

# Maitland Valley Conservation Authority



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January 30, 2017

Town of Minto  
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Attention: Mayor George Bridge

Dear Mayor Bridge and Council:

## **Re: 2017 Priorities, Work Plan and Budget**

I am writing to you at this time to outline the MVCA's priorities for the next year along with our proposed budget for 2017.

The Board has decided to focus our limited resources on strengthening our Flood and Erosion Safety Services and Watershed Stewardship Extension Services. This means that we will be making changes to other services and infrastructure in non-core areas, such as Conservation Areas. These changes are outlined in MVCA's 2016-2018 Work plan. A summary of the three year work plan is enclosed.

One of our biggest challenges is dealing with infrastructure that the Authority has identified to be surplus to our needs. We are in the process of evaluating each piece of surplus infrastructure and looking at the options for dealing with each one.

We are also moving forward with our plan to stabilize the MVCA's financial base while limiting levy increases to a maximum of \$58,000 a year over the next three years.

The attached information sheet outlines our priorities for 2017. If you have any questions related to our priorities for the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact your Director on MVCA's Board.

The MVCA's Board has developed a draft budget for 2017. The total budget for 2017 is \$3,229,143. A copy of the draft budget and levy schedule is enclosed with this letter.

MVCA's Board of Directors plans to finalize the 2017 budget on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. If your municipality has any comments regarding the 2017 priorities and/or budget, please forward them to your Director and Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, by March 8, 2017.

In closing, I would like to thank Council for their support in 2016 and we look forward to working with you in 2017.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Versteeg'.

Art Versteeg, Chair  
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

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