

**Full Authority**  
**3 March 2016**  
**Agenda Item: 12**

**General Manager's Report**

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.

**1. Watershed Conditions**

- Flows at Marmora Dam have continued to remain high for the winter season. The flow has been averaging approximately 25 to 30 cubic metres per second.
- Staff anticipate water levels will return to winter normal within the next two weeks since forecasted daytime temperatures are below seasonal, anticipated precipitation will primarily be snow and overnight temperatures will continue to be well below zero
- Therefore spring runoff is not anticipated to begin during this time period and allowing flows and levels an opportunity to return to normal
- Although the snowpack is appears to be below average throughout the watershed and would suggest a low runoff, spring rains can easily increase flows and levels to average or above average runoff conditions

**2. McGeachie Conservation Area**

- Staff have submitted another grant proposal for trail work at McGeachie Conservation Authority to the Ontario Wildlife Foundation
- Staff have recently signed on to Trip Advisor for the cottage
- Staff will be meeting with Mr. John Harnett and Terry Bradt to continue discussions about a "Friends of McGeachie" group

**3. Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Funding**

- 2015 WECI Allan's Mills Project completed, Belmont Dam Safety Assessment Update Project to be completed by mid-March
- As part of the CVCA's 2016 Draft Budget, there are three WECI projects which have been identified for 2016/17
- Therefore, the WECI application has recently been submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – deadline was 24<sup>th</sup> of February

- The three projects are – 1) Wollaston Dam Safety Assessment Update, 2) Wollaston Dam Rock Anchors and 3) Marmora Dam Power Gate
- Total estimated project costs - \$115,000
- As part of the submission, the MNRF requires that the Conservation Authority and/or the affected municipalities provide a commitment to support \$57,500 of the project (matching the provincial contribution)
- Indicated in submission to MNRF that staff will be seeking this support from the CVCA Board at the 3 March 2016 meeting

***Recommendation:***

***1) That the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Board authorize \$57,500 representing the CVCA's 50% portion for the 2016/17 WECA projects and that the Board state that the funds will be available from reserves to match the MNR's funding if the projects are approved.***

***Board Decision***

**4. Miscellaneous**

- Minor premium return from insurance company received – adjustment to auto coverage in 2015
- Received invitation from Conservation Ontario for all CA managers to attend a Conservation Authorities' Reception at Queen's Park on March 10th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.