

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Joseph Malandruccolo, Director
Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
Town of Essex
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Dear Mr. Malandruccolo,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Cost Apportioning Agreement with ERCA.

On November 27th 2023, Windsor City Council reviewed the proposed agreement and made a resolution to support all of the ERCA Non-Mandatory Category 3 items, with modifications to the proposed funding structure for the Land Acquisitions, and apportionment changes to the Watershed Stewardship and Outreach program as outlined below.

Land Acquisitions

Land Acquisition made up the bulk of Windsor's funding in the cost apportionment agreement, and there are currently no active discussions on potential land acquisitions between the City and ERCA.

However, the City recognizes the importance of this initiative and therefore, is setting aside appropriate funds in a separate reserve which would be held until such time as a funding request is made by ERCA. The amount of funding, which would be provided to ERCA, would be determined based upon lands being considered for purchase and relevance to the City.

Watershed Stewardship and Outreach (Rural & Agricultural)

The City of Windsor is approximately 7.9% of the land area of Windsor-Essex County but was proposed an apportionment of 48.73% for Watershed Stewardship and Outreach. It has been conservatively estimated that under 5% of the total lands in the Essex Region are Windsor agricultural lands.

In the case of this item, the total proportion of property value was not representative of the apportionment cost considering the relative size of the agricultural footprint in Windsor with respect to the rest of the County. Therefore, a new apportionment of 5% was approved for Watershed Stewardship and Outreach.

Although some amendments have been made to the Non-Mandatory Cost Apportioning Agreement, if ERCA requires discretionary funding for any relevant initiatives in the future, they are able to make their requests to the City of Windsor.

ERCA continues to foster sustainability and resiliency in our region, and the City of Windsor welcomes opportunities to working collectively on any important ERCA initiatives with our local municipalities.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Vlachodimos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being more prominent and the last name "Vlachodimos" written in a continuous script.

Steve Vlachodimos
City Clerk/Licence Commissioner

cc: County of Essex
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Town of Tecumseh