



Newsletter Issue 1

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**Watch for our
new Saugeen
Conservation
Properties
brochure.**

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Saugeen Conservation Undergoing Strategic Plan and Rebranding Initiatives

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) is seeking to refresh its long-term strategic direction and to create greater social impact in the watershed community by developing a new brand, alongside a new strategic plan to focus programs and services through 2025.

"Our new brand will reflect our strategic priorities regarding watershed management, stewardship and education, while maintaining our mandate of flood forecasting and ensuring development does not happen in hazardous areas," stated SVCA Chair, Maureen Couture.

The re-branding and strategic planning initiatives are expected to take place throughout the majority of 2021, with their anticipated completion in Fall 2021. Both processes will focus heavily on engagement and consultation internally with staff and the Board of Directors, as well as with our municipal partners, stakeholders, and the public.

Over the next several months, the Authority will be working with stakeholders and the community to help prepare a strategic plan that will chart the future priorities for the organization.

A new website and logo will be part of this exciting initiative!



Effective April 19, 2021, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority's Administration Office is closed, and staff are working from home to comply with the Province of Ontario's State of Emergency declaration and Stay-at-Home order. The health and safety of staff and our communities is of paramount importance. There will be no interruption to our services as staff will continue to be accessible via e-mail or telephone, as required.

For contact information please consult the [SVCA staff contact page](#).

Please note "Following discussion with the Grey-Bruce Health Unit, SVCA has made the decision to open our properties for passive recreational use effective Thursday, April 22nd, 2021. Our campgrounds will open to those with serviced site seasonal contracts on Friday, April 30th, 2021. Those with un-serviced site seasonal contracts will remain closed until at least May 20, 2021, to comply with Provincial regulations."

We remind visitors to our properties to adhere to the advice and recommendations of public health officials such as wearing masks and practicing physical distancing.



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Enjoy your visit and connect with nature!"

Watch out for ticks:



Adult female blacklegged tick at various stages of feeding. Photo: Government of Canada

Blacklegged ticks are spreading to new areas of the province because of climate change. They can also spread by traveling on birds and deer. While the probability is low, it is possible to find an infected tick almost anywhere in Ontario. Female blacklegged ticks can carry Lyme Disease.

Ticks are most active in spring and summer, but can be found at any time of the year when the temperature is above freezing.

There are ways you can reduce your exposure to ticks and instructions to remove them at the [Ontario.ca lyme disease website](https://ontario.ca/lyme-disease-website).



April 22, 2021 marks the 51st year of celebrating Earth Day!

"SVCA strives to ensure long-term protection of our watershed through the maintenance of programs that will protect life and property from natural hazards, but also conserve our natural resources. By directing development outside of natural hazard areas such as river and shoreline flooding and erosion zones, we not only protect people and property from damage, but help to preserve these natural areas for the future."

For Earth Day information in Canada, please visit <https://earthday.ca/>

Water Well Improvement Program



Representatives of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority receive a cheque presented by Cherie Leslie Senior Engagement Advisor, Southern Ontario, with the NWMO, to support a new Water Well Improvement Program.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is working with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) to protect groundwater in South Bruce. [Visit our website for more information.](#)



Sign your children up for our Spring Educational Programs!

Designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet!

To register call 519-367-3040 and dial 0 or email publicinfo@svca.on.ca

Check our [website](#) for more information.

Looking for a Permit?



Due to the demand to develop in SVCA's beautiful watershed, there are a higher number of requests being submitted than usual. Here are some things you can do to help speed up your request:

- Be prepared when contacting us. Look at our [online mapping tool](#) ahead of time, have specific property details ready and proposal [site plan](#) prepared
- Contact us via one method only (phone (519) 377-2074, [email](#) or [Planning Inquiry Form](#))
- If you have not heard back from our office, please wait a minimum of 2 full business days before following up



Thank you for your patience!

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