

**Full Authority**  
**20 January 2023**  
**Agenda Item: 17**

**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 increased significantly between Christmas and the first few days of the new year due to above normal seasonal temperatures and rainfall received during this period.
- Flow conditions at the Marmora dam increased substantially from approximately 20 cubic meters per second and peaked at 93 cms.
- Multiple stop log adjustments were made during this period – 45 logs were removed from dams throughout the watershed. In addition, staff made adjustments to the Orillia Power Plant located at the Marmora Dam.
- This increase resulted in the issuance of a Flood Outlook Statement to our member municipalities, the media and the public. Notification was also placed on the website and social media outlets.

*Anticipated Conditions*

- Depending on predicted precipitation and whether it is rain or snow, staff anticipate a return to normal water levels and flows within two to three weeks.
- As a result, no flooding is anticipated in the watershed in the foreseeable future.
- Staff will continue to monitor weather conditions, lake levels and flows as per the normal daily flood forecast and warning cycle.

### *Water Erosion Control Infrastructure Status Update*

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

- The CVCA's Marmora Dam Repairs Project has been completed

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

- The final report to complete the Assessment is still pending.

### *Dam Operations – General*

- Additional stop logs were recently delivered. Staff will continue to make new stop logs to prepare them for use in CVCA owned dams.

### **Conservation Areas Update**

#### *Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area*

- The Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance has been invoiced for the work completed at Callaghan's this year. This partnership arrangement allowed for the installation of a barrier/parking lot to assist with sealing the conservation area from illegal ATV traffic which caused considerable environmental damage, created unauthorized trails and resulted in dangerous conflicts between user groups.

#### *The Gut Conservation Area*

- The CVCA continues to meet with stakeholders to improve the road access into The Gut Conservation Area and plan next steps, which include culvert replacement and an access gate. Building on the successful road improvements in 2022 is key to a good long term road with minimal maintenance.

## **Administration Update**

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

- To be discussed In Camera.

### *Transition Plan - Program and Service Inventory*

The CVCA will be reaching out to the member municipalities to further discuss the MOU requirements, the effects of Bill 23 and implications of new and pending Provincial regulations.

### *Audit – 2022 Financial Statements*

CVCA staff have been actively pursuing an accounting firm to complete the 2022 Financial Audit.

This has been a direct result of the prior auditor's resignation to conduct the CVCA's audit.

A number of options have been explored this fall/winter with most avenues not available to the CVCA due to workload and staffing issues at the firms the CVCA has contacted.

Recently and fortunately, the CVCA has a firm commitment from Welch LLP – Chartered Professional Accountants from Trenton to review complete the 2022 Financial Statements and audit.

### ***Staff Recommendation***

***That the Board receive the General Manager's Report as submitted.***

### ***Board Decision***

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