

Overview

Conservation Authorities Act

Phase 1 Regulations and Next Steps

Some Changes in Direction

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Municipality of West Elgin Meeting

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Phase 1 Regulations Include:

- i) Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation (O.Reg. 686/21)*
- ii) Transition Plan and Agreements Regulation (O.Reg. 687/21)*
- iii) Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas Regulation (O.Reg. 688/21)*

Phase 1 Regulations did not include:



~~i) Community Advisory Board Regulation~~

MECP Decision Posting:

- many CAs across Ontario already have a diverse range of advisory boards*
- CAs can continue to include additional members, including from Indigenous communities*
- where there is not an existing advisory board, CAs will continue to have the ability to establish one*

i) Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation

- ▶ Mandatory Programs and Services under each of these categories:
 - Natural Hazards,
 - Conservation Lands (**including passive recreation!**),
 - Source Protection,
 - Lake Simcoe,
 - Other Legislation – NBMCA and the Ontario Building Code Act
 - Prescribed in Regulation – **Core Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy**, Provincial Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring

i) Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation

- ▶ Six mandatory deliverables are to be completed **by December 31, 2024** to enable more time, where necessary, to complete them, including:
 - ice management plans(s)* Section 4,
 - natural hazard infrastructure operational management plan(s),
 - natural hazard infrastructure asset management plan(s),
 - a conservation area strategy* Section 10,
 - a conservation land inventory* Section 11, and,
 - a watershed-based resource management strategy* Section 12(4)-(9).
 - Removes individual Conservation Area Master Plans
 - *Some prescribed details
- ▶ All other mandatory programs and services are expected to be in place by January 1, 2024.

i) Mandatory Programs and Services Regulation – Key Considerations

- ▶ Category 1 programs and services are **required to be delivered** and are eligible for general municipal levy
- ▶ Anything not included as a mandatory program and service could be delivered as **municipal** (category 2) or as **other** (category 3) programs & services
- ▶ Additional budget pressure where mandatory programs and services are not currently delivered
- ▶ Need for ongoing provincial funding (e.g. hazards, source protection)

ii) Transition Plan & Agreements Regulation

Prescribed Dates	Key Deliverables
December 31, 2021	Transition Plan
February 28, 2022	Inventory of Programs & Services
July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2023	Quarterly Progress Reports: status of inventory & agreement negotiations
October 1, 2023	Requests for Extension
January 1, 2024	Transition Date: All required MOUs/Agreements to be completed
December 31, 2024	Final Report: final inventory & stmt of compliance re: agreements

Develop Planning Services Agreements

Timing: End of 2021 mid 2022

- ▶ Agreements clearly defining services provided to municipalities when reviewing planning applications
- ▶ To include:
 - Natural Hazard review – mandatory
 - Natural Heritage review – non-mandatory
 - Other elements at request of municipality



Approvals for LTVCA Municipalities

Timing: Spring 2022 – June 30, 2023

- ▶ Meetings with municipal staff and councils as necessary to finalize all agreements further to any Municipal Council direction.
- ▶ Municipal and Board approval
- ▶ Posting of final MOUs/agreements on CA website
- ▶ **Note: Due to 4 year City of London and Municipality of Chatham-Kent budget cycle need to complete draft agreements by June 30, 2021**

ii) Transition Plan & Agreements

Regulation – Some Key Considerations

- ▶ local budget processes and timelines
- ▶ local municipal expectations and relationships
- ▶ coordination with neighbouring CAs (shared municipal partners)
- ▶ record keeping and website maintenance

Questions?