

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	SVCA Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual Update Consultation		
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<b>Department:</b>	Planning		
<b>Date:</b>	February 25, 2025		
<b>Report Number:</b>	PLN2025-03	<b>File Number:</b>	C11PL
<b>Attachments:</b>	SVCA Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual		

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PLN2025-03 - SVCA Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual Update Consultation prepared by Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO for staff to prepare and submit comments in response to the consultation documents with input from Council.

### **Report:**

#### **Background:**

On December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, staff received correspondence from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority ('SVCA') regarding updating their Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual with an initial timeline for comments returned by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. With limited timeframe for the initial commenting period the commenting period has been extended to February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. As recent as February 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 the SVCA hosted a stakeholders online meeting surrounding the draft update Policies Manual.

#### **Analysis:**

Even with the extended commenting period to February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, Municipal staff have not had the opportunity to conduct in an in depth review of the updated draft SVCA Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual. In depth review would be required to compare and analyze the existing policy with the draft policy and legislative changes.

Without the necessary time to complete an in depth review Municipal staff's overall comment and opinion remains that Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies should remain framed in a manner that outline the mandated roles and responsibilities of the SVCA and that such polices do not expanded into other areas that are beyond the scope jurisdictions for Conservation Authorities.

Municipal Staff are aware of comments being submitted by the Bruce County Planning Department as well as some comments being provided by other local Municipalities.

Municipal staff seek input from Council on any additional comments to be provided by the Municipality as a stakeholder on the draft SVCA Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual.

### **Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

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


- 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 financial considerations related to this report at this time.

#### **Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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#### **Respectfully Submitted by:**



Dieter Wetz, Building and Planning Manager/CBO

#### **Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer