

Impacts of Provincial Regulatory Changes on Conservation Authorities and the City

August 29, 2023



Legislative Context

- Multiple Bills since 2017 making changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, these, among others, include:
 - Categories of Services and Programs
 - Expenses, fees, and funding sources
 - Conservation Authority powers

- Bill 139 – Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017
- Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019
- Bill 229 – Protect Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020
- Bill 23 – Build More Homes Faster Act, 2022

Legislative Context –Bill 229 & 23

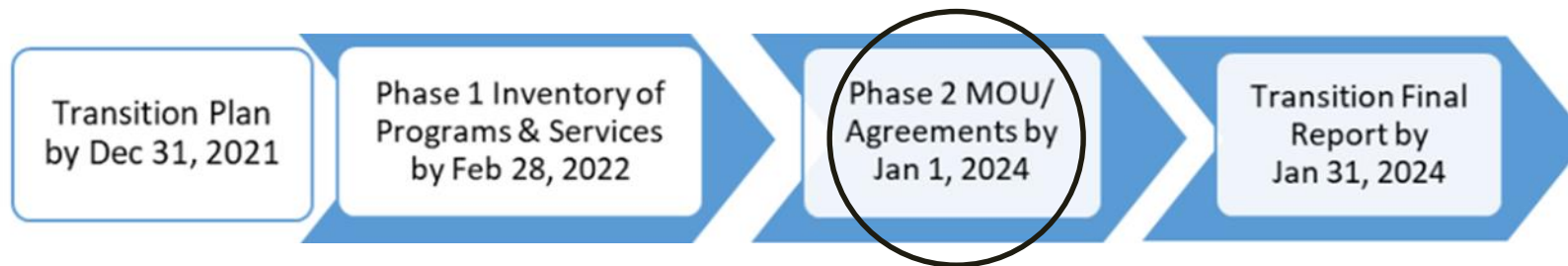
- Mandatory, municipality requested, and other services
- New appeal mechanisms (permitting)
- Streamlined MNRF powers

Mandated Programs and Services

- Natural hazards risk management
- Management of lands owned by Conservation Authorities
- Duties, functions, and responsibilities as a source protection authority under the Clean Water Act, 2006
- Duties, functions, and responsibility otherwise prescribed by an Act
 - i.e. Building Code, Lake Simcoe Protection Act

Transition Period

- Municipalities must have a Memoranda of Understanding by January 1, 2024
- Specific to non-mandatory programs and services



[Conservation Authorities Act Phase 1 Regulations](#)

Criteria for Programs and Services

1. Mandatory
2. Beneficial for City
 - Needed to provide programs and services
3. Beneficial for Community
 - Have community value, and are agreed to by municipalities and Conservation Authority Boards

Next Steps

- Staff will work collaboratively with the Conservation Authorities to determine appropriate service and program levels;
- Staff will draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and all CAs;
- Staff will present the MOU to Council for approval

Questions?