



Township of  
**Leeds and the  
Thousand Islands**

## **Council Report**

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**Meeting Date:** 2025-01-13

**Department:** Administration

**Report Number:** Administration-2025-003

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**Approved By:** Stephen Donachey

**Subject:** Appointment of Cataraqui Conservation Full Authority Board Member

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### **Recommendation:**

**That** Council appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Cataraqui Conservation Full Authority Board for the remainder of the council term.

OR

**That** Council appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Cataraqui Conservation Full Authority Board for the 2025 calendar year.

### **Background:**

Under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, municipal Councils are required to make appointments to the board of their local conservation authority.

Section 14 (1.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* requires that the council of a participating municipality ensure that at least 70 percent of its appointees are selected from among the members of municipal council.

### **Analysis:**

At the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting of Council, Councillor Gorrell announced that he would be stepping down from the board.

The Township has only one appointee to the Cataraqui Conservation Full Authority Board.

**Alternatives:**

It is possible to request an exemption to reduce the 70% requirement under section 14 (1.1) to appoint a member of the public; however, municipalities are rarely successful in this request to the Minister as they wish to promote greater elected council representation in conservation authorities.

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Relevant Policy or Legislation:**

*Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27

**Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Council adopted the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands Strategic Plan (2021-2031) at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021. The initiative contained within this report supports the following Strategic Pillars as set out in the Strategic Plan:

- Delivering Effective and Accountable Government
- Promoting Quality of Life and Environmental Stewardship
- Growing a Liveable Community with Great Services
- Fostering Jobs and Economic Development

**Consultations:**

This report was reviewed in consultation with:

None.

**Attachments:**

None.