

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	SVCA Category 2 Programs and Services Agreement		
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<b>Department:</b>	Administration		
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<b>Attachments:</b>	Mandatory Programs Legislation, Transition Plan Legislation Category 2 Programs and Services Agreement		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2024-07 – SVCA Category 2 Programs and Services Agreement, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward authorizing the Category 2 Programs and Services Agreement with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, as prepared.

### Report:

#### Background:

Provincial regulation changes affecting conservation authorities (CA) have enabled watershed municipalities to focus CA responsibilities on core mandates, programs and services. These changes lead to the categorization of programs and services as follows:

- Category 1: those prescribed as mandatory by the Province;
- Category 2: those delivered on behalf of a municipality;
- Category 3: those that further the conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources

Category 3 negotiations have been completed, with all watershed municipalities demonstrating unanimous support for the continuance of SVCA's Water Quality program. This was previously approved by Brockton Council.

#### Analysis:

In March, 2024 staff met with SVCA representatives related to a Category 2 agreement. Category 2 agreements are formed if any project (e.g., water and erosion control infrastructure) that SVCA has historically partnered in the inspection and maintenance of are: owned in whole or in part by the municipality, have a license to operated held by the municipality, or cross a municipal roadway. A Category 2 Agreement is

pertinent to the Walkerton Flood Control Works Project as it pertains to the municipally owned parcels located within this project. A map is attached to this agreement noting the area of reference. This agreement would enable SVCA staff to continue to maintain and inspect the project. The project contains a series of dykes, retaining walls, gabion baskets, storm sewer pipes and flap gates on 2.4 km of publicly accessible land. Standard annual maintenance activities would include grass cutting as required, vegetation removal, and inspection. Should a capital project be required the process will continue as it has in the past and the Municipality will be notified in advance following approval by the SVCA Board. Grant funding will be pursued for all capital projects where applicable. This agreement and maintenance activities are fully consistent with existing practices related to the maintenance of this area.

The Category 2 Agreement for SVCA to continue to maintain the Walkerton Flood Work Project comes at no additional cost to the Municipality of Brockton. As such we recommend proceeding with the execution of the attached agreement to ensure the ongoing and continued maintenance of the flood works infrastructure and grass in this area.

It should be noted that both the Pinkerton dyke and Silvercreek project areas (bank protection and channel constriction), fall under Category 1, mandatory maintenance and inspection activities as defined by the Province of Ontario and will be under SVCA ongoing jurisdiction.

### **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

There are no additional costs associated with entering the Category 2 agreement for ongoing maintenance activities. Should a capital project be required in this area it will be advance in consultation with the Municipality as outlined. Grant funding has also supported such relevant projects in the past.

**Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer