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**Subject:** Approval and Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Credit Valley Conservation

**Department:** Infrastructure Services

**Division:** Capital Works

**Report #:** INS-2023-070

**Meeting Date:** 2023-11-13

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### Recommendations

**That report INS-2023-070, Approval and Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Credit Valley Conservation, be received;**

**And that Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) for the delivery of programs and services.**

### Background and Analysis

The purpose of this report is to clarify the relationship between the Town and Credit Valley Conservation by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Since 2017, the Conservation Authority Act (CA Act) has been amended several times, including the *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017* (Bill 139), the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* (Bill 108), and the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020* (Bill 229). As a result of these amendments to the CA Act, CAs will need to execute MOUs with partner municipalities to govern the funding of municipally requested non-mandatory programs and services, and cost apportioning agreements (formerly referred to as 'levy') to govern the funding of other non-mandatory programs and services a CA has determined are advisable to further the purposes of the CA Act.

Amendments made to the CA Act were intended to increase the transparency of the relationships between CAs and municipalities for the public. The intent of the province for CAs to enter into agreements with municipalities within their jurisdictions with respect to programs and services that the CA's will provide on behalf of the municipality. These initiatives are in addition to the mandatory programs and services that Conservation Authorities provide to their municipalities, which are required by regulation.

The relationships with CVC will continue to develop and become more entrenched as we experience the effects of climate change, including increase in precipitation, wetter, warmer winters and springs, and drier, hotter summers, higher intensity storms, increased stream temperature as air temperature rises, longer growing season, longer heat waves and less days of frost.

The Memorandum of Understanding was developed in discussion with all municipalities in the CVC watershed. The Town of Orangeville has had a long history of collaborating with the CVC and it is beneficial to both parties to enter an MOU to meet the requirements of the CA Act and will allow additional services to be procured through the CVC as required.

The MOU shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for four (4) years and will continue for additional four (4) year periods, until either party provides written notice of termination to the other party.

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## Strategic Alignment

### Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Future Readiness

Objective: Due Diligence – confirm applicable governance and policy regimes

### Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Natural Resources and Environment

Strategy: Enhancing the Culture of Water Conservation and Efficiency

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## Notice Provisions

N/A

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## Financial Impact

The annual contribution to Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is included within the Corporate Allocations Operating Budget and totaled approximately \$150,000 in 2023.

Any additional services that are obtained from CVC, which have an additional cost, are funded by the CVC's program or project budget. The Town and CVC have

collaborated on several initiatives, including the Pullen Well and flooding at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Respectfully submitted

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**Attachment(s):** 1. Memorandum of Understanding CVC and Town of Orangeville