



September 9, 2026

Re: Mandated Conservation Authority Amalgamation

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that at their Regular Council meeting held September 8, 2026, the Council of the Township of North Huron adopted the following resolution:

M225/26

MOVED BY: A. van Hittersum

SECONDED BY: C. Palmer

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby directs staff to send a letter of concern regarding the regional consolidation of conservation authorities with a request to reconsider the amalgamation and keep the Lake Huron watershed Conservation Authorities separated from the Lake Simcoe area;

AND FURTHER, THAT the letter be sent to all Ontario municipalities, MPP Lisa Thompson, Premier Doug Ford, the Project Executive for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority, Minister Todd McCarthy, Minister Trevor Jones, Conservation Authority Ontario, and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

CARRIED

The Township of North Huron is located in Huron County and is within the watershed of the Maitland River Conservation Authority (MVCA). Under the current format for Conservation Authorities, the Township, along with other municipalities who have boundaries within the MVCA watershed have representation on the MVCA Board of Directors. This process has worked well and has ensured that local knowledge of the area is kept, and issues are being handled in a timely manner. With the updated changes to the Conservation Authorities at the end of 2026, the Township of North Huron will be included under the umbrella of Huron County and will be amalgamated into the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority Board which will have twenty-one (21) members.

Recently, the MVCA received news that the proposed board distribution for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority Board will be based on a tiered allocation formula based on population to assist in determining the amount of members that will be appointed to the board. Out of the thirteen (13) municipalities that will be included on the Board, eight (8), including Huron County will have only one member appointed, while the other municipalities will have a combined 13 members.

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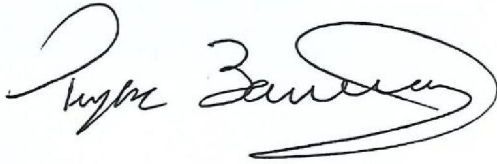
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With this, the Township of North Huron is concerned that our local voice and local concerns will not be addressed, and the decisions will be left to the individuals who have higher populations and higher board representation. Due to this proposed change, local knowledge may be lost and the priorities for heavily populated areas are much different than rural areas and may not achieve the goals or priorities from rural communities. The Township of North Huron also has concerns pertaining to the financial information and effects it will have on local municipalities.

In conclusion, the Township of North Huron respectfully urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the amalgamation of Conservation Authorities in Ontario, including the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority Board. The Township also encourages the Province to keep the Lake Huron watershed separate from the Lake Simcoe Watershed.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Zamostny', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Cc:

All Ontario Municipalities

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