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Re: Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

At its Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2026, Council supported the following Notice of Motion and accordingly passed the following resolution:

R26-09-422
Moved By Councillor McGuire-Blais
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

Whereas potential municipal levy impacts associated with the upcoming consolidation of conservation authorities and the creation of the Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority may result in the possibility of increased costs.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council direct Administration to prepare a letter expressing concerns to the Province regarding the financial implications and fairness of the proposed consolidation, advocating for

1. A transparent municipality-by-municipality financial impact analysis before any new levy formula is approved;

2. A funding model that does not create significant winners and losers simply as a result of provincially mandated consolidation;

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3. A consideration of the relationship between the levy paid by a municipality and the services, infrastructure and watershed benefits received by that municipality;

4. Protection against sudden or disproportionate levy increases, including consideration of provincial transition funding or a hold-harmless provision;

5. Meaningful consultation with affected municipalities before the Province makes changes to the levy and apportionment regulations; and

6. Continued local accountability and representation for the individual watersheds being brought into the much larger regional authority.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



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