

Erin asked to contribute 4.75% more to Credit Valley Conservation

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Fund request amounts to an increase of \$3.7K in 2023 over 2022

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Credit Valley Conservation would like the Town of Erin to contribute more money for environmental-based services this year.

"We've been strong partners in the past," said Quentin Hanchard, chief administrative officer for Credit Valley Conservation to the town council at a meeting on Jan. 19. "We will continue to be that way with the township moving forward and will certainly look for those opportunities to work with you and give you the information you need at the time you need it."

Hanchard presented a draft budget to council for information. The organization provides flood forecasting and warning, floodplain mapping and hydrology, water management infrastructure, watershed plans, forestry management, restoration and stewardship programs and natural heritage system planning to name a few.

“In 2023 some of the things we're targeting are further updates to our floodplain mapping, which is an ongoing program for us as well as improvements to our real-time gauging network,” said Hanchard. “That is quite critical in our watershed and allows us to get a real-time look at what the watershed is doing under major storm events.”

Councillor John Brennan discussed the town's relationship with the conservation authority, especially as they face the effects of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Fast Act.

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“It's good we have a long and strong relationship with each other because that will come in handy as we negotiate our way into what would be the future of our relationship,” said Brennan. “I think it will require patience and trust on both sides.”

The Town of Erin provided \$78,145 to the CVC and is asked to provide \$81,859. It would represent an increase of 4.75 per cent, \$3,714, in 2023 over 2022.

The CVC's budget of \$27 million is funded by Peel Region, Halton Region, Orangeville, Erin, Mono, East Garafraxa and Amaranth. Peel and Halton Regions combined provide 97 per cent of total levy funding to the authority. It would like 26 million from Peel, \$688,139 from Halton, \$315,528 from Orangeville, \$81,859 from Erin, \$15,110 from Mono, \$7,959 from East Garafraxa and \$1,518 from Amaranth.

The CVC states it will continue to work with funders to help refine and adjust its budget forecasts and to seek opportunities to mitigate costs wherever possible, including applications for infrastructure funding, eligible programs, and alternative funding sources.