operating budget of \$16.096M is supported by \$7.84M municipal levy, \$5.699M in authority-generated revenue, and \$2.552M in grant funding. Overall, the operating volume in this zero-based budget is projected to increase by 20.18% (\$2.793M).

While the operating volume has increased to address gaps and achieve required service levels, growth in 2025 is largely due to programs that are fully funded through grants and partnership funding.

Municipal contributions to the overall budget envelope continue a pattern of reduced reliance on the municipal levy, as reflected in the chart below:



Of the year-over-year operating increase, 63% is attributed to substantial growth in fully funded programs, which is offset by corresponding revenues. The residual balance is required to support COLA (2.25% on the salary envelope), step increases, residual impacts of the compensation review project and inflation.

2025 Capital, Special Projects and Land Securement

The 2025 Draft Capital and Special Projects budget represents past backlog and current critical priorities. NPCA's asset management initiative has identified critical infrastructure projects that must be addressed in 2025 to meet service level needs, health and safety and state of good repair priorities. These essential capital projects in Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton are reflected in the capital budget envelope.

Three additional capital projects have been identified by Staff as critical priorities for 2025:

1. Hamilton:
 - a. Binbrook Conservation Area Comfort Station \$500,000
2. Niagara:
 - a. Restoration of heritage sites (Balls Falls Conservation Area) \$100,000
 - b. Centre for Conservation – roof/skylight \$400,000

Given that these three capital projects represent a significant financial impact on the special levy, staff have approached both City of Hamilton and Niagara Region finance staff to explore an alternative funding source. Recognizing the critical nature of these priorities, both municipal partners have expressed a willingness to consider sourcing funds for these projects through the capital levy reserve with

replenishment through NPCA's operating general levy over a multi-year time frame.

In 2024, NPCA successfully acquired five properties (55 hectares) into public ownership, leveraging \$2.205M of external funding. Land securement provisions have been factored into the 2025 budget to continue to support this successful program and provide matching funding for grant opportunities.

NPCA's 2025 budgets include a provision for land securement from each municipality as follows:

- Niagara Region \$269,750
- City of Hamilton \$159,734
- Haldimand County \$14,299

Summary - 2025 Draft Municipal Levy

The levy apportionment ratios are calculated from assessment data provided by MPAC and further revised based on Ontario Regulation 401/22 under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. 2025 Levy Apportionment Ratios break down as follows:

Table 1: 2025 Levy Apportionment

Municipality	2025	2024	Variance
Niagara	76.9078%	76.9641%	-0.0563%
Hamilton	21.1713%	21.1370%	0.0343%
Haldimand	1.9209%	1.8989%	0.0220%

A breakdown of municipal levies, including capital and land securement special levies, is provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: 2025 Levy Summary, by Municipality

LEVY SUMMARY - 2025					
		2025	2024	Variance	
				Amount	%
NIAGARA					
General Levy		6,034,060	5,418,955	615,105	11.35%
Special Levy - Capital		1,655,273	1,601,271	54,002	3.37%
Special Levy - Land Securement		269,750	250,000	19,750	7.90%
TOTAL		7,959,083	7,270,226	688,857	9.48%
HAMILTON					
General Levy		1,661,065	1,488,232	172,833	11.61%
Special Levy - Capital		254,503	263,309	- 8,806	-3.34%
Special Levy - Land Securement		159,734	148,039	11,695	7.90%
TOTAL		2,075,302	1,899,580	175,722	9.25%
HALDIMAND					
General Levy		150,711	133,699	17,012	12.72%
Special Levy - Capital		19,924	14,679	5,245	35.73%
Special Levy - Land Securement		14,299	13,252	1,047	7.90%
TOTAL		184,934	161,630	23,304	14.42%
CONSOLIDATED					
General Levy		7,845,836	7,040,886	804,950	11.43%
Special Levy - Capital		1,929,700	1,879,259	50,441	2.68%
Special Levy - Land Securement		443,783	411,291	32,492	7.90%
TOTAL		10,219,319	9,331,436	887,883	9.51%

Additional details are included in Appendices 1 and 2.

2025 Unfunded Budget Priorities

In the last several years, NPCA's ability to undertake both operating special projects and capital investments have been significantly impacted by a lack of financial resources. The following issues contributed in part:

- a) NPCA needs to make significant investments in infrastructural upgrades and staffing resources to safely serve our communities. An Asset Management Plan and Financing Strategy is currently being completed and will provide further refinement to the Asset State-of Good Repair Gap and funding requirements.
- b) Staff anticipates significant planning and growth pressures in the coming years in NPCA's jurisdiction requiring NPCA to proactively invest in science and information to support decision making.
- c) Completion of NPCA 10 Year Strategic Plan has identified several gaps and priorities that NPCA must address in the coming years.
- d) *Conservation Authorities Act* amendments and associated regulations requires several priorities to be completed; this includes a significant number of investments in updating conservation areas management plans,

shoreline and coastal resilience technical updates and flood and erosion hazard mitigation projects.

An assessment of current unfunded budget priorities was prioritized by staff. These initiatives (\$16.235M), classified in six categories, are further detailed in Appendix 1.

Financial Implications:

NPCA's 2025 Budgets and Municipal Levies have been developed in accordance with the existing levy guidelines of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. *Conservation Authorities Act* regulations specify the programs and services that Conservation Authorities must provide, requirements for service level agreements with partner municipalities, levy and budgets. Please note that Appendix 2 represents the 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies in the *Conservation Authorities Programs and Services Inventory* format.

The NPCA is required to prepare annual budgets as part of the fiscal control and financial responsibilities of the organization. The budget is also used in the audit process for evaluation by the external auditing firm. Annual audits are required as per Section 38 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Unfunded budget priorities are currently not included in the 2024 Budget. A diverse range of strategies will be deployed to address these gaps. Staff will investigate external funding sources and liaise with external stakeholders and all levels of governments to look for collaborative opportunities outside the existing budget processes.

Related Reports and Appendices:

Appendix 1: NPCA 2025 Draft Budgets & Municipal Levies – Historical Format

Appendix 2: NPCA 2025 Draft Budgets & Municipal Levies – CA Programs and Services Format

Appendix 3: NPCA 2025 Budget Book (*distributed separately*)

Available upon request:

1. Land Securement Strategy – 2022 to 2032
2. Strategic Plan – 2021 to 2031

Links To Policy/Strategic Plan:

Goal 4.1: Strengthen government relations toward collective outcomes and impact

Goal 5.2: Improve internal operations and processes

Goal 6.1: Ensure responsible, sustainable, and sound fiscal practices

Goal 6.3: Improve asset management and close the state of good repair gap

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Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

2025 DRAFT BUDGETS & MUNICIPAL LEVIES

October 2024



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2025 DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY

Operating Budget - Revenues	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	Variance
Municipal Funding	7,845,836	7,040,886	804,950
Provincial Funding	537,574	540,660	-3,086
Federal Funding	1,562,960	212,323	1,350,637
Program Revenue	4,693,831	4,077,247	616,584
Other	1,455,756	1,432,053	23,703
Total - Operating Revenues	16,095,957	13,303,169	2,792,788
Operating Budget - Expenses	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	Variance
Salaries and benefits, Employee Related	10,595,982	8,972,903	1,623,079
Governance	32,764	41,000	-8,236
Professional Fees, Contractor Services	1,581,351	1,043,691	537,660
Materials & Supplies, Vehicles & Equipment	1,082,803	701,109	381,694
Occupancy Costs	838,989	795,892	43,097
Park Maintenance	665,734	654,143	11,591
Information Management/GIS	549,111	455,112	93,999
Marketing, Advertising, Printing, Signs	60,158	91,680	-31,522
Special Events (Festival, Holiday Trail)	215,176	211,260	3,916
Flood Forecasting & Water Quality	155,950	144,400	11,550
Miscellaneous	317,939	191,979	125,960
Total - Operating Expenses	16,095,957	13,303,169	2,792,788
Capital and Special Projects	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	Variance
Facilities	2,028,787	972,853	1,055,934
Equipment	314,598	552,158	- 237,560
Infrastructure (excluding facilities)	239,323	105,173	134,150
Data and Technology Assets	212,016	517,267	- 305,251
Land Management Plans	83,062	105,173	- 22,111
Health and Safety	51,915	52,587	-672
Total - Capital & Special Projects	2,929,701	2,305,211	624,490
Land Securement	443,783	411,291	32,492
TOTAL	19,469,441	16,019,671	3,449,770

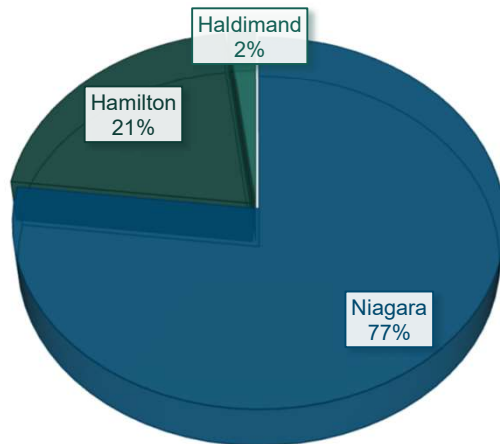
2025 MUNICIPAL LEVY SUMMARY

Levy Apportionment - 2025

The levy apportionment ratios are calculated from assessment data provided by MPAC, and further revised based on the Conservation Authority Levies Regulation.

Municipality	% in CA	Municipal Population	Municipal Population in CA	Prior Year CVA in CA	2025 Levy Apportionment	2024 Levy Apportionment	Variance
Haldimand	25%	42,461	10,488	\$1.913B	1.9209%	1.8989%	0.0220%
Hamilton	21%	450,212	94,995	\$21.082B	21.1713%	21.1370%	0.0343%
Niagara	100%	373,586	373,586	\$76.583B	76.9078%	76.9641%	-0.0563%
Total		866,259	479,069	\$99.578B	100.0000%	100.0000%	

2025 MUNICIPAL LEVY - CONSOLIDATED



LEVY SUMMARY - 2025

	2025	2024	Variance	
			Amount	%
NIAGARA				
General Levy	6,034,060	5,418,955	615,105	11.35%
Special Levy - Capital	1,655,273	1,601,271	54,002	3.37%
Special Levy - Land Securement	269,750	250,000	19,750	7.90%
TOTAL	7,959,083	7,270,226	688,857	9.48%
HAMILTON				
General Levy	1,661,065	1,488,232	172,833	11.61%
Special Levy - Capital	254,503	263,309	-8,806	-3.34%
Special Levy - Land Securement	159,734	148,039	11,695	7.90%
TOTAL	2,075,302	1,899,580	175,722	9.25%
HALDIMAND				
General Levy	150,711	133,699	17,012	12.72%
Special Levy - Capital	19,924	14,679	5,245	35.73%
Special Levy - Land Securement	14,299	13,252	1,047	7.90%
TOTAL	184,934	161,630	23,304	14.42%
CONSOLIDATED				
General Levy	7,845,836	7,040,886	804,950	11.43%
Special Levy - Capital	1,929,700	1,879,259	50,441	2.68%
Special Levy - Land Securement	443,783	411,291	32,492	7.90%
TOTAL	10,219,319	9,331,436	887,883	9.51%

2025 UNFUNDED BUDGET PRIORITIES

Description	2025 Unfunded Priority	Proposed Funding Sources			
		Municipal Funding			Other
		Niagara	Hamilton	Haldimand	
Integrated Watershed Strategies					
Four Mile Creek Water Budget & Subwatershed Planning	100,000	100,000			
Invasive Species Strategy - Phase 2	20,000	15,382	4,234	384	
Climate Change Action Program Corporate Risk & Vulnerability Assessment	150,000	115,362	31,757	2,881	
Lakewood CA Restoration Plan Implementation	150,000	150,000			
Flood and Erosion Mitigation - Assessment and Design	2,000,000	1,538,156	423,426	38,418	
Non-Point Source Water Quality Best Management Practices Stewardship	200,000	153,816	42,343	3,842	
Shoreline Climate Modeling and Risk Assessment (incl Lake Erie Shoreline Hazard Mapping)	500,000	500,000			
Sustainable Technologies Program	260,000	199,960	55,045	4,994	
Urban Climate Stewardship for Nearshore Watershed (Land to Lake Initiative)	240,000	184,579	50,811	4,610	
Total - Integrated Watershed Strategies	3,620,000	2,957,254	607,616	55,130	-
Natural Hazard Management					
Upper Virgil Dam Erosion Protection	200,000	200,000			
Lower Virgil Dam Erosion Protection	200,000	200,000			
Total - Natural Hazard Management	400,000	400,000	-	-	-
Conservation Authority Act Requirements					
Land Management Plans	125,000	96,135	26,464	2,401	
Total - Conservation Authority Act Requirements	125,000	96,135	26,464	2,401	-
Corporate Services and Asset Management					
Strategic Asset Management Policy/Planning	80,000	61,526	16,937	1,537	
Sustainable Technologies and Green Infrastructure	100,000	76,908	21,171	1,921	
IT Security Audit	50,000	38,454	10,586	960	
IT Equipment Upgrades	50,000	38,454	10,586	960	
Growth FTE's - Compliance Tech, GIS Tech, Records Management	250,000	192,270	52,928	4,802	
Operationalize Digital Strategy	500,000	384,539	105,857	9,605	
Corporate Support - Process Reviews	100,000	76,908	21,171	1,921	
Facilities - furniture, upgrades, EV Stations, etc.	250,000	192,270	52,928	4,802	
Total - Corporate Services and Asset Management	1,380,000	1,061,328	292,164	26,508	-
Corporate Administration					
NPCA Website Technical Maintenance & Redesign	50,000	38,454	10,586	960	
Total - Corporate Administration	50,000	38,454	10,586	960	-
State of Good Repair (SOGR) / Health and Safety					
Asset replacement and sustainment (amortization)	1,400,000	1,076,709	296,398	26,893	
Campground Upgrades	530,000	530,000			
Barn Storage Facility	200,000	200,000			
Automated Gates	330,000	330,000			
Furniture	25,000	19,227	5,293	480	
Lime Kiln Restoration	100,000	100,000			
New Metal Stairs for Bruce Trail	200,000				200,000
Interpretive and Wayfinding Signage	500,000	384,539	105,857	9,605	
Pavilion 1 Demolition	50,000		50,000		
Natural Playgrounds	750,000	500,000	250,000		
Main Boat Launch Upgrade	500,000		500,000		

2025 UNFUNDED BUDGET PRIORITIES

Description	2025 Unfunded Priority	Proposed Funding Sources			
		Municipal Funding			Other
		Niagara	Hamilton	Haldimand	
Northside Playground	125,000	125,000			
Drainage South Side	100,000	100,000			
Rebuild Comfort station #2 South Side	400,000	400,000			
Beach Washroom Renovations	50,000	50,000			
Electrical Upgrades	1,000,000	1,000,000			
New Pavilion	125,000	125,000			
Tile Drain in Day Use	125,000	125,000			
Roadway Improvements	1,000,000	769,078	211,713	19,209	
St. Johns Valley Centre Septic System	225,000	225,000			
Fencing for All Parks	300,000	230,723	63,514	5,763	
Waste bins for All Parks	30,000	23,072	6,351	576	
Outdoor Education Natural and Cultural Heritage Campus	1,000,000	1,000,000			
Morgan's Point Washroom Renovations	300,000	300,000			
Morgan's Point Boardwalk	150,000	150,000			
EV Charging Stations	170,000	140,000	30,000		
CFC - Back Up Generator	100,000	100,000			
CFC - Front Entrance (Pond Replacement)	300,000	300,000			
CFC - Replace Windows and Repair Siding	200,000	200,000			
Campground Upgrades - AODA Accessibility	100,000	100,000			
NPCA Net Zero Headquarters Planning, Feasibility Assessment & Design	75,000	57,681	15,878	1,441	
Historical Buildings Roof Repair	200,000	200,000			
Total - State of Good Repair / Health and Safety	10,660,000	8,861,030	1,535,004	63,966	200,000
TOTAL 2025 UNFUNDED BUDGET PRIORITIES	16,235,000	13,414,200	2,471,834	148,966	200,000

2025 Unfunded Budget Priorities					
Classification	Niagara	Hamilton	Haldimand	External	TOTAL
Integrated Watershed Strategies	2,957,254	607,616	55,130	-	3,620,000
Natural Hazard Management	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
Conservation Authority Act Requirements	96,135	26,464	2,401	-	125,000
Corporate Services and Asset Management	1,061,328	292,164	26,508	-	1,380,000
Corporate Administration	38,454	10,586	960	-	50,000
State of Good Repair (SOGR) / Health and Safety	8,861,030	1,535,004	63,966	200,000	10,660,000
	13,414,200	2,471,834	148,966	200,000	16,235,000

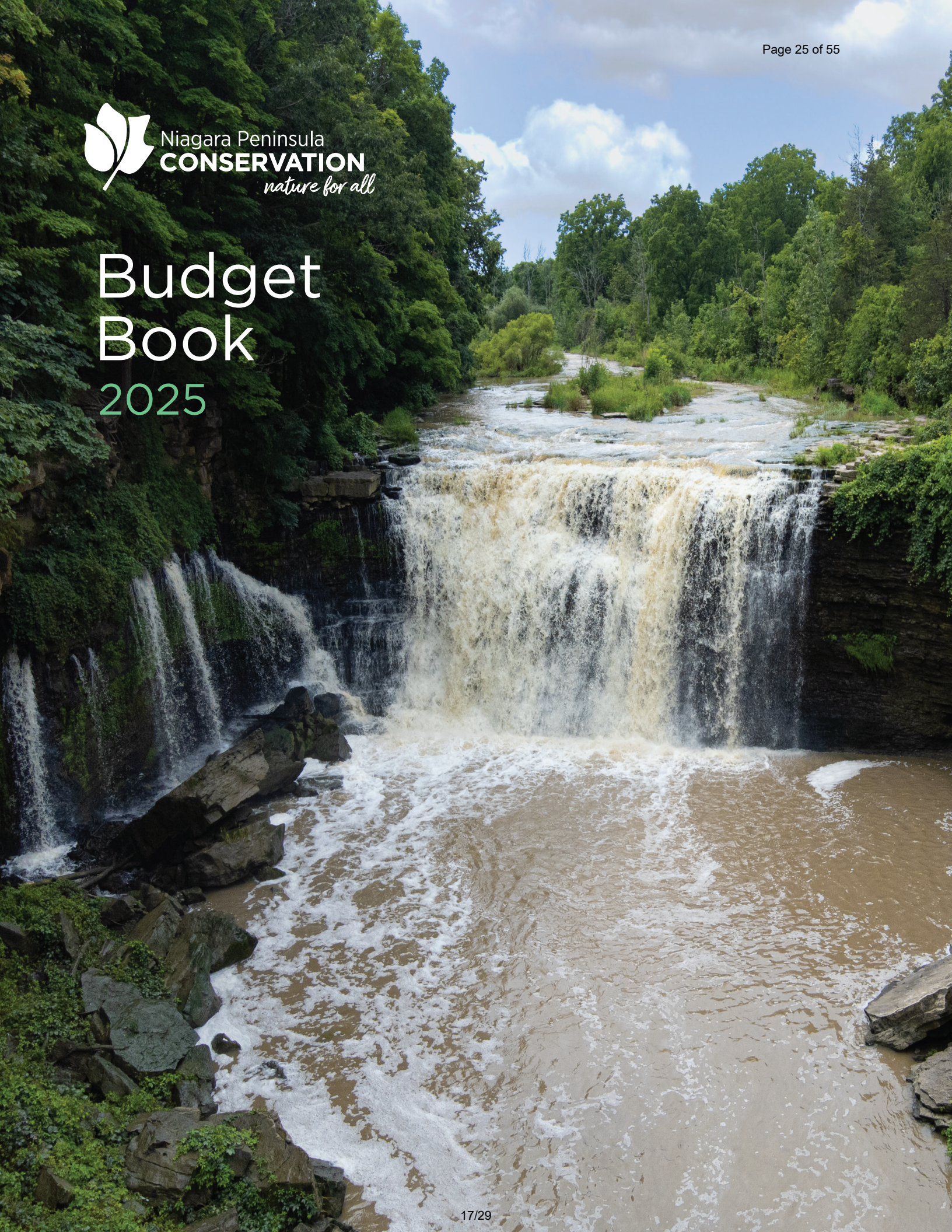
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority										
2025 Budgets and Municipal Levies (Budget by Programs and Services)										
Appendix 2 - Report No. FA-50-24			Levy				Non-Levy			TOTAL
Dept	Description	Category	Niagara	Hamilton	Haldimand	Total Levy	Provincial	Federal	Self-Generated	BUDGET
General Levy - Category 1 and 2										
Natural Hazard Management										
301	Flood Forecasting and Warning	1	246,229	67,782	6,150	320,161	31,000			351,161
157	Flood and Erosion Management	1	56,243	15,483	1,405	73,131	5,200			78,331
323	Water Resources	1	46,448	12,786	1,160	60,394				60,394
345	Environmental Planning and Policy	1 & 2	214,126	58,945	5,348	278,419			170,000	448,419
361	Planning and Permitting	1 & 2	223,986	61,659	5,594	291,239	38,600		601,000	930,839
371	Compliance and Enforcement	1	491,365	135,264	12,273	638,901			55,100	694,001
391	Planning Ecology	1 & 2	175,854	48,409	4,392	228,655				228,655
125	Regulatory Mapping Technical Studies	1	85,694	23,590	2,140	111,424				111,424
TOTAL			1,539,943	423,918	38,463	2,002,324	74,800	-	826,100	2,903,224
Watershed Resource Management and Climate Change										
New	Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265	Watershed Monitoring and Reporting	1	297,419	81,874	7,429	386,721				386,721
217	Special Projects (groundwater sampling)	1	12,690	3,493	317	16,500				16,500
303	Climate Change Resilience	1	73,225	20,158	1,829	95,212		29,323	5,000	129,535
TOTAL			383,334	105,525	9,574	498,433	-	29,323	5,000	532,756
Other Watershed Related Programs										
205	Drinking Source Water Protection	1				-	181,234			181,234
TOTAL			-	-	-	-	181,234	-	-	181,234
Conservation Authority Lands and Conservation Areas										
489	Section 29 Enforcement and Compliance	1	76,577	21,080	1,913	99,570				99,570
427	Land Care Program	1	77,076	21,218	1,925	100,219			80,000	180,219
357	Land Management Planning	1	281,073	77,374	7,020	365,467				365,467
119	Ecology	1	110,138	30,319	2,751	143,208				143,208
TOTAL			544,864	149,991	13,609	708,464	-	-	80,000	788,464
Enabling Services										
101/107/127	Corporate Services (incl HR, Corp Sup, AM)	1	752,774	207,224	18,802	978,800	37,840	252,069	845,651	2,114,360
105	Financial Services	1	265,816	73,174	6,639	345,630				345,630
109/131	Information Management and Technology	1	697,286	191,950	17,416	906,652				906,652
103/150	Governance and Corporate Administration	1	407,288	112,119	10,173	529,579	15,200			544,779
111	Communications, Marketing and Public Relations	1	400,197	110,167	9,996	520,359				520,359
801	Vehicles and Equipment	1	218,137	60,049	5,448	283,635				283,635
153/155	Asset Management	1	59,245	16,309	1,480	77,034				77,034
TOTAL			2,800,743	770,993	69,953	3,641,689	53,040	252,069	845,651	4,792,449
TOTAL GENERAL LEVY			5,268,884	1,450,426	131,599	6,850,910	309,074	281,392	1,756,751	9,198,127
General Levy - Category 3 - Cost Apportionment MOU										
Watershed Resource Management and Climate Change										
227	Restoration	3	209,670	57,718	5,237	272,625			21,181	293,806
123	Community Engagement and Stewardship	3	211,685	58,273	5,287	275,245				275,245
343	Integrated Watershed Planning	3	343,822	94,648	8,588	447,057				447,057
TOTAL			765,176	210,639	19,112	994,927	-	-	21,181	1,016,108
TOTAL GENERAL LEVY - CATEGORY 3			765,176	210,639	19,112	994,927	-	-	21,181	1,016,108
Special Levy										
TDB	Capital and Special Projects	1	1,655,273	254,503	19,924	1,929,700			1,000,000	2,929,700
TDB	Land Securement	2	269,750	159,734	14,299	443,783				443,783
TOTAL SPECIAL LEVY			1,925,023	414,237	34,223	2,373,483	-	-	1,000,000	3,373,483
Fee for Service - Schedule A										

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority										
2025 Budgets and Municipal Levies (Budget by Programs and Services)										
Appendix 2 - Report No. FA-50-24			Levy				Non-Levy			TOTAL
Dept	Description	Category	Niagara	Hamilton	Haldimand	Total Levy	Provincial	Federal	Self-Generated	BUDGET
265	Watershed Monitoring and Reporting						-	-	191,500	191,500
TOTAL FEE FOR SERVICE - SCHEDULE A			-	-	-	-	-	-	191,500	191,500
Provincial, Federal, Authority Generated										
Other Watershed Related Programs										
241	Niagara River Remedial Action Plan	3					228,500	120,000		348,500
307	Trees for All	3					-	697,009	563,651	1,260,660
133	Natural Asset Management	3							108,000	108,000
321/335	Climate Resilient Coastal Communities Program	3						364,559		364,559
TOTAL							228,500	1,181,568	671,651	2,081,719
Conservation Authority Lands and Conservation Areas										
395/401/403/405	Active Recreation Programs	3						100,000	3,005,980	3,105,980
407/411										
413	Educational Programming	3							502,524	502,524
New	Land Management, Other Agencies	3					-			-
TOTAL							-	100,000	3,508,504	3,608,504
TOTAL PROVINCIAL, FEDERAL, AUTHORITY GENERATED							228,500	1,281,568	4,180,155	5,690,223
GRAND TOTAL										
			7,959,084	2,075,302	184,934	10,219,320	537,574	1,562,960	7,149,587	19,469,441

SUMMARY									
Operating	6,034,061	1,661,065	150,711	7,845,837	537,574	1,562,960	6,149,587	16,095,958	
Capital	1,655,273	254,503	19,924	1,929,700	-	-	1,000,000	2,929,700	
Land Securement	269,750	159,734	14,299	443,783	-	-	-	443,783	
TOTAL	7,959,084	2,075,302	184,934	10,219,320	537,574	1,562,960	7,149,587	19,469,441	



Budget Book 2025





Nature for All

INTRODUCTION

Ontario's 36 conservation authorities operate under the Conservation Authorities Act, administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). Originally enacted in 1946, and the Act has undergone several amendments to reflect evolving environmental priorities and governance requirements.

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) was established in 1959 under the Act. It is mandated to develop and deliver programs and services focussed on the conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources within its watershed.

NPCA serves three participating municipalities: Niagara Region, the City of Hamilton, and Haldimand County.

Funding contributions are based on Current Value Assessment (CVA) data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and are appointed according to Ontario Regulation 402/22 under the Conservation Authorities Act. Lower-tier municipalities in Niagara Region work with NPCA through various collaboration initiatives, as appropriate.



Map of NPCA watershed

ABOUT THE NIAGARA PENINSULA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

NPCA is a community-based natural resource management agency dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and sustaining healthy watersheds. With over 60 years of expertise, NPCA delivers programs and services that focus on flood and hazard management, source water protection, ecosystem restoration, community stewardship, and land management. NPCA manages 41 conservation areas within the Niagara Peninsula watershed, held in public trust for recreation, heritage preservation, conservation, and education.

The NPCA watershed covers 2,424 square kilometres, encompassing the entire Regional Municipality of Niagara and parts of the City of Hamilton (21%) and Haldimand County (25%). Since time immemorial, this land has been the home of Indigenous peoples – a place for sharing, trading, hunting, gathering, stewardship, and friendship.

The watershed supports a population of approximately 479,069 people and is recognized as a unique natural treasure with distinct cultural, geological, hydrological, and biological aspects not found elsewhere in North America. It is part of the Carolinian life zone, the most biodiverse yet threatened eco-region in Canada, and

includes approximately 30% natural cover, providing critical habitats such as forested woodlots, slough forests, alvars, and coastal wetlands. These habitats support rich biodiversity, including numerous rare plants and animal species.

Uniquely situated between two Great Lakes, with the Niagara River as its shared boundary with the United States, the watershed features notable natural landmarks including the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve, Niagara Falls, the Wainfleet Bog, Ball's Falls, Willoughby Marsh, and the Fonthill Kame.

The micro-climate created by the Niagara Escarpment and region's rich soils support one of Ontario's most productive agricultural areas, including vineyards, tender fruit orchards, livestock farms, and various specialty crops such as greenhouses, flower farms, sod farms, and mushroom operations.

These unique watershed features provide life-sustaining benefits for all and countless opportunities for residents and visitors to discover the area's rich natural and cultural heritage.



NPCA by the Numbers

479,069	Residents
242,980	Hectares Watershed Jurisdiction
41	Conservation Areas
2,946	Hectares NPCA Land Holdings
202	Local Waterways
2	Great Lakes
15	Municipalities (Upper and Lower Tier)
4	Flagship Properties
80	Surface Water Monitoring Stations
46	Groundwater Wells



Watershed Management by the Numbers (Annual Average)

474	Permits Issued
1,150	Planning Applications Reviewed
330	Complaints / Potential Violations Received
980	Surface Water Quality Samples Collected
36	Groundwater Samples Collected



Conservation Areas by the Numbers (Annual Average)

160,000	Paid Day-Use Visitors At All Parks
1,200	Natureplus Memberships Sold
30,000	People Attended NPCA's Signature Events



Restoration by the Numbers (Annual Average)

70,700	Trees Planted
4,109	Shrubs Planted
27	Hectares Of Reforestation
3.0	Hectares Of Riparian Area/Shoreline Enhancement
3.9	Hectares Of Enhanced Wetland Area
9	Agricultural Best Management Practises Projects Completed



STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2020, the NPCA Board of Directors approved the development of a staff-led process to create a new strategic plan that would guide NPCA for the next ten years while reflecting its mandate as per the Conservation Authorities Act and fulfilling its significant role within the community.

The plan charts the course for future actions and collective outcomes through six overarching strategic priorities, twenty-one specific goals, and measurable actions. The strategic priorities guide our efforts toward a vision of the Niagara Peninsula watershed with robust nature, thriving agriculture, and resilient urban areas vital to the health and well-being of our residents.

The strategic plan lays the groundwork for guiding strategies for further 10-year direction on programs and services:

- **Watershed Resource Management Strategy**
- **Climate Action Plan**
- **Conservation Areas Strategy**
- **Stewardship Outreach, Education Strategy, and Cultural Heritage Strategy**
- **Marketing and Ecotourism Strategy**
- **Talent Management Strategy**
- **Digital Transformation Strategy**

The NPCA is committed to undertaking specific goals and actions with its partners and communities to achieve a thriving environment that sustains life for future generations.



NPCA PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Under Ontario Regulation 687/21 Conservation Authority Act, the NPCA programs and services include:

Category 1: Mandatory programs and services as identified in Ontario Regulation 686/21.

Category 2: Municipal programs and services provided at the municipality’s request. These programs can be funded through government and other agency grants and/or municipal funding under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or agreement with the municipality.

Category 3: Other programs and services that an Authority (Board) determines are advisable. These programs can be funded through authority-generated revenue, user fees, government and other agency grants, donations, etc. or levy subject to cost apportioning.

Key NPCA Services Areas

Natural Hazard Management

Protecting people and properties from flood, erosion, and other natural hazards.

Watershed Resource Management and Climate Change

Understanding the current conditions, cumulative impacts, and risks to watersheds. Strategies and measures to protect, enhance, and restore watersheds toward creating healthy and climate-resilient watersheds.

Other Watershed-Related Programs

Drinking Water Source Protection, Niagara Remedial Action Plan (RAP), and other projects/programs funded through external funding sources that benefit partners and the watershed.

Conservation Authority Lands and Conservation Areas

Management of 3,000 hectares of land, including 41 conservation areas essential to watershed management, environmental protection, cultural heritage, and recreation.

Enabling Services

Support to NPCA programs, the Board of Directors, member municipalities, and the public to enable NPCA to operate in an accountable, transparent, efficient, and effective manner.

NPCA BUDGET & FUNDING BREAKDOWN

The NPCA's expenditures are focused on programs and services to reduce flood damage, improve water quality, maintain a reliable water supply, protect natural areas and biodiversity, provide environmental education, operate conservation areas and trails, and manage other sensitive environmental lands.

The NPCA has three main sources of revenue:

MUNICIPAL LEVY

Municipal levy represents 48.7 percent of the total conservation authority budget.

AUTHORITY-GENERATED FUNDS

\$5.699M of 2025 revenues are derived from fees for services and other sources, such as user fees, educational programs, and planning fees.

OTHER REVENUES AND GRANT FUNDING

Make up the balance, equating to \$2.552M.

To deliver on our mandate and commitment, the NPCA provides programs and services in the following areas:

Natural Hazard Management

Watershed Resource Management & Climate Change

Other Watershed Related Programs

Conservation Authority Lands & Conservation Areas

Enabling Services



Beamer Memorial Conservation Area

NPCA 2025 BUDGET

In the development of the 2025 budgets, the following issues were considered:

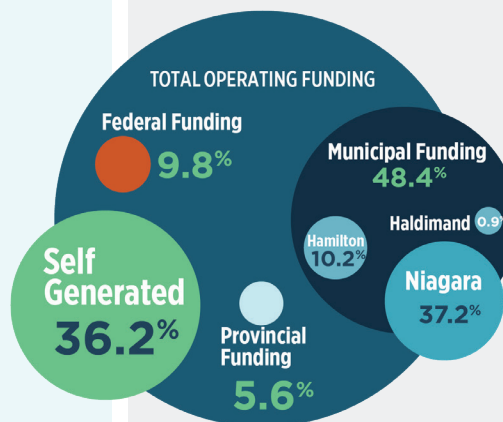
- Budget strategies from municipal partners
- Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) and grid step increases, including the ongoing impact of the compensation review project Inflation (Consumer Price Index – CPI)
- Multi-year contractual obligations
- Operating, capital and program pressures
- Focus on internal efficiencies
- Impacts on service delivery
- Asset management, state of good repair for asset base, capital funding gaps, deferred capital projects and building a sustainable capital plan
- Impacts and transition of Conservation Authorities Act amendments
- Current program gaps and pressures
- Approved programs and services inventory

2025 Draft Operating Budgets

NPCA’s overall 2025 operating budget of \$16.096M is supported by \$7.84M municipal levy, \$5.699M in authority-generated revenue, and \$2.552M in grant funding.

Overall, the operating volume in this zero-based budget is projected to increase by 20.18% (\$2.684M). While the operating volume has increased to address gaps and achieve required service levels, growth in 2025 is largely due to programs that are fully funded through grants and partnership funding. Municipal contributions in the overall budget envelope continue a pattern of reduced reliance on the municipal levy:

2025 - 48.7% | 2024 - 52.9% | 2023 - 53.9%
2022 - 58.4% | 2021 - 63.0% | 2020 - 64.5%



For every municipal dollar, other sources contribute:

\$2.07

Sources of Operating Revenue 2024

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	Variance
Municipal Funding	7,845,836	7,040,886	804,950
Provincial Funding	537,574	540,660	-3,086
Federal Funding	1,562,960	212,323	1,350,637
Program Revenue	4,693,831	4,077,247	616,584
Other	1,455,756	1,432,053	23,703
Total - Operating Revenues	16,095,957	13,303,169	2,792,788

2024 Operating Expenses

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	Variance
Salaries and benefits, Employee Related	10,595,982	8,972,903	1,623,079
Governance	32,764	41,000	-8,236
Professional Fees, Contractor Services	1,581,351	1,043,691	537,660
Materials & Supplies Vehicles & Equipment	1,082,803	701,109	381,694
Occupancy Costs	838,989	795,892	43,097
Park Maintenance	665,734	654,143	11,591
Information Management/GIS	549,111	455,112	93,999
Marketing, Advertising, Printing, Signs	60,158	91,680	-31,522
Special Events <i>(Festival, Holiday Trail)</i>	215,176	211,260	3,916
Flood Forecasting & Water Quality	155,950	144,400	11,550
Miscellaneous	317,939	191,979	125,960
Total - Operating Expenses	16,095,957	13,303,169	2,792,788

2025 Draft Capital, Special Projects and Land Securement

The 2025 Draft Capital and Special Projects budget addresses both the backlog of previously deferred projects and current critical priorities. NPCA's asset management initiative has identified critical infrastructure projects that must be completed in 2025 to maintain service levels, ensure health and safety, and meet state-of-good-repair standards. These priority projects, located in Niagara and Hamilton, are included in the capital budget. In 2024, NPCA successfully acquired five properties (55 hectares) into public ownership, leveraging \$2.205M of external funding. The 2025 budget includes provisions to maintain land acquisition efforts at 2024 levels, ensuring continued support for this program and providing matching funds for future grant opportunities.

Capital and Special Projects	2025 Budget	2024 Budget
Facilities	2,028,787	972,853
Equipment	314,598	552,158
Infrastructure (excluding facilities)	239,323	105,173
Data and Technology Assets	212,016	517,267
Land Management Plans	83,062	105,173
Health and Safety	51,915	52,587
Sub Total	2,929,701	2,305,211

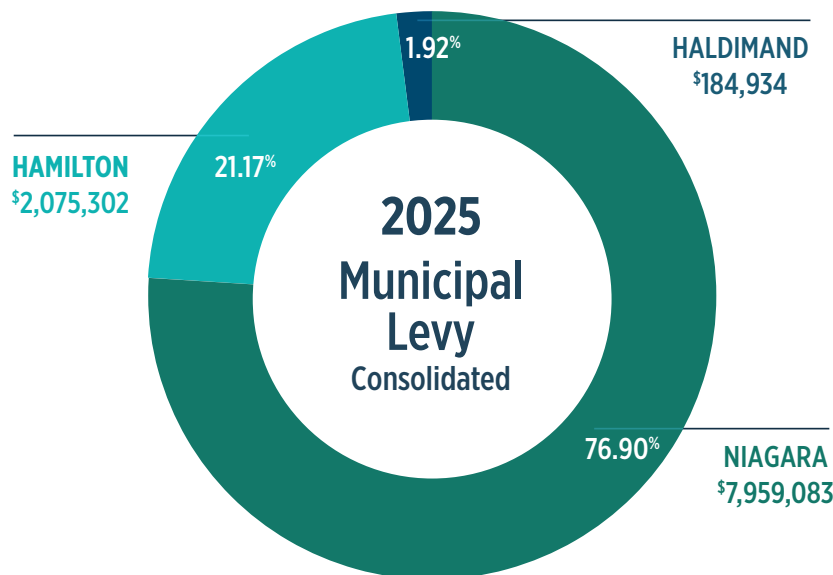
Land Securement	2025 Budget	2024 Budget
Niagara	269,750	250,000
Hamilton	159,734	148,039
Haldimand	14,299	13,252
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Beamer Memorial Conservation Area

Municipal Funding

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Special Levy- Capital	1,655,273	1,601,271	54,002	3.37%
Special Levy - Land Securement	269,750	250,000	19,750	7.90%
TOTAL	7,959,083	7,270,226	688,857	9.48%

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HAMILTON	2025	2024	Amount	%
General Levy	1,661,065	1,488,232	172,833	11.61%
Special Levy - Capital	254,503	263,309	- 8,806	-3.34%
Special Levy - Land Securement	159,734	148,039	11,695	7.90%
TOTAL	2,075,302	1,899,580	175,722	9.25%

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HALDIMAND	2025	2024	Amount	%
General Levy	150,711	133,699	17,012	12.72%
Special Levy - Capital	19,924	14,679	5,245	35.73%
Special Levy - Land Securement	14,299	13,252	1,047	7.90%
TOTAL	184,934	161,630	23,304	14.42%

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CONSOLIDATED	2025	202v4	Amount	%
General Levy	7,845,836	7,040,886	804,950	11.43%
Special Levy - Capital	1,929,700	1,879,259	50,441	2.68%
Special Levy - Land Securement	443,783	411,291	32,492	7.90%
TOTAL	10,219,319	9,331,436	887,883	9.51%



Cave Springs Conservation Area

2025 Unfunded Priorities (Outside 2025 Proposed Municipal Levy)

In the last several years, NPCA's ability to undertake both operational special projects and capital investments has been significantly constrained by limited financial resources. Several factors have contributed to this situation:

Infrastructure & Staffing Needs: NPCA must invest in infrastructure upgrades and staffing to continue serving our communities safely and efficiently. An Asset Management Plan and Financing Strategy are currently underway to further define the Asset State-of-Good-Repair gap and associated funding requirements.

Planning & Growth Pressures: Anticipated growth and development within NPCA's jurisdiction will require proactive investment in science and data to support informed decision-making. The completion of NPCA

10-Year Strategic Plan has identified critical gaps and priorities, including climate vulnerability and risk mitigation, that must be addressed.

Conservation Authorities Act Changes: Conservation Authorities Act amendments and associated regulations requires several priorities to be completed; this includes a significant number of investments in updating conservation areas management plans, shoreline and coastal resilience technical updates and flood and erosion hazard mitigation projects.

An assessment of current unfunded pressures was prioritized by staff; these initiatives totaling \$16.235M, classified in six categories are summarized below.

Classification	Niagara	Hamilton	Haldimand	External	TOTAL
Integrated Watershed Strategies	2,957,254	607,616	55,130	-	3,620,000
Natural Hazard Management	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
Conservation Authority Act Transition	96,135	26,464	2,401	-	125,000
Corporate Services and Asset Management	1,061,328	292,164	26,508	-	1,380,000
Corporate Administration	38,454	10,586	960	-	50,000
State of Good Repair / Health and Safety	8,861,030	1,535,004	63,966	200,000	10,660,000
	13,414,200	2,471,834	148,966	200,000	16,235,000

These unfunded priorities are not included in the 2025 budget. To address these gaps, NPCA will employ a range of strategies, including exploring external funding sources, collaborating with stakeholders, and engaging with all levels of governments to pursue opportunities beyond the existing budget framework.



November 18, 2024

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

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City of Hamilton
Haldimand County
Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities

RE: Board of Directors' 2025 Meeting Schedule

At the Board of Directors meeting held on November 15, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. FA-121-2024

Moved by: Michelle Seaborn

Seconded by: Donna Cridland

THAT Report No. FA-56-24 RE: Board of Directors' 2025 Meeting Schedule **BE RECEIVED**;

AND THAT Appendix 1 to Report No. FA-56-24 RE: Board of Directors' 2024 Meeting Schedule **BE APPROVED**;

AND THAT the meeting schedule **BE PUBLISHED** on NPCA's website for public information;

AND FURTHER THAT the meeting schedule **BE CIRCULATED** to participating and local area municipalities.

Full Authority Meetings are to commence at 10:00am on their scheduled date. A copy of the approved 2025 Meeting Schedule is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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-  Full Authority Board Meeting
-  Public Advisory Committee
-  Statutory Holiday / Office Closure

-  Governance Committee, following Full Authority
-  Finance Committee

Full Authority Board Meetings,

10:00am start, Hybrid Meetings

Friday, February 21 – **Annual General Meeting**
Friday, March 21
Friday, April 25
Friday, May 23
Friday, June 27
Friday, July 25
Friday, September 19
Friday, October 24
Friday, November 21
Friday, December 12 *(if required)

Note: there will be a Source Protection Authority Board meeting scheduled for February 21, 2025 to coincide with the Full Authority Board meeting.

Committees of the Board

Finance Committee Meetings

10:00am start, Hybrid Meetings

Wednesday, April 16
Wednesday, July 16
Wednesday, September 17

Governance Committee Meetings

Immediately following the Full Authority Board, Hybrid Meetings

Friday, March 21
Friday, June 27
Friday, November 21

Public Advisory Committee Meetings

5:00pm start, Hybrid Meetings

Tuesday, February 11
Tuesday, May 13
Tuesday, August 12 *(if required)
Tuesday, November 25



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November 7, 2024

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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-378: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and



Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



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November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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RE: Ontario Building Code

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

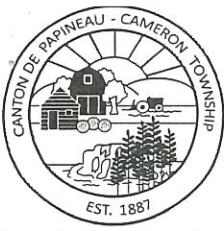
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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DATE: November 12, 2024 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2024- 328

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* **SECONDED BY:** *MChenier*

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau* **NOT CARRIED:** _____
(Mayor) (Mayor) **COPY**

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			



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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 24-CC23.1**

(Sent by Email)

November 18, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: New Business Item 23.1
Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, considered [Item CC23.1](#) and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przedziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przedziecki/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

City Council

New Business - Meeting 23

CC23.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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Respecting Local Democracy and Cities

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212, and any related proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the city.
2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety, and accordingly withdraw the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212.
3. City Council direct the City Solicitor to review Bill 212 and any accompanying regulations, once in force, and to report to City Council with a summary of the legislation and regulations and the potential for commencing litigation to challenge Bill 212 or the regulations.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, or designates, to appear before the Ontario Legislature’s Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy as part of public hearings regarding Bill 212 to give testimony in accordance with the position outlined in this item.
5. City Council request the City Manager to submit written comments to Ontario’s Regulatory Registry and Environment Registry of Ontario that reflect the City’s positions outlined in this item, including the City's opposition to any requirement of the City to provide support in the removal of City Infrastructure approved by its democratically elected City Council.
6. City Council adopt the position that no costs associated with the amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act should be incurred or paid by the City of Toronto, including staff time, planning, design, construction, and traffic management as a result of the congestion created by the removal.
7. City Council forward this item to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Official Opposition, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors, and all Ontario municipalities and include City Council's commitment to the right of municipalities to govern their own affairs and represent the interests of their residents and electors.

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8. City Council request the Ministry of Transportation to permit the publication of the results of the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 as soon as possible to facilitate the use of the study in informing collaborative consultations with cities regarding options for addressing congestion and road safety.

9. City Council direct the City Manager to report back on the feasibility of placing signs on City roads where there are traffic delays resulting from the Provincial mandate to remove bike lanes from Toronto roads and that these signs would read "This road congestion and traffic delay is the result of Premier Ford's Bill 212".

10. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remain confidential in its entirety, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (November 13, 2024) from the City Manager remains confidential in its entirety in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City of Toronto as a partner municipality in the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022, conducted by a consultant retained by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario as part of a cooperative effort by local and provincial government agencies to collect information about urban travel in southern Ontario, until such time as the Transportation Tomorrow Survey 2022 is authorized to be published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Summary

The recent provincial Bill 212 seeks to overturn the decisions and work of our locally elected Toronto City Council. If passed, the Bill means one government would, at tremendous cost to the taxpayer and without collaboration, undo another government's work.

As Mayor, it is my responsibility to stand up for the decision-making authority of City Council and the expertise of our professional public service which supports that decision-making. As such, I am working with City Staff to review the City's options and will provide recommendations on this item prior to the City Council meeting on November 13, 2024.

Background Information (City Council)

(November 5, 2024) Report from the Mayor on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities (CC23.1)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250054.pdf>

(November 13, 2024) Supplementary report and Attachments 2 to 5 from the City Manager on Respecting Local Democracy and Cities - Supplemental Report: Impact of Bill 212 Bike Lanes Framework (CC23.1a)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-250545.pdf>

Confidential Attachment 1

Communications (City Council)

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November 19, 2024

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca
Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, passed the following resolution:

7.1 Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative that Seeks to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

WHEREAS, the safety of all road users, including cyclists, is a paramount concern and a fundamental responsibility of both provincial and municipal governments;

WHEREAS, crashes involving motor vehicles pose significant risks to cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users, leading to serious injuries and fatalities;

WHEREAS, the implementation of safe road infrastructures, such as bike lanes, is a proven measure to enhance the safety and accessibility of roadways for cyclists, promoting healthier and sustainable transportation options;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario ("OCC") conducted the Cycling Death review, which was the most comprehensive death review into the causes of cycling deaths in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the OCC made its primary recommendation to the province the adoption of "Complete Streets" which emphasize the need for comprehensive planning and design of roadway infrastructure to safely accommodate all users, including through the installation of more cycling networks including bike lanes;

WHEREAS, municipal governments have the local knowledge and contextual understanding necessary to effectively address specific community transportation needs, including the development and maintenance of safe cycling infrastructure within their cities;

WHEREAS, any provincial initiative that seeks to prevent or preclude municipalities from implementing necessary road safety measures, such as bike lanes, undermines local governance and the ability of municipalities to protect the well-being of their residents and ensure compliance with their obligations that roadways are reasonably safe for all users; and

WHEREAS, this resolution expresses the City of Hamilton's commitment to supporting municipal autonomy in enhancing road safety and emphasizes the importance of integrating protective measures for cyclists through locally tailored infrastructure solutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council formally oppose any proposed provincial initiative that seeks to restrict or limit the autonomy of municipalities in implementing road safety measures, including the establishment and or removal of bike lanes or bike infrastructure;
- (b) That Hamilton City Council supports the empowerment of municipal road authorities to independently assess and recommend the best methods to ensure the safety of all road users within their jurisdictions and responsibilities; and
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the area MPPs and MPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Area MPPs and MPs,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities