

# Proposed 2020 Budget

City of Kawartha Lakes

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**Lake Simcoe Region**  
conservation authority



Member of Conservation Ontario



Our **Vision** ...  
is for a thriving  
environment that inspires  
and sustains us for  
generations to come.

Our **Mission** ...  
is to work with our  
community to protect and  
restore Lake Simcoe by  
leading research, policy  
and action.

# Our Continued Purpose



Create a Safer, Healthier, Livable  
Watershed



Gain Improved Knowledge &  
Increase Certainty



Create a Connected & Engaged  
Watershed Community



Become a Stronger and more  
Valued Organization



# 2019 Accomplishments

1. Updated current Emergency Mapping Services (EMS) mapping, leading to opportunities to reduce flooding in the watershed
2. Enhanced tracking of environmental trends & restoration efforts through KPI website
3. Targeting winter salt management improvement through multi-stakeholder Freshwater discussion paper
4. Completed East Holland Tributary Fish Barrier removal project (Aurora)



# 2019 Accomplishments

5. Leveraged FCM funding to complete Building Condition assessments (November) and a Preliminary Financial Strategy to update LSRCA's asset management plan (December).
6. Developed watershed-scale Climate Change Adaptation strategy
7. Substantially completed Scanlon Creek Operation Centre renovation (office space, workspace and storage)



# Challenges: Bill 108

MECP is defining the Provincially mandated programs and services for Conservation Authorities.

## Budget Implications:

- 1) Transition period has yet to be defined
- 2) Funding approval logistics and implications
- 3) Seeking increased transparency as Provincial funding was reduced by 49% (\$65K for 2019)



# Partnering Together on Projects

1. Flood Relief program through Emergency Management System (EMS) mapping
2. Working with municipalities to address urban stormwater ponds (design and maintenance)
3. Natural Heritage forestry work at the Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve (14,000 trees/shrubs)
4. Leveraging municipal expertise to advance work in asset management, diversity and inclusion and records management



# Engaging our Municipal Partners

1. Developed Budget Companion Report, highlighting LSRCA's outcomes and expenditures by service area
2. CAO provides semi annual update presentations to Council at all 9 funding municipalities
3. CAO hosts annual municipal CAO roundtable
4. Piloted new Finance roundtable/update meeting



# 2020 Focus for LSRCA

1. Completing the final activities in 2016-2020 Strategic Plan (4 Goals/9 Outcomes/42 Activities)
2. Finishing the Operation Review of the Authority's Programs and Services
3. Working together to address the financial pressures on our municipal funding partners:
  - a) Status Quo budget: No new FTE's
  - b) Deferred Strategic Initiatives 1% funding
  - c) Trying to accommodate revised funding targets



# Respecting the Taxpayer

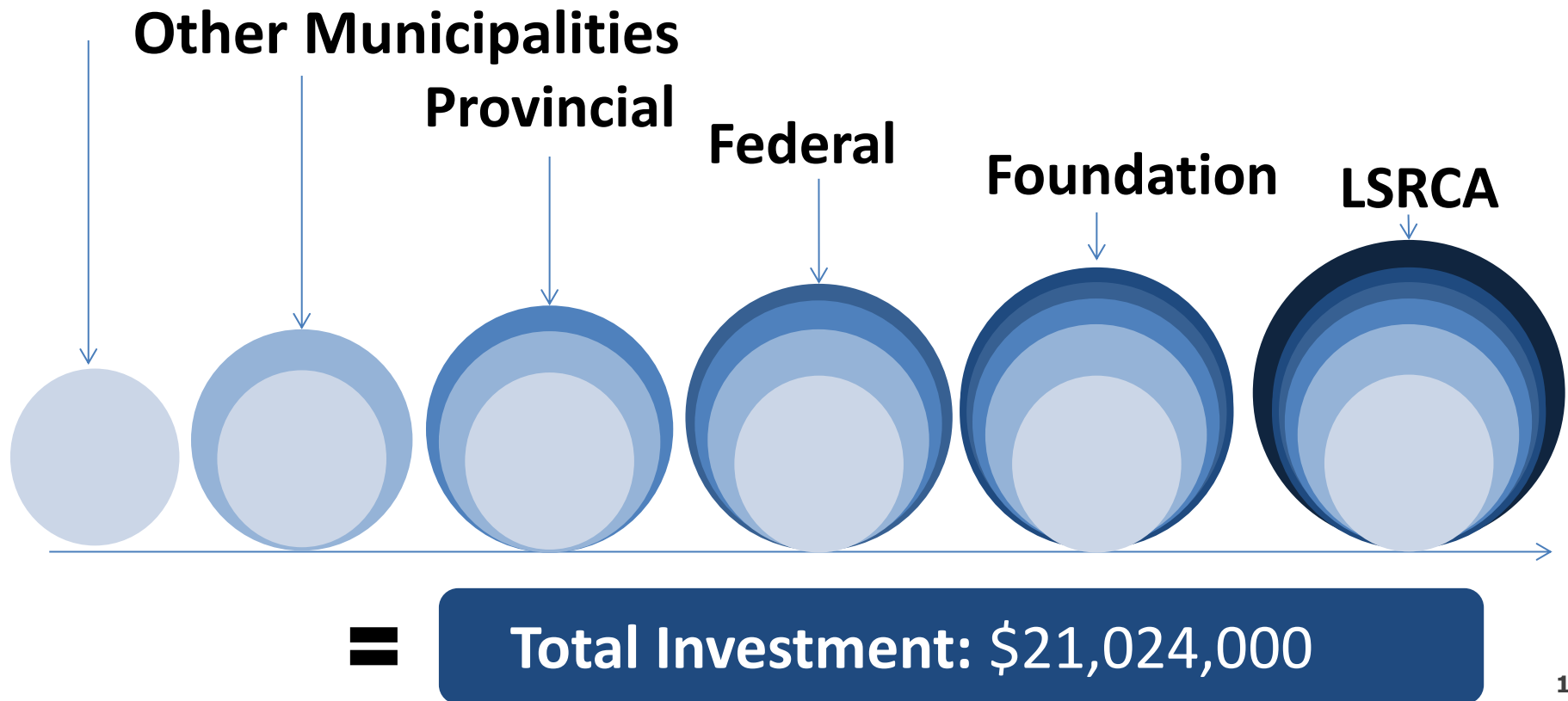
- New for 2020: Engagement Strategy (reserve funded); final activity of 2016-2020 Strategic Plan
- Found reductions to offset the \$65K loss of MNRF funding
- Reasonable economic adjustments for existing staff
- 1-2% added to cost for inflation if applicable



# Leveraging Your Funds – 2019 Budget

City of Kawartha Investment:  
\$39,088

Other Partners Investment:  
\$20,984,912



# 2020 Investment in LSRCOA: \$38,453

	Operating	Capital	Total
2019 Approved Base	\$15,010	\$24,078	\$39,088
2020 Change	424	242	\$666
CVA (2019: 1.082% to 2020: .9987%)	-673	-628	-1,301
2020 Proposed Budget *	\$14,761	\$23,692	\$38,453

\* Before final approval from all municipalities and Board of Directors



# Proposed Capital Budget 2020

Service Area	Program	Kawartha 2019	Kawartha 2020	Total Program Funded by Municipal Partners
Corporate	Goverance	\$878	\$853	\$262,519
	Human Resources	51	49	9,115
	Information Management	4,297	4,282	235,358
	Financial Management	366	361	34,747
Ecological Management	Restoration and Regeneration	2,911	3,092	818,769
	Ecosystem Science and Monitoring	1,872	1,809	556,174
Greenspace	Management	1,946	1,957	319,241
Water Risk Management	Flood Management	1,036	998	292,760
	Water Mangement/Restoration	1,190	1,155	306,507
	Water Science and Monitoring	945	913	281,300
Watershed Studies and Strategies	Climate Change	1,771	1,761	191,178
	Research and Innovation	1,363	1,044	273,774
	Watershed Subwatershed Planning	5,452	5,418	413,108
		\$24,078	\$23,692	\$3,994,550



# Looking Ahead

1. LSRCA Board to finalize budget in early 2020
2. Implications of Bill 108 are still being understood, with 2020 expected to be a transition year
3. New Strategic Plan to be developed in 2020, spanning 2021-2025



# Questions?

