

**Full Authority**  
**17 November 2022**  
**Agenda Item: 12**

**General Manager's Report**

**Background**

The General Manager's report provides a brief update for the Board Members prior to the Board meeting bringing forward additional information and/or progress on initiatives or current issues for the Board members' consideration.

**Watershed Management**

*Current Watershed Conditions*

- Water levels and flows have remained steady throughout the watershed with only minor deviations from summer levels early this fall.
- Fall drawdown has proceeded as per the usual timeline, starting it at Paudash Lake first to reach winter levels by the end of September. The rest of the watershed started the drawdown on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and has progressed without any issues or concerns. Staff have quantified the drawdown as "quiet" with minimal stop log adjustments to date.
- Staff have received various communications from the public regarding low water on Belmont Lake, while high water concerns have been identified on Steenburg Lake.
- Steenburg lake conditions have once again been influenced by beaver dam activity on Bass Creek, which flows through the McGeachie Conservation Area. Staff have been on site and removed beaver dams to increase flow from Steenburg to Limerick Lake.
- Unfortunately, this is likely only going to be a temporary measure if beavers rebuild their dams.

*Anticipated Conditions*

- Staff anticipate a continuation of normal water levels and flows heading into the winter season as the drawdown continues.

## *Water Erosion Control Infrastructure Status Update*

### ***Marmora Dam Repairs***

- The CVCA's Marmora Dam Repairs Project is nearing completion and should be completed within the next week or two due to unscheduled delays.

### ***Crowe Bridge Dam Safety Assessment***

- A portion of the final report has been received. Staff were hopeful to have the full report available for this meeting, however, the results will have to be presented at the January 2023 meeting.
- Staff have been in contact with the Municipality of Trent Hills and once again assured their staff the report will be shared and a meeting will be held to discuss the recommendations.
- The supplementary funding to complete the project will be forthcoming from Trent Hills and final payment will be made to the consultant upon receipt of the report.

## *Dam Operations – General*

- Staff continue to make new stop logs to prepare them for use in CVCA owned dams.

## **Conservation Areas Update**

### *Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area*

- The Callaghan's Barrier/Parking Lot has been completed with some minor adjustments to be finished next spring.
- An invoice has been received for the work completed by the contractor and will be forwarded to the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance. EOTA will then release funds to the CVCA to pay for their commitment to the project.

### *The Gut Conservation Area*

- The 2022 road improvements were completed this fall, focusing on the hill washout area with new ditches, additional material and grading. As well, improvements were made to the parking lot by making it larger and grading to direct water flow away from the hill and those improvements.

### **Administration Update**

#### *Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP)*

- To be discussed In Camera.

#### *Program and Service Inventory*

The CVCA will be reaching out to the member municipalities to further discuss the MOU requirements after the new Councils have settled into their respective roles.