

# Grand River Conservation Authority

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**Date:** October 28, 2022

**To:** Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

**Subject:** Budget 2023 – Draft #1– General Municipal Levy Apportionment

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Report Number GM-10-22-80 – Budget 2023 – Draft #1 – General Municipal Levy Apportionment be received as information.

## **Summary:**

The distribution of the proposed 2023 Municipal Levy to participating municipalities is attached, based on the first draft of the 2023 Budget

## **Report:**

The General Municipal Levy is allocated to participating municipalities based on Modified Current Value Assessment (2021 assessment) information in the watershed, which the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) provided. The current methodology for calculating the Modified Current Value Assessment and distributing the levy is outlined in Ontario Regulation 670/00, which is appended to this report. Using the 2021 assessment information provided, the resulting apportionment of the proposed 2023 General Levy based on the first draft of the 2023 budget is attached.

## **Financial Implications:**

The first draft of the 2023 Budget proposes a Municipal Levy of \$12,968,000, which represents an increase of \$438,000, or 3.5%, over 2022. After allocating this amount in accordance with Regulation 670/00, individual municipalities will experience increases ranging from 2.3% to 7.1% compared to 2022.

## **Other Department Considerations:**

Not applicable

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**Conservation Authorities Act**  
**ONTARIO REGULATION 670/00**  
**CONSERVATION AUTHORITY LEVIES**

**1.** In this Regulation,

“current value assessment” means the current value assessment of land, determined under the provisions of the *Assessment Act*, for a given year;

“property class” means a class of real property prescribed under the *Assessment Act*. O. Reg. 670/00, s. 1.

**2.** (1) In determining the levy payable by a participating municipality to an authority for maintenance costs pursuant to subsection 27 (2) of the Act, the authority shall apportion such costs to the participating municipalities on the basis of the benefit derived or to be derived by each participating municipality determined,

(a) by agreement among the authority and the participating municipalities; or

(b) by calculating the ratio that each participating municipality's modified assessment bears to the total authority's modified assessment. O. Reg. 670/00, s. 2 (1).

(2) In determining the levy payable by a participating municipality to an authority for administration costs pursuant to subsection 27 (3) of the Act, the authority shall apportion such costs to the participating municipalities on the basis of the ratio that each participating municipality's modified assessment bears to the total authority's modified assessment. O. Reg. 670/00, s. 2 (2).

**3.** The following rules apply for the purposes of section 2:

1. The modified current value assessment is calculated by adding the current value assessments of all lands within a municipality all or part of which are within an authority's jurisdiction and by applying the following factors to the current value assessment of the land in the following property classes:

Property Class	Factor
Residential/Farm	1
Multi-Residential	2.1
Commercial	2.1
Industrial	2.1
Farmlands	0.25
Pipe Lines	1.7
Managed Forests	0.25
New Multi-Residential	2.1
Office Building	2.1
Shopping Centre	2.1
Parking Lots and Vacant Land	2.1
Large Industrial	2.1

2. A participating municipality's modified assessment is the assessment calculated by dividing the area of the participating municipality within the authority's jurisdiction by its total area and multiplying that ratio by the modified current value assessment for that participating municipality.

3. The total authority's modified assessment is calculated by adding the sum of all of the participating municipalities' modified assessments for that authority. O. Reg. 670/00, s. 3.

**4.** An authority may establish a minimum sum that may be levied against a participating municipality within the authority's jurisdiction. O. Reg. 670/00, s. 4.