

## Media Release

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#### Government of Ontario Announces Conservation Authority Consolidation



**Chatham, ON** – On October 31, 2025, the Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks announced plans to create a provincial board-governed agency, the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, to provide leadership, governance, and strategic direction to Conservation Authorities (CAs).

We understand the Province will introduce amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) to establish the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency.

Further, the Province will consult on proposed boundaries for regional consolidation of Conservation Authorities with impacted stakeholders, municipalities, CAs, and Indigenous communities.

This consultation will include a policy proposal notice period posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for 45 days, inviting review and comments on criteria applied to determine proposed regional boundaries and the proposed geographical jurisdiction of each regional CA.

Historically, CA boundaries have been based on watersheds, where water naturally flows, rather than municipal borders. The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA), includes 10 member municipalities that contribute levies to support services for local residents within the Lake Erie and Thames River watersheds. Some municipalities share CAs, for example within Chatham-Kent, most landowners fall under the LTVCA's jurisdiction, although communities such as Wallaceburg and Dresden are part of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

The Province emphasized that there will be no job losses as a result of this restructuring and committed to working with local CAs to ensure continuity of local services. The LTVCA is committed to working with the Government of Ontario to modernize and streamline services and appreciates the opportunity to be engaged during the provincial consultation. We will provide feedback in consultation with local municipalities on the Government's proposed framework. The LTVCA is committed to delivering local programs and services under the agreements with our member municipalities, and other partners.

This new structure is expected to roll out between late 2026 and into 2027. More information will be shared in the coming months.

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