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## General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Report

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### Recommendation

THAT the “General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Report” be received for information.

### Watershed Conditions

- Conditions across the entire watershed and are now considered to be normal for this time of year.
- Flows have increased with the snow melt and recent rains. Beaver Creek is above summer levels.
- Targeted snow surveys in the northern parts of the watershed continue.
- Most lakes in watershed are at their summer level and a few have peaked (Belmont, Wollaston, Round and Kasshabog).
- Lakes that are typically affected the most by high spring run-offs are lower than their summer levels.

### Dam Operations

- Staff continue to perform the necessary adjustments to ensure water levels are seasonal and mitigating localized flooding.
- Dam operations have been performed on all dams. 75 operations were undertaken in March.
- Continued communication with MNR staff with respect to Paudash lake and dam operations.
- Staff remain diligent in working closely with the two hydro plant owners to ensure operations run as smoothly as possible.

### Conservation Area Lands

- Staff monitor the lands and there is nothing to report at this time.

### Provincial Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

- Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has scheduled an information session on Thursday, April 9 on the proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, introduced as part of the 2026 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario.

The session will provide:

- An overview of the proposed legislative amendments and associated changes
  - A high-level summary of the proposed transition path and key milestones
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### **Permitting Services Review**

The GM and staff undertook a comprehensive review of unissued permit applications from the past five years to identify trends and underlying issues. The review identified several missing procedural steps. The GM and staff are now addressing these files and will ensure that a clear, consistent, and documented approach is applied to resolve the identified gaps.

### **Administration Updates:**

- Meetings with Chair Metcalf and Vice Chair McLellan
- Attended the Alto High Speed Rail meeting on February 24, 2026
- 2026/2027 Insurance Coverage:

For the April 1, 2026 to April 2027, working in conjunction with Conservation Ontario's Insurance and Risk Management Committee, Crowe Valley saw the successful renewal of coverage with an overall renewal rate decrease of 6%.

### **Conservation Ontario**

- Conservation Ontario holds virtual GM/CAO meetings every Monday starting March 9.
  - Conservation Ontario Council is scheduled for April 27. The Chair and GM will attend.
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