



**The Corporation of the Municipality of
Grey Highlands**

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Sent via email: jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org

To Minister Yurek,

Re: Grey Highlands Resolution 2019-603

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the October 02, 2019 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2019-603

Cathy Little, Dane Nielsen

Whereas the Municipality of Grey Highlands is a member of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA), the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) and has a representative on each board of directors; and

Whereas each board of directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of their respective Conservation Authority (CA); and

Whereas each CA provides the Municipality of Grey Highlands with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Municipality does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience; and

Whereas the CAs provide programs and services to the residents of Grey Highlands 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 Municipality of Grey Highlands supports continuation of the programs and services of the three CAs, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs or services of GSCA, NVCA and SVCA or of other CAs in Ontario be "wound down" at this time; and

That the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs and services 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 Bill Walker, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raylene Martell".

Raylene Martell
Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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