

Report to Council

Report Title: SVCA Category Three Services Agreement

Prepared By: Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

Department: Clerk's

Date: July 11, 2023

Report Number: CLK2023-14 **File Number:** C11CL

Attachments: Category 3 Apportioning Agreement Memo,
Category 3 Preamble,
Draft Category 3 Apportioning Agreement Template,
Water Quality Program Business Case,
Mandatory Programs Legislation,
Transition Plan Legislation

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-14 – SVCA Category Three Services Agreement, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes;

And further that Council authorize pursuing the Category 3 Cost Apportioning Agreement, and further provide the following direction to staff regarding comments on the agreement and Category 3 programs and services:

Report:

Background:

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) provided member municipalities with the attached documentation regarding changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

All participating municipalities under the SVCA's jurisdiction must enter into a cost apportioning agreement in order to continue the Category 3 programs and services provided by the SVCA.

The draft Cost Apportioning Agreement is attached to this report for Council's review as well as corresponding documentation relevant to the agreement.

The SVCA has requested that all municipalities review the agreement and provide any comments and/or changes by July 12, 2023.

The agreement will be brought forward to the SVCA Board of Directors on July 20, 2023 for their endorsement and will then be sent out again to municipalities for final consideration and execution.

Analysis:

Staff recommend pursuing the Cost Apportioning Agreement with SVCA and continuing with the Category 3 programs and services provided by SVCA, particularly for the water quality program. A healthy and vibrant watershed system is central to Brockton’s identity and in keeping with our responsibilities to downstream owners and our land acknowledgement.

Staff seek further direction from Council to provide any comments on the Category 3 agreement and the programs and services, and further authorizing proceeding with the agreement, programs, and services provided by SVCA.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

As noted in the attached documents, Brockton’s cost to participate in the water quality program would be \$10,280.00 annually.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonya Watson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer