

Full Authority
24 February 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

- Lake levels consistently remain in the winter water level range. Flows have varied slightly due to recent fluctuations in temperatures causing some limited snow melt.
- Stop log adjustments have been reduced significantly since the last report in January.
- Snow accumulation for this winter has been higher than recent years. Staff have continued to conduct snow surveys twice monthly starting 1st of December 2021 and ending 30th of April 2022. This data will be used to assist with the flood forecast and warning service during the spring freshet.

Anticipated Conditions

- CVCA staff are anticipating at least an average spring runoff and flooding conditions due to the current snowpack, and high groundwater conditions due to increased precipitation totals in the last half of 2021.

Water Erosion Control Infrastructure Status Update

- No further updates to report regarding the Crowe Bridge Weir Assessment at this time.

- CVCA staff have submitted the Marmora Dam Repair Project to the WECA Committee.

Flood Forecasting and Warning System Upgrade

- Staff have continued to make progress with the installation of new equipment for the flood forecasting and warning system upgrade. Staff have recently started to connect the various components.
- Belmont Lake has been chosen as the first gauge to be retrofitted with the new equipment since it is closer to the CVCA office.
- Once a station is up and running with all of the assembly issues resolved, staff will proceed to order the remaining gauge equipment to complete the transition of the remaining gauges.
- Additional information will be provided to the Board at the April meeting.

Conservation Areas Update

Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area

- Preparation continues to proceed with the next phase of development at Callaghan's Rapids C.A. for 2022.
- The CVCA has submitted Phase III plans to the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA) for their consideration. The plans are for the construction of an ATV parking lot and barriers along the trail to reduce ATV activity at Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area. The CVCA is waiting for a response from the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance regarding possible funding support for the construction of the ATV parking lot and barrier. The plans have been included in the agenda package.

Administration Update

Phase 2 Regulatory and Policy Proposal Consultation Guide

Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks has recently issued the Regulatory and Policy Proposal Consultation Guide on the 26th of January 2022. This second phase includes changes or modifications to improve overall governance, transparency,

accountability of conservation authority operations, budget process and classes of programs and services for which conservation authorities can charge a fee.

Conservation Ontario hosted a meeting for all thirty-six conservation authorities to discuss the changes. The general consensus was the changes are primarily minor and will not have a significant impact on conservation authorities. Conservation Ontario will be submitting comments on behalf of the authorities.

The second phase of regulatory and policy proposals have been posted for consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (notice number 019-4610). Comments will be received until the 25th of February 2022.