

## **LSRCA Board of Directors' Resolution No. BOD-117-25 – December 19, 2025**

BOD-117-25 **Whereas** the Provincial Government has amended the *Conservation Authorities Act* through Bill 68 "Plan to Protect Ontario (Budget Measures)" that allows for establishing the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to oversee the transition to Regional Conservation Authorities, and direct the strategic direction, finances, and operational activities of the new Regional Conservation Authorities; and

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 ("Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities"), proposing to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into 7 regional entities as part of a broader consolidation; and

**Whereas** under this proposal, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority would be consolidated into a new "Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority", together with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, and Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, forming a single organization of Lake Huron watershed conservation authorities.

**Therefore, be it Resolved That** Staff Report No. 40-25-BOD regarding Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Environmental Registry of Ontario response to proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities be received; and

**Further that** the Attachment A, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's comments letter, be approved as amended for submission by the December 22, 2025 deadline for submissions; and

**Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recognizes and supports the Province's desired outcome of improved consistency and modernized digital permitting processes, aligned with its goals and objectives for cutting red tape and getting more homes built faster, and safely; and

**Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recommends that the Province engages in detailed consultation with all conservation authorities, municipalities, and watershed stakeholders in a meaningful manner and provide the detailed information required to implement such a significant undertaking; and

**Further That** should the proposed regional consolidation of conservation authorities be implemented, the current implementation of the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* and Plan by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority be transferred to the proposed Huron-Superior Region Conservation Authority; and

**Further That** should the proposed consolidation proceed, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requests the Province establish consistency between the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*

jurisdiction and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority jurisdiction through the inclusion of Upper Talbot River Arm and the portion of the City of Orillia that is within the Lake Simcoe watershed; and

**Further That** in order to achieve the stated goals of consistency through consolidation and elimination of duplication of efforts, consideration be given to requests from municipalities regarding municipal boundaries when determining membership in individual conservation authorities; and

**Further That** should the proposed consolidation proceed, consideration be given to the consolidation of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to be called the Lake Simcoe Georgian Bay Regional Conservation Authority; and

**Further That** the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recommends the removal of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority from the proposed Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority. **Carried**