

Report to Council

Report Title:	Grey Sauble Conservation Authority 2026 Risk Management Agreement		
Prepared By:	Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)		
Department:	Planning		
Date:	October 14, 2025		
Report Number:	CLK2025-13	File Number:	C11CL
Attachments:	Draft Agreement for Risk Management Services		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CLK2025-13 - Grey Sauble Conservation Authority 2026 Risk Management Agreement, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) for information purposes and further approves a By-Law coming forward renewing the Risk Management Agreement with the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Report:

Background:

According to the Clean Water Act, the Municipality of Brockton is responsible for the enforcement of Source Water Protection Plans. In 2016 and again in 2020, Brockton entered into an Agreement with the Grey Sauble Conservation (the "GSCA") appointing the GSCA as Brockton's agent for these enforcement responsibilities as permitted by the Clean Water Act as Brockton is in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region. The current Agreement expires December 31, 2025.

Analysis:

Staff are recommending that Brockton enter into a new Risk Management Agreement with the GSCA to ensure proper oversight of the enforcement responsibilities under the Clean Water Act.

The costs associated with the Risk Management Agreement in 2022 were \$32,500 total to be billed on a cost recovery basis. The new agreement is proposing \$45,000 total to be reviewed after the third year and adjusted based on the number of risk management plans. The cost is the amount estimated for staffing level resources, screening land-use planning applications and conducting annual inspections and reporting.

This Agreement includes a modest increase in yearly invoice amounts to account for full program delivery costs which had been partially offset by the Province in the first few years of the program.

The amount to be billed for each year is as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total Estimated Costs (5 Years)
\$8,500	\$8,750	\$9,000**	\$9,250**	\$9,500**	\$45,000
Payment Due January 15, 2026	Payment Due January 15, 2027	Payment Due January 15, 2028	Payment Due January 15, 2029	Payment Due January 15, 2030	

It should be noted that this Agreement addresses responsibilities under the Clean Water Act that would not be amended by recent legislative changes. Even with those changes, source water protection, including the ongoing maintenance of the local Source Protection Committee and planned amendments to the Source Protection Plan were still considered a core service of conservation authorities.

Staff are pleased with the arrangement with the GSCA and believe the new Agreement to be fair and reasonable.

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

Reviewed By:



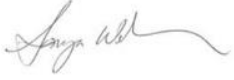
Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



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

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer