

**Sent:** September 11, 2019 3:11 PM

**Subject:** Township of Zorra Resolution of Council re: UTRCA

Good afternoon,

Please be advised the Township of Zorra Council passed the following resolution at the September 4, 2019 Council Meeting:

**“WHEREAS the Township of Zorra is an environmentally conscious community;**

**AND WHEREAS the Township of Zorra is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the board of directors of the UTRCA;**

**AND WHEREAS the board of directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA;**

**AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides the Township of Zorra with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Township of Zorra does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;**

**AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Zorra and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;**

**Therefore, be it resolved, that the Township of Zorra supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be “wound down” at this time.**

**And that, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future;**

**And that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.”**

Thanks,



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