



RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 17 DATED DECEMBER 16, 2025

7.4 REPORT NO. 31 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (DECEMBER 9, 2025)

7.4.5 [COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES AND CREATION OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION AGENCY \(13.2\)](#)

1. That the report dated December 9, 2025, entitled “Comments on the Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities and Creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency”, be received; and,
2. That this report be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks as the City of Markham comments on the ERO posting of the “Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities” (ERO 025-1257); and,
3. That Council support the recommendation that the existing boundaries for the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (proposed to be renamed to the Central Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority) be maintained; and,
4. That Council support the recommendation that legislative changes not reduce conservation authority board and municipal autonomy over non-mandatory local programming and services delivered by the new regional conservation authorities; and,
5. That Council support the recommendation that the governance structure for the new Central Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority Board maintain the current representation and one-member appointment allocated to the City of Markham; and,
6. That Council support the recommendation that the Province retain the current minimum consultation requirements in the Conservation Authority Act and regulations for the review and approval of conservation authority budgets and not limit the ability for the regional conservation authorities to modify or tailor their budget consultations with member municipalities; and,
7. That Council support the recommendation that the Province undertake further consultation with municipalities and conservation authorities if specific changes are being considered for the conservation authority budget process as currently required under the CA Act; and,



8. That Council support the recommendation that the Province fully fund the establishment and operation of the new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, at no additional cost to municipalities; and further,
9. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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City Clerk

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Attachments:

1. [Comments on Proposed Consolidation of CAs Final.pdf](#)
2. [Attachment A ERO Posting of Proposed Conservation Authority Boundaries Final.pdf](#)
3. [Attachment B Boundaries of the Proposed Regional Conservation Au](#)