

December 22, 2022

Attention: Municipal CAOs, Clerks and Treasurers,

Subject: Draft 2023 Conservation Authority Operating Budget and Municipal Levies

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors (UTRCA) and staff are pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2023 Draft Operating Budget and Municipal Levies for your information. In 2023, the UTRCA will leverage each dollar to provide three additional dollars for conservation authority programs and services.

The average increase in combined general and project levies for municipalities in the UTRCA watershed is 5.3 percent. The actual change for individual municipalities varies based on the Modified Current Value Assessment formula used by the Province.

Enclosed are the following reports:

- Proposed combined General and Flood Control Levy by Municipality,
- Consolidated 2023 Draft Operating Budget, and
- Revenue and Expenditure charts.

This is the final year for our budgets to be presented in this format. In 2023, we will be transitioning to meet the requirements of the Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation. As such, a status quo budget has been presented for 2023. This Draft Budget has been approved by the UTRCA's Board of Directors for circulation to member municipalities for comment. The Draft Budget will likely be revised and will be considered for final approval at the Authority's Annual General Meeting scheduled for February 28, 2023.

Please share the attached 2023 Draft Operating Budget with Council and appropriate staff. UTRCA staff would be happy to answer questions regarding the draft budget and/or provide a brief overview of our programs and services. If this is of interest, please contact Michelle Viglianti at vigliantim@thamesriver.on.ca or Tracy Annett at annettt@thamesriver.on.ca.

Sincerely,



Tracy Annett,
General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer