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1.0 2026 Overview

2025 has been a successful year for Otonabee Conservation, marked by numerous accomplishments and continued compliance with provincial legislation.

The Board of Directors' 2024–2027 Strategic Plan continues to play an important role in guiding the development of both the operating and capital budgets, ensuring alignment with long-term organizational goals.

The 2026 operating and capital budget has been developed through a comprehensive and detailed analysis process. As part of the Authority's ongoing efforts to enhance service delivery, key support services are transitioned back in-house to better align with our programs and objectives.

On April 17, 2025, the Board received the Organizational Efficiency and Alignment Report, which informed the development of draft three-year operating budgets presented at the June 19, 2025 Board meeting. Extensive background work has been completed to support the proposed 2026 budget, and ensure it reflects both strategic priorities and operational needs.

The proposed 2026 budget recommends a 0% increase to the operating budget and a 7.4% increase to the capital budget. There was no capital budget in the 2024 or 2025 apportionment.

The operating budget includes a range of valuable contributions that collectively advance the organization's strategic goals. Meanwhile, the capital budget is focused on mitigating risks and addressing liabilities across our conservation lands through sustainable, in-house solutions.

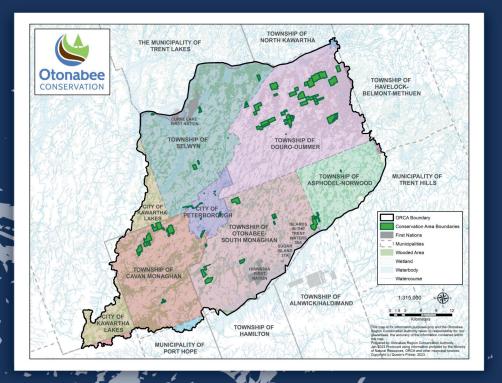
This is a reasonable, taxpayer-conscious, and well-considered budget package. It clearly identifies the resources required to deliver the Authority's programs and services effectively as well as efficiently.



Otonabee Conservation

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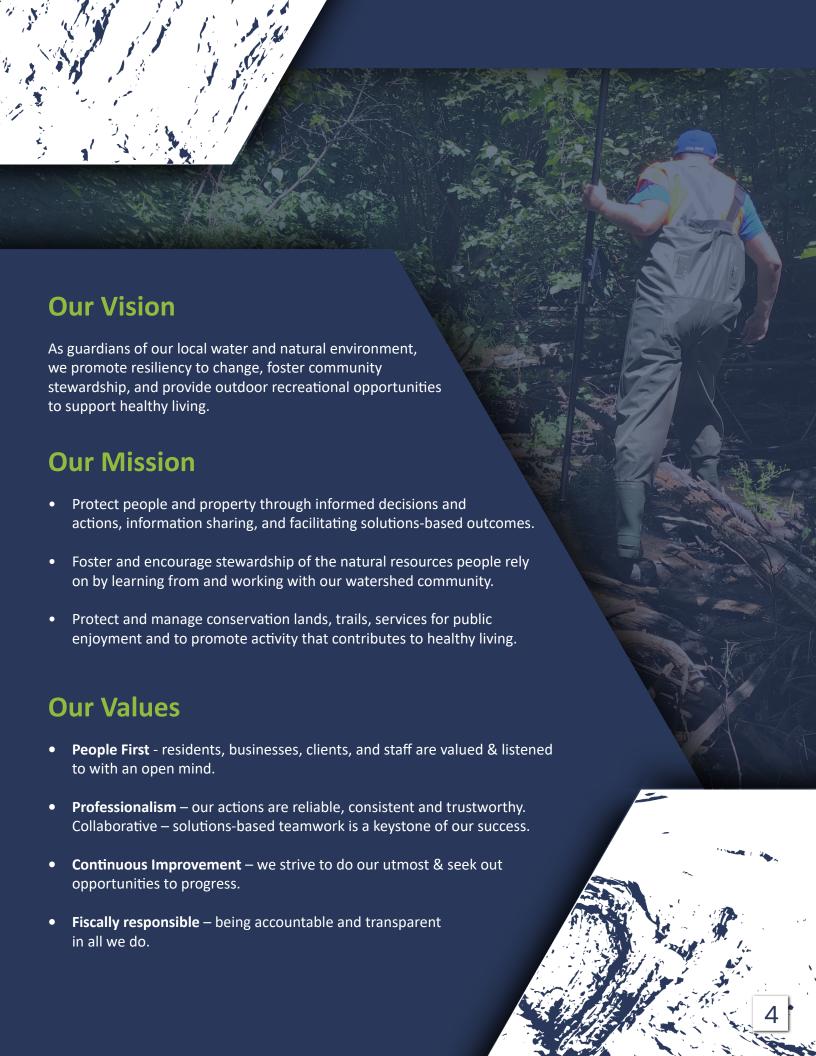
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2026 Budget Format

The Otonabee Conservation Authority has four program and services areas:

- Natural Hazard Protection Program
- Conservation Lands Program
- Watershed Management Program
- General Operating

The program areas are reported in accordance with the categorization as required by Regulation 687/21.

Conservation Authorities Act Regulations

Otonabee Conservation's Programs and Inventory was approved on June 2022 to meet the regulations:

- Ontario Regulation 686/21:
 Mandatory Programs and Services
- Ontario Regulation 687/21: Transition
 Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services

Categorization of Programs and Services as per Regulation 687/21

<u>Category 1.</u> Mandatory programs and services defined in regulations where municipal levy can be applied.

<u>Category 2.</u> Municipal programs and services at the request of a municipality.

<u>Category 3.</u> Other programs and services an Authority determines important and can use municipal levy if required through an agreement with participating municipalities.



1.1 Year-Over-Year Summary

| 25/54/15 | Actual | | Budget |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| REVENUE | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| APPORTIONMENT - OPERATING - | | | |
| mandatory | 1,427,318 | 1,537,757 | 1,537,757 |
| APPORTIONMENT - CAPITAL | | | 115,000 |
| Fees | 1,275,000 | 1,260,000 | 889,800 |
| Grants | 196,249 | 198,749 | 203,749 |
| Donations | 20,000 | 40,000 | 54,000 |
| Self-generated revenue | 167,200 | 126,890 | 116,166 |
| Reserves | 20,000 | 28,000 | - |
| Agreements | 170,000 | 183,500 | 164,600 |
| | | | |
| Total Revenue | 3,275,767 | 3,374,896 | 3,081,072 |
| EXPENSES | - | - | - |
| Capital Expenses | | | 115,000 |
| Salaries & Benefits | 2,252,319 | 2,364,970 | 2,174,730 |
| Advertising | 8,500 | 8,500 | 7,000 |
| Awards & Scholarships | 3,300 | - | - |
| Board Governance | 44,250 | 43,500 | 46,000 |
| Equipment | 11,500 | 14,700 | 13,700 |
| Information Technology | 89,660 | 87,116 | 68,281 |
| Insurance | 113,800 | 123,025 | 117,125 |
| Interest & Finance charges | 43,250 | 43,850 | 28,850 |
| Licence Fees | 114,211 | 114,025 | 29,309 |
| Maintenance & Services | 132,250 | 127,990 | 123,867 |
| Purchases for resale | 41,500 | 41,500 | 17,500 |
| Office expenses | 27,600 | 21,400 | 19,650 |
| Professional Development | 23,000 | 18,250 | 18,000 |
| Professional Services | 147,300 | 152,420 | 150,009 |
| Project related expenses | 54,876 | 54,500 | 34,500 |
| Property Taxes | 21,200 | 21,200 | 21,200 |
| Travel & Staff Expenses | 24,950 | 22,700 | 16,100 |
| Utilities | 97,400 | 89,250 | 59,250 |
| Vehicle Pool | 25,000 | 26,000 | 21,000 |
| Total Expenses | 3,275,866 | 3,374,896 | 3,081,072 |

1.2 Overview of Operating Budget

Otonabee Conservation is committed to working collaboratively with our member municipalities, and to understand the financial pressures faced by watershed residents. We strive to be a trusted partner in the watershed, delivering valuable services and programs that support our communities.

The total proposed 2026 operating budget is \$3,081,072, which includes a municipal apportionment of \$1,652,757. This incorporates Category 3 expenditures of \$49,583, which represent 3% of Category 1.

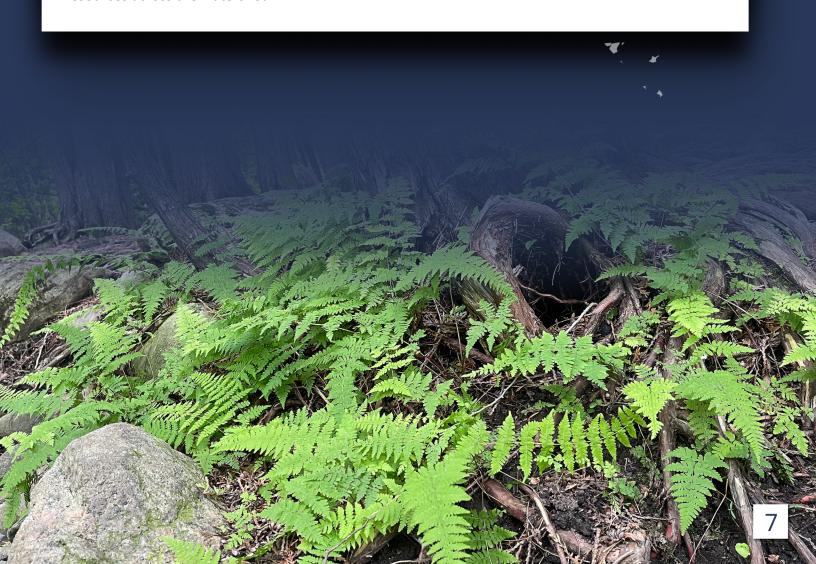
Key components of the proposed budget include:

- A 2% cost-of-living increase and a 17% increase in employee health and benefits
- A reduction in consultant fees of \$90,000
- Consolidation of select budget line items to improve reporting and accountability

The primary objectives of the proposed budget are to:

- Safeguard programs and services, along with their associated service levels
- Increase transparency and accountability
- Build long-term financial sustainability

These changes are designed to better guide the Authority, and ensure effective stewardship of resources across the watershed.



1.3 Draft 2026 Budget Summary

| | I | | | | | | | | | K | evenue | | | | | | | | l |
|---|---|-----------|---------------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------|---|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Category 1 Category 2 - Municipally Requested Agreements Category 3 | | | | | | | | Category | / 2 - Mu | nicipally Requ | ested Agı | reements | | | Category 3 | | | |
| | | | Apportionment | Reserves | Fees | Donations | Grants | Self Generated | Reserves | Fees | Donations | Grants | Self Generated | Apportionment | Fees | Donations | Grants | Self Generated | Total Revenue |
| Natural Hazards Operations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plan Review & Permitting Services | 1 | 583,707 | 180,958 | | 375,000 | | 17,749 | | - | | | | | | | - | | 10,000 | 583,707 |
| Natural Hazards Mapping | 1 | 115,369 | 115,369 | | | | | | - | | | | | | - | - | - | - | 115,369 |
| Flood & Drought Monitoring | 1 | 143,438 | 80,938 | | | | 62,500 | | - | | | | | | - | - | | - | 143,438 |
| Dam Operations | 1 | 82,349 | 57,349 | | | | 25,000 | | - | | | | | | - | - | | - | 82,349 |
| Subtotal | | 924,863 | 434,614 | - | 375,000 | - | 105,249 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,000 | 924,863 |
| Conservation Lands Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conservation Lands - Protection & Recreation | 1 | 282,098 | 223,948 | | 14,800 | | 2,500 | 40,850 | - | | | | | | | - | | | 282,098 |
| Campground Services | 1 | 253,801 | 10,000 | | 175,000 | | - | 24,000 | - | | | | | | | - 1 | | | 209,000 |
| Campground Services | 2 | 293,594 | - | | | | | | - | | | | | | 325,000 | - | - | 21,316 | 346,316 |
| Subtotal | | 829,492 | 233,948 | - | 189,800 | - | 2,500 | 64,850 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 325,000 | - | - | 21,316 | 837,414 |
| Watershed Management Program | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source Protection Authority | 1 | 52,921 | - | | | | | | | | | 66,000 | - | | - | - | | - | 66,000 |
| Provincial Water Monitoring | 1 | 18,250 | 18,250 | | | | | | | | | | - | | - | - | - | - | 18,250 |
| Risk Management Official | 2 | 114,600 | - | | | | | | | | | | 114,600 | | - | - | - | - | 114,600 |
| Post Development Monitoring | 2 | 50,000 | - | | | | | | | | | | 50,000 | | 1 | - | - | - | 50,000 |
| Local Water Monitoring | 3 | 24,467 | | | | | | | | | | | - | 24,467 | - | - | - | - | 24,467 |
| Environment Stewardship Programs | 3 | 81,095 | | | | | | | | | | | - | 21,095 | - | 20,000 | 30,000 | 10,000 | 81,095 |
| Subtotal | | 341,334 | 18,250 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 66,000 | 164,600 | 45,562 | - | 20,000 | 30,000 | 10,000 | 354,412 |
| Corporate Services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Board Governance | 1 | 45,000 | 45,000 | | | | | | - | | | | | | | - | - | - | 45,000 |
| Administration | 1 | 806,382 | 741,383 | | | 34,000 | | 10,000 | - | | | | | | - | | - | | 785,383 |
| Communications | 1 | 19,000 | 19,000 | | | | | | - | | | | | | - | - | - | - | 19,000 |
| Subtotal | ĺ | 870,382 | 805,383 | - | - | 34,000 | - | 10,000 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 849,383 |
| Total | | 2,966,072 | 1,492,195 | - | 564,800 | 34,000 | 107,749 | 74,850 | - | - | - | 66,000 | 164,600 | 45,562 | 325,000 | 20,000 | 30,000 | 41,316 | 2,966,072 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Apportion | nent | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Apportionment Category 1 and 3 Operating | | 1,537,757 | |
| | | T | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Capital | and o opera | Α | 115,000 |

| Apportionment | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1,537,757 | | | | | | | |
| 115,000 | | | | | | | |
| 1,652,757 | | | | | | | |
| 115,000 | | | | | | | |
| 7.48% | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Total Budget | 3,081,072 |
|--------------|-----------|
| | |

1.4 Overview of Capital Budget

The proposed 2026 capital budget is \$115,000, distributed across eight member municipalities. The primary focus for 2026 is the decommissioning of legacy assets in conservation areas that have reached the end of their lifecycle. If these assets are not addressed, they will continue to pose increasing liability and risk to the Authority.

To support more efficient operations, the capital budget includes a Business Case for equipment acquisition, aimed at improving service delivery and reducing long-term costs.

For the first time, a modest allocation to the capital reserve is being recommended. This marks an important step towards forward-looking financial planning, helping to protect the Authority's assets, and reduce the future financial burden on taxpayers.

1.5 Capital Budget

| Program Area & Description | Project Cost |
|---|--------------|
| Category 1 | |
| Decommissioning of End of Life Assets | 25,000 |
| Utliity Equipment | 55,000 |
| Signage - Directional and Regulatory | 5,000 |
| Dams Maintenance | 5,000 |
| Contribution to Capital Reserves | 15,000 |
| General Operating | |
| Corporate Services - IT and field equipment | 10,000 |
| | |
| Total | \$115,000 |



1.6 Capital Budget Business Case

To: Chair and Members of the Board

From: Janette Loveys Smith, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting Date: September 25, 2025

Business Case: Proposed 2026 Capital Budget – Utility Tractor



Recommendation

The purpose of this Business Case is to provide the Board with additional information regarding the request for the acquisition of a utility tractor. This document outlines the operational need, expected benefits, financial impact, and long-term value of the proposed equipment.

Summary of Business Case

Otonabee Conservation is seeking to acquire a utility tractor to support a wide range of operational and property maintenance tasks across its managed lands and facilities. The proposed equipment will enhance efficiency, reduce manual labor, and improve the quality of site upkeep throughout the year.

Immediate Operational Uses

- Clearing and transporting brush and debris
- Leveling and grading gravel parking lots and access roads
- Improving drainage and erosion issues on trails
- General property maintenance and landscaping

Current Equipment Status

The Authority currently owns very limited and aging equipment, none of which meets the operational requirements outlined in this proposal. The absence of suitable machinery has resulted in increased reance on external contractors, and reduced capacity to perform routine and seasonal maintenance in-house.

Business Needs and Desired Outcomes

The acquisition of a utility tractor with multi-attachment capability (e.g. loader, backhoe, brush mower, post auger, grading blade) is a strategic investment that will significantly improve Otonabee Conservation's ability to maintain its properties and trails. Approval of this proposal will enable staff to perform essential tasks more effectively, and adapt to future operational requirements.

Additionally, lands conservation staff have been working to reduce costs by completing some tasks manually. However, this approach is often both labour- and time-intensive.

1.6 Capital Budget Business Case continued

Costs and Cost-Benefit Analysis

Benefits

- Increased operational efficiency and reduced reliance on manual labor and external contractors
- Improved safety and accessibility across conservation properties
- Long-term cost savings through multi-season functionality with a range of attachments
- Enhanced ability to respond to seasonal and project-based demands

Otonabee Conservation has spent approximately \$103,000 in external contractors over the past few years.

Examples:

- \$49,000 2023 Jackson Creek Trail grading/machine labour cost
- \$36,000 2022 Warsaw Road grading/machine labour cost
- \$18,000 2021 Selwyn Beach Road grading/machine labour cost

It is expected that the acquisition of this utility tractor will significantly reduce ongoing expenditures related to property maintenance, and limit reliance on external contractors. This will result in long-term cost savings and improved operational efficiency.

Assessment of Potential Risk

| Risks that would impact the successful achievement of the proposal & actions to mitigate the risk | Likelihood High/Medium/Low | Impact High/Medium/Low |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| There are no identified risks associated with this request. However, if the Board chooses not to approve the acquisition, the Authority will continue to incur contractor-related expenses, which may limit the volume and scope of work that can be completed in any given year. | Low | Medium |

2.0 Natural Hazards Program

2.1 Plan Review and Permitting Services

Deliver the Authority's permitting responsibilities, ensuring compliance to Ontario Regulation 167/06 and related policies, timely customer service and appropriate enforcement action meet the Authority's delegated responsibility to represent the provincial interest in natural hazards through timely engagement with member municipalities in the review of applications under the Planning Act.

2.2 Natural Hazards Mapping

Acquire and manage information about natural hazard areas. These objectives align with the provincially mandated program and services regulation. In the past the Authority has undertaken flood plain mapping on a project basis. The provincially mandated program and service regulations directs conservation authorities to undertake studies to delineate and map hazard areas and to develop plans and policies to guide appropriate management and use of hazard lands.

2.3 Natural Hazards Operations

Operate a flood forecasting and warning system to ensure residents and municipalities are aware of potential flood related events in a timely manner, and during storm events support municipally led emergency response. Monitor watershed conditions to detect low water conditions and support the Low Water Response Team to respond to low water events. Deliver water safety and natural hazard related education programs. Operate and maintain water and ice control structures and public safety measures are in place.

2.4 Natural Hazard Protection Program

| Natural Hazards Protection Program | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| REVENUE - | Actual | Bud | get | | | | | |
| KEVENOE | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | | | | | |
| APPORTIONMENT - OPERATING | 533,969 | 527,406 | 434,614 | | | | | |
| Fees | 390,000 | 390,000 | 375,000 | | | | | |
| Grants | 100,249 | 100,249 | 105,249 | | | | | |
| Donations | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Self-generated revenue | _ | _ | 10,000 | | | | | |
| Reserves | _ | _ | - | | | | | |
| Agreements | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Other | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 1,024,218 | 1,017,655 | 924,863 | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries & benefits | 844,108 | 856,830 | 764,212 | | | | | |
| Advertising | _ | - | _ | | | | | |
| Awards & scholarships | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Board Governance | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Equipment | - | - | - | | | | | |
| Information technology | 20,760 | 16,600 | 16,600 | | | | | |
| Insurance | 40,300 | 32,305 | 32,305 | | | | | |
| Interest & finance charges | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | | | | | |
| Licence fees | 500 | - | - | | | | | |
| Maintenance & services | 13,250 | 14,250 | 14,250 | | | | | |
| Purchases for resale | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Office expenses | 3,600 | 2,850 | 2,850 | | | | | |
| Professional development | 6,250 | 4,000 | 3,500 | | | | | |
| Professional services | 75,000 | 72,120 | 73,446 | | | | | |
| Project related expenses | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Property taxes | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Travel & staff expenses | 4,450 | 4,600 | 3,600 | | | | | |
| Utilities | 6,500 | 6,600 | 6,600 | | | | | |
| | | _ | - | | | | | |
| Total Expenses | 1,022,218 | 1,017,655 | 924,863 | | | | | |



3.1 Conservation Lands Management

Manage and maintain land owned by the Authority for natural heritage protection.

Undertake resource development (i.e., forest management) on land owned by the Authority.

Undertake land management activities on lands owned by the Authority for recreation purposes.

3.2 Beavermead and Warsaw Campgrounds

Acquire and manage information about natural hazard areas. These objectives align with the provincially mandated program and services regulation. In the past the Authority has undertaken flood plain mapping on a project basis. The provincially mandated program and service regulations directs conservation authorities to undertake studies to delineate and map hazard areas and to develop plans and policies to guide appropriate management and use of hazard lands.

3.3 Conservation Lands Program

| Conservation Lands Program | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| DEVENUE | Actual | | Budget | | | | | |
| REVENUE | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | | | | | |
| APPORTIONMENT - OPERATING | 96,673 | 179,286 | 233,948 | | | | | |
| Fees | 885,000 | 870,000 | 514,800 | | | | | |
| Grants | _ | 2,500 | 2,500 | | | | | |
| Donations | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Self-generated revenue | 57,200 | 67,300 | 86,166 | | | | | |
| Reserves | 20,000 | 28,000 | - | | | | | |
| Agreements | _ | 8,000 | - | | | | | |
| Other | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 1,058,873 | 1,155,086 | 837,414 | | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries & benefits | 645,762 | 733,296 | 567,489 | | | | | |
| Advertising | 6,000 | 6,000 | 4,500 | | | | | |
| Awards & scholarships | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Board Governance | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Equipment | 4,000 | 7,200 | 6,200 | | | | | |
| Information technology | 2,500 | 500 | 500 | | | | | |
| Insurance | 35,500 | 52,720 | 46,820 | | | | | |
| Interest & finance charges | 34,000 | 34,500 | 19,500 | | | | | |
| Licence fees | 112,211 | 112,525 | 27,809 | | | | | |
| Maintenance & services | 74,500 | 70,540 | 70,374 | | | | | |
| Purchases for resale | 21,500 | 21,500 | 17,500 | | | | | |
| Office expenses | 6,000 | 4,050 | 3,800 | | | | | |
| Professional development | 4,500 | 2,500 | 3,000 | | | | | |
| Professional services | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Project related expenses | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | | | | | |
| Property taxes | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | | | | |
| Travel & staff expenses | 12,500 | 11,600 | 6,000 | | | | | |
| Utilities | 75,000 | 61,000 | 31,000 | | | | | |
| | _ | - | - | | | | | |
| Total Expenses | 1,058,973 | 1,142,931 | 829,492 | | | | | |

4.0 Watershed Management Program

4.1 Drinking Water Source

Implement the policies of the Trent Source Protection Plan and meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act for those obligations that have been assigned to Otonabee Conservation for implementation.

Support municipalities in the Otonabee-Peterborough Source Protection Authority to implement the policies of the Trent Source Protection Plan and meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

Provide Risk Management Office function and education and outreach services aligns with municipal mandatory programs and services.

4.2 Natural Hazards & Monitoring

Fulfill the Authority's obligations in its Partnership Agreements with member municipalities to provide technical review and expertise on natural hazards matters which assist the municipality in making environmentally sound decisions on Planning Act applications.

At the request of member municipalities, undertake post-development monitoring programs, other research and technical studies.

Implement provincial water quality & groundwater quantity monitoring programs.

4.3 Land Stewardship Services and Consideration Education

Foster awareness of the watershed environment and watershed health.

Support landowners to undertake land restoration and stewardship activities on their lands that enhances the natural environment. Support environmental education through a variety of experiential learning opportunities.

Support landowners to undertake land restoration and stewardship activities on their lands that enhances the natural environment.

Objectives for education and stewardship services align with Category 3 programs and services.

4.4 Watershed Management Program

| Watershed Management Program Budget | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| DEVENUE | Actual | Budget | | | | | |
| REVENUE | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | | | | |
| APPORTIONMENT - OPERATING | 66,102 | 86,769 | 63,812 | | | | |
| Fees | - | - | - | | | | |
| Grants | 96,000 | 96,000 | 96,000 | | | | |
| Donations | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | | | |
| Self-generated revenue | 80,000 | 39,590 | 10,000 | | | | |
| Reserves | - | - | - | | | | |
| Agreements | 170,000 | 175,500 | 164,600 | | | | |
| Other | - | - | - | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 432,102 | 417,859 | 354,412 | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 324,486 | 334,847 | 256,490 | | | | |
| Advertising | 500 | 500 | 500 | | | | |
| Awards & Scholarships | - | _ | - | | | | |
| Board Governance | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | | | |
| Equipment | - | _ | - | | | | |
| Information Technology | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,181 | | | | |
| Insurance | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | | | | |
| Interest & Finance charges | 750 | 750 | 750 | | | | |
| Licence Fees | - | _ | - | | | | |
| Maintenance & Services | 4,500 | 3,200 | 5,200 | | | | |
| Purchases for resale | 20,000 | 20,000 | - | | | | |
| Office expenses | 5,500 | 5,500 | 4,000 | | | | |
| Professional Development | 1,500 | 1,250 | 1,000 | | | | |
| Professional Services | 3,300 | 3,300 | 26,563 | | | | |
| Project related expenses | 48,500 | 48,000 | 28,000 | | | | |
| Property Taxes | - | - | - | | | | |
| Travel & Staff Expenses | 3,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | | | |
| Utilities | 900 | 1,650 | 1,650 | | | | |
| | - | - | - | | | | |
| Total Expenses | 428,436 | 436,497 | 341,334 | | | | |

5.0 General Operating

| General Operating Budget | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| DEVENUE | Actual | E | Budget | | | | |
| REVENUE | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | | | | |
| APPORTIONMENT - OPERATING | 730,574 | 744,296 | 805,383 | | | | |
| Fees | - | - | - | | | | |
| Grants | | - | - | | | | |
| Donations | - | 20,000 | 34,000 | | | | |
| Self-generated revenue | 30,000 | 20,000 | 10,000 | | | | |
| Reserves | - | - | - | | | | |
| Agreements | - | - | - | | | | |
| Other | - | - | - | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 760,574 | 784,296 | 849,383 | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 437,964 | 439,996 | 586,539 | | | | |
| Advertising | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | | | |
| Awards & Scholarships | 3,300 | - | - | | | | |
| Board Governance | 43,250 | 42,500 | 45,000 | | | | |
| Equipment | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | | | | |
| Information Technology | 64,900 | 68,516 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Insurance | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | | | | |
| Interest & Finance charges | 1,000 | 1,100 | 1,100 | | | | |
| Licence Fees | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | | | | |
| Maintenance & Services | 40,000 | 40,000 | 34,043 | | | | |
| Purchases for resale | - | - | - | | | | |
| Office expenses | 12,500 | 9,000 | 9,000 | | | | |
| Professional Development | 10,750 | 10,500 | 10,500 | | | | |
| Professional Services | 69,000 | 77,000 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Project related expenses | 1,376 | 1,500 | 1,500 | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | | | | |
| Travel & Staff Expenses | 5,000 | 4,500 | 4,500 | | | | |
| Utilities | 15,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | | | |
| Vehicle Pool | 25,000 | 26,000 | 21,000 | | | | |
| Total Expenses | 766,240 | 777,812 | 870,382 | | | | |

6.0 Proposed2026 Municipal Apportionment

Otonabee Conservation's Board of Directors considered and approved an operating budget in accordance to legislation. Funding for the expenditures comes from a variety of sources including a municipal levy.

The levies are apportioned to member municipalities based on the ratio that each participating municipality's modified assessment bears to the total Authority's modified assessment. The modified assessment values are provided annually by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The following table provides detailed information on how the levy is apportioned to the member municipalities.



Proposed 2026 Municipal Apportionment

| Municipality | 2025 Municipal Apportionment | Modified CVA Based Apportionment % | Category 1 - Operating (97%) | Category 3 - Operating (3%) | 2026 Municipal Apportionment | Increase amount in dollars |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Asphodel-Norwood | \$43,826 | 2.85 | \$45,804 | \$1,299 | \$47,103 | \$3,277 |
| Cavan-Monaghan | \$113,661 | 7.39 | \$118,793 | \$3,368 | \$122,161 | \$8,500 |
| City of Kawartha Lakes | \$10,373 | 0.67 | \$10,841 | \$307 | \$11,149 | \$776 |
| City of Peterborough | \$898,448 | 58.43 | \$939,018 | \$26,620 | \$965,638 | \$67,190 |
| Douro-Dummer | \$115,355 | 7.50 | \$120,564 | \$3,418 | \$123,982 | \$8,627 |
| Otonabee-South Monaghan | \$88,376 | 5.75 | \$92,366 | \$2,618 | \$94,985 | \$6,609 |
| Selwyn | \$267,303 | | | \$7,920 | | |
| Trent Hills | \$416 | 0.03 | \$435 | \$12 | \$448 | \$31 |
| TOTAL | \$1,537,757 | 100.00 | \$1,607,195 | \$45,562 | \$1,652,757 | \$115,000 |

7.0 Appendix A-Governance Performance Objectives

2026 Governance Performance Objectives and 2027 Key Performance Indicators

To enhance transparency and efficiency, Otonabee Conservation is moving forward with a structured approach that separates governance performance objectives and key performance indicators (KPIs) into two distinct reporting formats.

2026 Governance Performance Objectives:

- Legislation Compliance
 Ensure adherence to all applicable laws, regulations,
 and statutory requirements.
- Financial Oversight
 Maintain transparent, accurate, and accountable financial management practices.
- Risk Mitigation Effectiveness
 Strengthen the identification, assessment, and mitigation of organizational risks.
- Policy Review Frequency
 Ensure governance policies are reviewed and updated on a regular and scheduled basis.

Reporting Format:

These objectives will be reported quarterly to the Board of Directors, with a focus on:

- Strategic alignment
- Oversight responsibility
- Progress updates and challenges

Establishing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) – 2027

Key Performance Indicators are quantifiable metrics that measure the success of operational activities in achieving governance performance objectives. KPIs will support the Board in evaluating the administration's progress and efficiency, while offering data-driven insights into Otonabee Conservation's operational performance.

KPI Development Plan:

Throughout 2026, Otonabee Conservation staff will:

- Identify relevant metrics aligned with governance performance objectives, operational reporting and legislative compliance.
- Develop data collection and reporting mechanisms
- Pilot test selected KPIs for feasibility and clarity

By separating governance performance objectives from key performance indicators, Otonabee Conservation will:

- Strengthen oversight and accountability
- Improve decision-making processes
- Drive continuous performance improvement across governance functions

7.1 Appendix B-2026 Governance Performance Objectives

| NATURAL HAZARD PROTECTION PROGRAM - PLAN REVIEW & PERMITTING SERVICES | | |
|---|----------|---|
| Description of Activities | Category | 2026 Performance Objectives |
| Deliver the Authority's permitting responsibilities, ensuring compliance with provincial regulations and related policies, timely customer service and appropriate enforcement action | 1 | Compile a comprehensive Enforcement Procedures Manual that outlines standard operating procedures and code of conduct for Officers enforcing the Conservation Authorities Act |

| NATURAL HAZARD PROTECTION PROGRAM - NATURAL HAZARDS MAPPING | | |
|---|----------|--|
| Description of Activities | Category | 2026 Performance Objectives |
| Acquire and manage information about natural hazards | 1 | Annually update regulated areas mapping associated with natural hazards as per requirements from O.Reg. 41/24 and produce Annual Report. |

| NATURAL HAZARD PROTECTION PROGRAM - NATURAL HAZARDS | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Description of Activities | | 2026 Performance Objectives | |
| Operate and maintain a flood forecasting and warning system designed to reduce the risk of loss of life, injury and property damage by providing timely flood information and warnings to municipalities and the public to enhance community resilience and enable effective response during flood events | | Monitor and issue flood messages as required | |
| Monitor watershed conditions to detect low water conditions and support the Low Water Response Team to respond to low water events | 1 | Coordinate the Low Water Response Team | |

7.1 Appendix B-2026 Governance Performance Objectives

| WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - WATER RESOURCE SERVICES | | |
|--|----------|--|
| Description of Activities | Category | 2026 Performance Objectives |
| Implement the policies of the Trent Source Protection Plan and meet the requirements of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> for those obligations that have been assigned to Otonabee Conservation for implementation | 1 | Complete CA/SPA annual reporting requirements |
| Support municipalities in the Otonabee-Peterborough Source Protection Authority to implement the policies of the Trent Source Protection Plan and meet the requirements of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> | | Ensure policy and legislative requirements are met and support is provided to municipalities and other implementing bodies to safeguard compliance with Source Protection Plan |
| Provide administrative support to the Otonabee-Peter- borough Source Protection Authority and effective liaison with the Source Protection Committee in order to meet the obligations under the Trent Source Protection Plan and the <i>Clean Water Act</i> | | Work effectively with the Source Protection Committee and Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region |
| | | Complete negotiation of risk management plans as required |
| Fulfill the Authority's obligations outlined in the agreements with municipalities to: ~ Enforce Part IV of the Clean Water Act through activities of the Risk Management Office and to ensure compliance with the Trent Source Protection Plan and the Clean Water Act | 2 | Respond to applications for Restricted Land Use Notices under Section 59 of the <i>Clean Water Act</i> |
| | | Develop and deliver the education and outreach program |
| ~ Develop and deliver an ongoing Education and Outreach Program on behalf of municipalities through agreements to ensure compliance with Source Protection Plan policies. | | Support municipalities to implement and enforce the <i>Clean Water Act</i> and Trent Source Protection Plan policies |
| | | Complete RMO annual reporting requirements |

7.1 Appendix B-2026 Governance Performance Objectives

| CORPORATE SERVICES | | | |
|--|----------|---|--|
| Description of Activities | Category | 2026 Performance Objectives | |
| Support the Board of Directors in exercising its governance responsibilities and meeting its legislated responsibilities | 1 | Hold the legally required number of meetings, including an annual meeting, conduct an election of officers and make the necessary annual appointments and resolutions Ensure that legislative reporting requirements are met Produce audited financial statements for 2025 Agenda packages, meeting minutes and other materials are posted in accordance with legislative requirements | |
| | 1 | Produce the 2025 Annual Report | |

| ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE | | |
|---|----------|---|
| Description of Activities | Category | 2026 Performance Objectives |
| Develop an internal Business Continuity Plan and Update Emergency Management Plan | | To complete a business continutity plan and emercgecy plan for the organization |

