

Delegation Request Form

This form must be completed and submitted to the Clerk of the Town of Essex by all persons wishing to address Council at a scheduled meeting of Council. Delegation requests must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the scheduled meeting.

Any person who wishes to appear before Council as a Delegation on a matter that relates specifically to a matter contained in the Regular Council Meeting Agenda shall submit a Delegation Request Form no later than 4:30 PM on the Friday immediately preceding the date of the Regular Council Meeting. The Clerk shall have the sole authority to determine if the subject matter does in fact relate specifically to a matter contained in the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for purposes of allowing or denying the Delegation and the Clerk will introduce such Delegation Request Form(s) at the time of adopting the Published Agenda.

Presentations to Council are limited to 5 minutes per person to a maximum of 10 minutes for a group of two persons or more.

Personal information that you provide on this form is collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for the purpose of responding to your request. Please note that this form, if approved, will appear in the published Council Agenda and may be included in the Council Meeting minutes, both of which become part of the public record and are posted on our municipal website.

Name *

Nicole Kupnicki

Date of Request *

3/15/2021



Are you representing a group? *



Yes



No

Name of Group (if applicable)

Essex Region Conservation Authority

Provide details on the issue(s) you wish to present to Council and any actions you will be asking Council to take. *

At a meeting of the Essex Region Conservation Authority' Board of Directors on February 18, 2021, the Draft 2021 Budget was approved for distribution to municipalities; and to provide notice that a weighted vote will be held at the Board of Directors' meeting on April 8, 2021. Ontario Regulation 139/96 (as amended by O.R. 231/97) requires that affected municipal partners receive a minimum 30-day notice for which a meeting where a weighted and recorded vote will be taken, regarding non-matching levies. The Regulation also requires that the notice be accompanied by the financial information used to determine that levy. This notice, along with ERCA's report to the Board, with appendices, and a 2021 Draft Budget Companion was circulated to municipal clerks for distribution to members of Council on Monday, February 22, 2021.

As described in the Draft 2021 Budget, the budget totals \$10,026,284 and includes a total levy contribution from member municipalities of approximately \$3,454,619, representing a total increase in levy of 2.0%. This levy equates to \$10.75 for every person in our watershed, based on data compiled by MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and municipal levies account for slightly less than 50% of the funding for the ongoing programs of the Authority.

The purpose of the delegation is to explain the recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, which have widespread and significant implications for operations and program delivery in 2022, due to the provincially-required bifurcation of services into mandatory and non-mandatory categories and resulting changes to the existing funding model. Representatives from Administration will highlight key points of the budget and demonstrate how it responds to provincial direction and objectives including: increased transparency to municipal funders; identification of mandatory and non-mandatory services and reallocation of municipal levies to core mandated responsibilities, as described in the Conservation Authorities Act.

For reference, are links to ERCA's 2020 Annual Report (<https://essexregionconservation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ERCA-Annual-Report-2020.pdf>) and 2020 Annual Report Video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fge8L_om_o&t=44s) presented at our Annual General Meeting that highlight some of the work undertaken by ERCA in our community.

Have you consulted with Town staff on this issue? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

If you've consulted with Town staff, please provide the names of staff members you've talked to and the details of those discussions.

If this is a property matter, are you an owner?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Not applicable

Have you appeared before Council in the past regarding this issue? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If you've appeared before Council in the past on this issue, please tell us the year in which you appeared.

Will you have written or printed materials to distribute? If so, please submit 12 copies of printed materials to the Clerk before the meeting. *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Will you be delivering an electronic presentation that requires access to a computer and software? If so, please submit your presentation on CD, DVD or flash drive by noon on the Friday before the Council meeting. *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Please describe any special needs you may have for your presentation.

Your Address or Group Contact Address (full mailing address including postal code) *

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519-562-9088

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Name and address of all representatives attending, including their positions *

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tjobin@tecumseh.ca t: 519-791-4213
Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
tbyrne@erca.org t: 519-796-2300
Shelley McMullen, Interim CFO/Director Finance and Corporate Services
smcmullen@erca.org t. 226-344-7714

Thank you!

Thank you for completing the Delegation Request Form.

The Clerk's Office will contact you in the near future to review your request.

Robert Auger, LL.B.

Manager of Legislative Services and Clerk

Town of Essex

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