



Bill 97 – Appointment of Committee Members
Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee

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Recommendation

THAT Chair Metcalf and Janette Loveys Smith, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be appointed to the Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority Transitional Committee and,

AND THAT the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency be informed.

Background

On March 10, 2026, Minister McCarthy announced the decision on the boundaries. [Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities](#) for the 9 regional conservation authorities.

The Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority is comprised of the following:

- Cataraqui CA
- Crowe Valley CA
- Ganaraska Region CA
- Kawartha CA
- Lower Trent CA
- Otonabee Region CA
- Quinte CA

Bill 97 – Plan to Protect Ontario Act – Budget Measures has been posted: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-97>. Conservation Authority changes are outlined in Schedule 3.

To support the change, Conservation Authorities must appoint two members to the Committee within 90 days of Bill 97 Royal Assent. One member must be a member of a municipal council and the other member is the CAO/GM of the Authority.
