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Subject: NVCA's Current Fee Policy

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Good morning Municipality partners,

I am writing on behalf of Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services with information regarding NVCA's current fee policy. Please see below:

We hope that everyone is keeping well. NVCA staff wish to advise that we will be taking a staff report to the November 25th, 2022 Board of Directors meeting updating the current fee policy. There are **no new user fees being**

proposed or any changes to existing fees through this update as the intent is to address administrative changes to the Conservation Authorities Act that are to be enacted on January 1 2023.

Conservation authorities (CAs) are permitted to charge fees for the programs or services that are included in the Minister's list of classes of programs and services. The Minister's list is made pursuant Section 21.2 of the Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act). This section of the CA Act replaces Section 21(1) (m.1) and comes into effect on January 1, 2023.

Using the current 2021 [2021 Policy to Charge Fees for Services Related to Planning and Applications](#) as a basis, NVCA staff are proposing to consolidate all current NVCA fees in one document. This includes current **unchanged** fees pertaining to: planning and permitting, conservation lands, tree planting, environmental education and administration. In addition, the updated document will provide enhanced communications on (but not limited to): identify the frequency that it will be reviewed; the review process; notice of the review and changes; and the circumstances under which any person may request the authority to reconsider a fee.

The draft fee policy is now posted on NVCA's website (<https://www.nvca.on.ca/Pages/Conservation-Authorities-Act.aspx>) and will also be in the NVCA Board of Director's November 25th agenda package. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions or information needs on this matter.

Regards,

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