



April 29, 2024

Office of the Mayor & Council
County of Oxford

By email: csenior@oxfordcounty.ca

Dear Mayor/Chief and Council,

Re: Grand River Conservation Authority's Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy – Consultation Period

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) manages water and other natural resources on behalf of 38 municipalities and about one million residents of the Grand River watershed. The GRCA is a partnership of watershed municipalities and provides an avenue to work together, addressing environmental issues and opportunities that serve to benefit the entire Grand River watershed.

Under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, each Conservation Authority in Ontario is required to prepare a Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (Strategy). The goal of the Strategy is to ensure that the GRCA's programs and services respond to watershed issues and reflect the organization's mandate under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and municipal Memorandums of Understanding for programs and services.

The GRCA has prepared a draft Strategy and is inviting municipalities, the Six Nations of the Grand River, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the public to review and comment on the Strategy.

The draft Strategy is available on the GRCA's website (www.grandriver.ca/resourcestrategy) and comments may be submitted until June 7, 2024. A public information session on the draft Strategy will be held by webinar in May and will be advertised on the GRCA's website and social media. Presentations to councils or staff are available upon request.

Inquiries regarding the Strategy can be directed to Janet Ivey, Manager of Water Resources at Email: jivey@grandriver.ca or Tel: 519-621-2763 ext. 2128.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris White", written in a cursive style.

Chris White, Chair