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PHASE 2 REGULATIONS AND POLICY CLEARLY DEFINE RULES FOR 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

NEWMARKET, ONTARIO (April 22, 2022) – The Province has released Phase 2 regulations which provide adequate flexibility for both conservation authorities (CAs) and municipalities as well as clearly define the rules as they move forward with their 2024 budget discussions.

“We’re thankful for the Conservation Authorities Working Group which helped the Province to understand the relationship between conservation authorities and municipalities and the need for flexibility in new budgetary frameworks and processes,” said Alan Revill the new Chair for Conservation Ontario. Conservation Ontario represents the 36 conservation authorities.

The Phase 2 regulations represent the second of two phases of regulatory and policy proposals to implement the legislative changes previously made to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and focus on regulatory and policy changes which provide direction to conservation authorities as they transition to the new CA – municipal funding framework by January 1, 2024.

The regulations and policy reinforce conservation authority commitment to governance, oversight, transparency and accountability and include regulations about the conservation authority budget process, governance information to be posted on CA websites, and a list of classes of programs and services for which CAs can charge a fee.

The general manager of Conservation Ontario, Kim Gavine, explained that the regulatory and policy changes released by the Province build upon what is already working well between CAs and municipalities while incorporating recent changes to the CAA and the three categories of programs and services that CAs can deliver.

Conservation authorities have all completed their transition plans and are currently consulting with municipalities on their inventories of programs and services. Conservation Ontario continues to support conservation authorities to implement changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

More information on the Phase 2 regulations and policy changes can be found [here](#).

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