TOWN OF INGERSOLL
Town Centre

October 17, 2019

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Legislative Building Rm. 281, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Honourable Premier Ford.

Re: Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting held on October 15, 2019, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Petrie; seconded by Councillor Van Kooten-Bossence

C19-10-319 WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford are environmentally conscious communities.

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the board of directors of the UTRCA through Oxford County.

AND WHEREAS the board of directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA.

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides the County of Oxford and Ingersoll with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience.

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Ingersoll, County of Oxford 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 the Town of Ingersoll supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time and informs the County of Oxford of Ingersoll's support of these programs.

AND THAT, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future.

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AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the County of Oxford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Michael Graves
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk-Deputy CAO
Town of Ingersoll

Cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Hourable Ernie Hardeman; Oxford County MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.