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The Honourable Jeff Yurek,
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park, 5th Floor
777 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Sent via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Dear Minister:

Re: Township of Southgate Resolution No. 2019-709

Please be advised that at the November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas the Township of Southgate is a member of both the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) and is represented on both boards of directors; and

Whereas each board of directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of their respective Conservation Authority (CA); and

Whereas the Conservation Authority's provide the Township of Southgate with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals as the municipality does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities provide programs and services to the residents of Southgate and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures,

Therefore be it resolved that Council receive item 1.2.1 Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution re Conservation Authority from the October 17th, 2019 Council Information Package for information; and

That the Council of the Township of Southgate supports continuation of the programs and services of GRCA and SVCA, both mandatory and non-

mandatory, and that no programs or services of GRCA, the SVCA or of other CAs in Ontario be “wound down” at this time; and

That Council request the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Bill Walker, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and Conservation Ontario and local municipalities within Grey County.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Lindsey Green, Deputy Clerk
Township of Southgate

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