

Conservation Authorities Act: Regulations and Transition Period

Town of Erin
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New Regulations

- Mandatory Program and Services Regulation (O.Reg. 686/21)
- Transition Plan and Agreements Regulation (O.Reg.687/21)
- Rules of Conduct in Conservation Areas Regulation (O.Reg.688/21)
- Amendments to Transition Plan and Agreements Regulation (O. Reg. 399/22)
- Information Requirements (O. Reg. 400/22)
- Determination of Amounts Under Subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act (O.Reg. 401/22)
- Budget and Apportionment (O.Reg 402/22)

O.Reg. 687/21: Transition Plan and Agreements

Prescribed Dates	Key Deliverables
December 31, 2021	Transition Plan
February 28, 2022	Inventory of Programs and Services (1 st quarterly report submission)
July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2023	Quarterly Progress Reports: status of inventory and agreement negotiations
October 1, 2023	Deadline for requests for extension of timelines
January 1, 2024	Transition Date: All required MOUs/Agreements to be in place
January 31, 2024	Final Report: final inventory and statement of compliance (re: agreements)

O.Reg. 687/21: Transition Plan and Agreements

Category 1: Mandatory program and services

Regulated, levy funded

Category 2: Municipal requested program and services

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), government grants, etc.

Category 3: Other (Board/Local requested) program and services

MOU, special agreements (agencies, municipalities, etc.), government grants, GRCA revenue

Draft GRCA Inventory of Programs and Services

- Preliminary analysis suggests that Category 1 and 2 P&S can be delivered without a significant change in total municipal levy support (based on 2022 draft budget)
- Category 2 P&S include:
 - Planning (Natural Heritage)
 - Subwatershed Planning (Natural Heritage)
 - Rural Water Quality Program
 - Water Quality Program
- Category 3- funding through fees/self-generated revenue

Next Steps:

- GRCA is working through refinements of the P&S Inventory
- Quarterly reports to MECP are being completed and circulated to all participating municipalities and posted on website
- Webinar in October on Category 2 P&S- all watershed municipalities to be invited
- Begin discussion with Participating Municipalities on Category 2 Agreements
- All Board Reports, meetings minutes, ad-hoc committee minutes, Transition Plan and Inventory of P&S posted on GRCA webpage: [Governance- Conservation Authorities Act- Regulation 687/21](#)

Questions?