

**Full Authority**  
**25 February 2021**  
**Agenda Item: 12**

**Crowe Bridge Conservation Area – Trent Hills Agreement**

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority owns the Crowe Bridge Conservation Area (CBCA) located 670 Crowe River Road, in the Municipality of Trent Hills. CBCA is a 26 acre parcel of property which had been operated as an outdoor recreational swimming and camping facility for 30+ years from the time the CVCA became owners until the closure of the area approximately 12 years ago.

CBCA was closed due to the financial burden of operating the facilities. However, the public rallied to lobby for the reopening of the area. Since the CVCA was unable to secure funding to reopen and operate the area, the Municipality of Trent Hills entered into an agreement to lease Crowe Bridge as a municipal park. Trent Hills willingness to operate and maintain the area has allowed the area to remain open to the public for their use and enjoyment. As a result, the operation of the area has been a resounding success and an excellent example of a municipal and conservation authority partnership.

However, the lease was for a term of 10 years and is now ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. A copy has been attached for your reference.

***Staff Recommendation:***

*That the CVCA contact the Municipality of Trent Hills and offer an extension of the lease agreement for another term agreed upon by both organizations.*

*That no amendments or changes to the original lease are required.*

*That the CVCA suggest in the request the term be for another 10 years.*

***Board Decision***

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