



Resolution Approved by County of Brant Council

December 16, 2025

The following resolution was approved by County of Brant Council at its meeting on December 16, 2025:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario recently approved Bill 68, which establishes the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing the consolidation of the province's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional conservation authorities, including the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), which will be amalgamated amongst eight current authorities to become part of the Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority (LERCA);

AND WHEREAS the 38 municipalities within the GRCA watershed boundaries today and the 81 municipalities that are proposed to make up the LERCA in 2027 will be levied to fund both the regional conservation authority as well as the provincial conservation agency;

AND WHEREAS the new organizations will result in the degradation of local governance, local fiscal accountability, local service delivery, local environmental focus and unprecedented funding by local municipalities of both a large regional authority and a provincial agency;

AND WHEREAS the GRCA Board of Directors has responded to Bill 68 and the proposal for Conservation Authorities consolidation with a constructive and thoughtful alternative that retains local governance, local service delivery, local environmental focus and local fiscal accountability while responding constructively to the Government of Ontario's concerns about accountability, planning and responsiveness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Chief Conservation Executive meet GRCA representatives to review the GRCA alternative proposal to Conservation Authorities consolidation;

AND THAT the Minister and the Chief Conservation Executive seriously consider the GRCA proposal for conservation authorities as it enunciates a path forward that will address the Government's concerns most democratically and productively;

AND THAT this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Environment, Conservation & Parks, Chief Conservation Executive and local Members of Provincial Parliament for their information and action, where appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolutions, please contact me at 519-442-7268 or spencer.pluck@brant.ca.

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