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Darlene Plumley
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Merrickville-Wolford
P.O. Box 340, 317 Brock Street West
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

RE: Invoice for Rideau Valley Conservation Authority 2025 Municipal Levy

Dear Ms. Plumley,

At its meeting on February 27, 2025, the RVCA Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

Resolution 3-250227

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the attached 2025 Budget in the amount of \$13,425,693 (dated February 5, 2025);

AND THAT a total of \$7,296,032 in operating and capital expenses be apportioned to municipalities using the MCVA apportionment method in accordance with the attached budget and the Conservation Authorities Act and its regulations;

AND THAT the following operating and capital expenses be apportioned to the City of Ottawa using the benefit-based apportionment method in accordance with the attached budget and the Conservation Authorities Act and its regulations:

1. \$10,000 Capital Reserve for Water Control Structures in Ottawa
2. \$21,500 Capital Reserve for Britannia Village Flood Control Project
3. \$40,000 Operation of General Water Control Structures in Ottawa
4. \$586,073 Rideau River Ice Management in Ottawa
5. \$163,457 Enhanced Water Quality Monitoring in Ottawa
6. \$65,000 Operation of Windsor and Brewer Park Water Control Structures

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Athens, Augusta, Beckwith, Central Frontenac, Clarence-Rockland,
Drummond/North Elmsley, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Merrickville-Wolford, Montague,
North Dundas, North Grenville, Ottawa, Perth, Rideau Lakes, Smiths Falls, South Frontenac, Tay Valley, Westport

Municipal Levy Invoice

As required under Sections 25 to 27 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, you are hereby notified that your municipality's portion of the 2025 general municipal levy is \$27,189 as indicated on the attached invoice. In addition, the City of Ottawa will also receive invoices for the five special levies listed above.

Municipal Consultation

On December 17, 2024, RVCA's draft 2025 workplan, budget and levy apportionment sheet were sent to all member municipalities for review and comment. Staff offered to present to municipal councils and comments were requested by February 13, 2025. No comments or concerns were received from municipalities during this consultation period.

Approval

At its meeting on February 27, 2025, the RVCA Board of Directors approved the draft budget and levy apportionment sheet that was circulated to municipalities on December 17, 2024 subject to the following change which did not affect the municipal levy:

- Special Levy to the City of Ottawa for Rideau River Ice Management was reduced after receiving the invoice for the program for 2024 as staff were able to refine the cost estimate for 2025.

You can find RVCA's approved 2025 budget (with levy apportionment sheet) and 2025 work plan on our website "Governance" tab at: <https://www.rvca.ca/governance>

- 2025 Budget: <https://www.rvca.ca/annual-budgets>
- 2025 Work Plan: <https://www.rvca.ca/annual-work-plans>

Thank You

The RVCA extends its appreciation to our member municipalities for their continued support and collaboration in preserving the health of the Rideau watershed. We look forward to working alongside municipal Councils, staff, and residents on key priorities and initiatives in the year ahead.

Should you require any information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

Attached:

- 2025 Municipal Levy Invoice