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Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township P.O. Box 10 1 Ottawa St. East Havelock, Ont. KOL 1Z0

Dear Mayor Gerow:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I was able to attend the recent Queen's Park Day – Conservation Ontario Lunch Reception on the 10th of March. At the reception, I had the pleasure of meeting Eleanor McMahon, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Vicki Woolfrey and I initiated a discussion regarding the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority and the issues brought forward by yourself in previous engagements with her. The exchange of information was very helpful as she openly expressed her concern in a very clear and concise manner. As the conversation unfolded, it moved toward finding a solution for all of the stakeholders in order for the CVCA to move forward during this period of significant differences of opinion. Mrs. McMahon's desire to seek resolution was inspired by sincerity expressed from both viewpoints and she recommended bringing all opinions and information to a discussion directed by a mediator. To this end, she has offered her assistance and is willing to support an inclusive discussion through a formal mediation process.

As such, on behalf of our Chair Suzanne Partridge, I would like to extend an invitation to you to consider mediation as an avenue to resolve differences and arrive at an amenable solution. Providing you are agreeable, this process would be discussed with the CVCA Board and the appropriate next steps would be established for this course of action at the CVCA's Board meeting on the 21st of April, 2016.

Upon receiving a response from you, I will also advise Mrs. McMahon of our progress.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact myself at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Tim Pidduck CVCA General Manager

cc: Suzanne Partridge, Chair CVCA

Eleanor McMahon, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry