



**Nottawasaga Valley**  
Conservation Authority

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January 9, 2017

Mayor Jeff Lehman & Council  
The City of Barrie  
Via email: Town Clerk, Dawn McAlpine

Dear Mayor Lehman & Council

Re: NVCA 2017 Municipal Levy

On December 16, 2016 the NVCA Board of Directors approved the circulated 2017 NVCA Budget. As you are aware, the NVCA circulated our Draft 2017 Budget to our 18 member municipalities on October 3, 2016 for a 30 day review and comment.

The NVCA Board and staff look forward to implementing the 2017 Conservation Authority programs supported by the approved budget including:

- Private land stewardship, restoration and reforestation
- Conservation Authority education and recreation
- Flood forecasting and warning
- Municipal source water protection
- Natural Hazard and Natural Heritage protection in accordance with the *Planning Act* and Provincial Regulations
- Environmental monitoring and preparation of watershed report cards
- Implementing the NVCA 2015-2018 Strategic and Business Plans
- Climate Change.

The approved budget will enable the NVCA, in partnership with our local Municipalities, and residents to continue to protect and restore the environment, reduce and or prevent flood and erosion hazards to property and persons, and continue to support the health of the local residents and the health of our local economy.

The following table provides a comparison to the 2016 levy and identifies your portion of the municipal levy for 2017.

	2016	2017	\$ Increase	% Increase
<b>Total Levy</b>	\$2,147,883.48	\$2,196,487.39	\$ 48,603.91	2.26%
<b>Barrie</b>	\$335,484.36	\$338,867.48	\$3,383.12	1.01%

As well, the NVCA introduced the Asset Levy in support of the approved Asset Management Plan. This plan has a ten year forecast of our capital replacement costs and will ensure that the NVCA has the funds moving forward to adequately maintain our current assets. The amount required each year for the next ten years is \$129,926.50 apportioned out the same way as the general levy.

The NVCA has heard from our municipalities that many would like to phase this in over 4 years, so each municipality has the option to either go all in or phase it in. The financial impacts for your municipality are shown below. Please let us know which option your municipality would like to choose by the end of January.

	All In	Year 1 (2017)	Year 2 (2018)	Year 3 (2019)	Year 4 & onward
Barrie	\$20,044.67	\$6,614.73	\$13,229.46	\$20,044.63	\$22,936.79

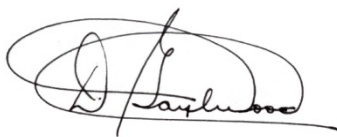
\*\*Year 2 onward is an estimate based on the current value assessment

An invoice for levy will be sent out late January or February.

Should you have any questions regarding the approved NVCA budget or associated conservation programs please contact me directly.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the NVCA. I would like to also thank the NVCA Board Members for their continued governance, ensuring that the watershed conservation needs are best served.

Sincerely,



D. Gayle Wood, CMM3  
Chief Administrative Officer

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CAO, Carla Ladd