



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 8, 2025

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

Proposed Boundaries:

I do not always agree bigger is better, except in this case, and these are the reasons why:

- 1) Holding up development in the Town of Petrolia, even though the Board approved by resolution that the Planning Department was to process a complete Application within 15 days; however, the reality that it is taking months and even years.
- 2) The current Board has too many members (22), and the Board turned down a motion before the last Municipal election, to hire a consultant to look at restricting and reducing the number of members, etc. I am not aware if they have ever looked at restructuring in the last 25 years. There have been no changes to the Board with some members being on the Board for up to 20 years.
- 3) The Authority has been involved with many services that were not part of their mandate. For example, SCRCA has entered contracts with municipalities for services outside of their mandate as this goes against the direction of the Province of Ontario.
- 4) The Dobbie Consultant Report was approved by SCRCA Board, but the recommended "best practices" were never implemented.
- 5) I also recommend that Conservation Authorities should be consistent for everyone across the Province.

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I have been a member of the Board for over five consecutive years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Loosley".

Brad Loosley
Mayor