



October 30, 2019

Hon Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

Re: Resolution from the Township of Springwater – Nottawasaga Valley Conservation  
Authority Levy

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Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 29, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of Springwater, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas the Township of Springwater, like all municipalities in Ontario must confront fiscal limitations and re-evaluate programs, services, and the financial sustainability of each;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater is a constituent municipality in portions of the watershed under the jurisdiction of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and is compelled to remit non-negotiable levy funding to the Authority on an annual basis;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater cannot exercise line-item scrutiny of Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority’s budget and operations nor does the Authority itself provide detailed substantiation of the same to its member municipalities like the Township of Springwater;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater must account for all taxpayer funds it expends within its operations and that it forwards to local agencies and boards;  
Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater requests that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provide prior to passage of its 2020 budget the following:

- (1) Its interpretation and understanding of its mandated operations as found in the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and its prescribed regulations;
- (2) The costs of each as determined under (1);
- (3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and services(s);
- (4) The costs of each as determined under (3);
- (5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and
- (6) The Costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.”

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [cao@wasagabeach.com](mailto:cao@wasagabeach.com) or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely



George Vadeboncoeur  
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure.

- c. Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservations, and Parks  
County of Simcoe  
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
Ontario Conservation Authorities  
All Ontario Municipalities

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
8195 8<sup>th</sup> Line  
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

**RE: Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Levy**

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Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

**C457-2019**

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Moore

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(2) The costs of each as determined under (1);

(3) Detailed definitions and determinations of what can be characterized as non-mandatory programming and service(s);

(4) The costs of each as determined under (3);

(5) Detailed definitions and determinations of fee-for-service activities of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the revenues they generate as the activities take place within and/or requests originate from geographic area of the Township of Springwater; and

(6) The costs that arise from programs and services enabled through the Memorandum of Understanding with the Severn Sound Environmental Association.

And That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario.

**Carried**

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon  
Clerk  
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The County of Simcoe  
Conservation Ontario  
Ontario municipalities  
Ontario Conservation Authorities