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## General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer Report

Prepared For: Board of Directors

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Agenda Item #

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### Recommendation

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

### Watershed Conditions

- Conditions have improved across the entire watershed and are now considered to be normal for this time of year.
- Flows will increase during January as more dam operations will be performed.
- Snow surveys continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Dam Operations

- Staff continue to perform the necessary adjustments over the winter to ensure water levels are seasonally normal in preparation.
- Dam operations have been performed on all dams. 38 operations were undertaken in January.
- Meeting with Algonquin Hydro on Thursday, February 19.

### Water Levels

- Lakes in CVCA watershed are at their winter regulated levels.
- Lakes that are typically affected the most by high spring run-offs are lower than their winter levels.

### Conservation Area Lands

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

### Administration

- There is nothing new to report with respect to the provincial consolidation of conservation authorities.
  - It is expected more will be known when the Provincial Legislative Assembly sits at the end of March.
  - Reached out to all member municipal CAO’s for an introduction. More meetings are scheduled over the coming weeks.
    - Marmora and Lakes – Thursday January 29
    - Wollaston – Tuesday February 3
    - Hastings County CAO - Tuesday, February 17
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- Faraday Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 4
- Tudor and Cashel – Wednesday, March 4
- Stirling and Rawdon – Wednesday, March 4
- Municipality of Trent Hills – March 6
- Pending scheduling:
  - Havelock-Belmont Methuen
  - Limerick
  - Highlands East
  - North Kawartha
- Flood forecasting procedures were updated. GM plans to send out communication to member municipalities and partners in advance of the spring freshet/flooding season.
- The Gut Conservation Area and BOFI Hunt Club Agreement was reviewed by CVCA solicitor & exchanged with parties for their review.
- Ongoing review of the Watershed Planning & Regulation Policy Manual.
- Meeting with Chair Metcalf and Vice Chair McLellan

#### **Managed Forest Lands**

- Reviewing the Management Forest Lands Agreement.
- Will report back at the April board meeting about opportunities.

#### **Conservation Ontario**

- Conservation Ontario held virtual GM/CAO meetings on January 26 and February 23.
  - Conservation Ontario Council is scheduled for April 13. The Chair and GM will attend.
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