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County of Oxford
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By email: clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca
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Dear County of Oxford,

Re: 2026 Grand River Conservation Authority Draft Budget for Consultation

Please be advised that on October 24, 2025, the General Membership of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) approved the GRCA's Budget 2026 Draft #1 for consultation purposes. The approved motion is as follows:

THAT Report Number GM-10-25-90 – Budget 2026 – Draft #1 be approved for consultation purposes, circulated to all participating municipalities, and posted to the GRCA website.

This consultation circulation is required under [Ontario Regulation 402/22: Budget and Apportionment](#) which came into effect July 1, 2023, and sets out requirements for Conservation Authority budgets and municipal apportionment.

The [GRCA staff report and draft 2026 budget](#) outline the programs and services of the GRCA and how those programs are expected to be funded in 2026. The municipal apportionment information is attached here as well, for ease of reference.

This draft budget includes a total municipal apportionment amount of \$14,238,000 which represents a 3.5% increase over 2025. Municipal apportionment of General Operating Expenses, Category 1 Operating Expenses, and Category 2 Operating Expenses have been allocated to participating municipalities using Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA) information in the watershed, which was provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

Under O.Reg.402/22, municipal apportionment and the budget must be approved at separate meetings. The Municipal Apportionment vote is scheduled to occur at the GRCA General Membership meeting on January 23, 2026, and the Final 2026 Budget vote is scheduled for the meeting on February 27, 2026.

Should you have any questions or feedback concerning the draft budget or municipal apportionment, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Armstrong".

Karen Armstrong,
Deputy CAO/ Secretary-Treasurer