



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date to Council:** January 25, 2022

**Report Number:** CAO-2022-01

**Subject:** Essex Region Conservation Authority Transition Plan

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** Report CAO-2022-01, Essex Region Conservation Authority Transition Plan, **be received.**

### Background

The Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) recently completed its Transition Plan (Attachment 1), which was required for submission to the Province by the end of 2021. Recent amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* through Bill 229 now require each Conservation Authority to prepare transition plans and agreements for programs and services with each of its member municipalities. A key component of the new requirements is the separation of programs and services into mandatory and non-mandatory categories and alignment of their budgets accordingly. Following on this exercise, the final step is to enter into agreements or memorandums of understanding with municipal partners for the delivery of the non-mandatory programs and services. Conservation Authorities will no longer be able to levy for non-mandatory programs and services.

The attached plan outlines ERCA's Work Plans for Phase 1 and 2 of the Transition Period, which ends January 1, 2024. As indicated in the Transition Plan, there are points in the process where ERCA will confer with municipalities, including identifying a

liaison early in the process. The Transition Plan is provided for Council's information and awareness. Beyond the Transition Plan, the next deliverable is an inventory of programs and services, due by February 28, 2022.

## **Comments**

ERCA has requested a primary contact at Tecumseh that ERCA can work with starting in 2022 as they finalize the Inventory of Programs and Services and commence negotiating Memorandum's of Understanding (MOUs). In consultation with ERCA and Administration on the expectations of the liaison role, Brian Hillman, Director of Development Services has been selected as the Town's liaison as the non-mandatory products and services are most aligned with planning.

## **Consultations**

Public Works & Engineering Services  
Development Services  
Financial Services

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications with this report.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

## Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
1	Essex Region Conservation Authority Transition Plan