

# Grand River Conservation Authority

**Report number:** GM-02-23-11

**Date:** February 24, 2023

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

**Subject:** Weighted Voting – 2023 Budget and General Levy

---

## **Recommendation:**

THAT Report Number GM-02-23-11 - Weighted Voting – 2023 Budget and General Levy be received as information.

## **Summary:**

The Non-Matching Levy of a Conservation Authority must be approved by the General Membership, with each member's vote weighted by Modified Current Value Assessment as outlined in Ontario Regulation 139/96.

## **Report:**

Ontario Regulation 139/96 provides the basis for weighted voting to approve a Conservation Authority's Non-Matching Levy. The formula caps any one municipality at 50%, in order to ensure that support is required from more than one participating municipality. In the case of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), the Region of Waterloo's Modified Current Value Assessment (CVA) exceeds 50% of the watershed CVA, but under this formula, each of the Region's ten members are assigned a weighting of 5% to the maximum of 50% of the weighted vote. The remaining 50% is spread among the other members according to the proportion of CVA that their municipalities represent.

Attached is a copy of the Regulation as well as the calculations of the weighted voting that will be used for the 2023 Budget and General Levy.

## **Financial Implications:**

The proposed total General Levy for 2023 is \$12,968,000, which includes:

Matching Levy: \$449,688

Non-matching Levy: \$12,518,312 (operating and capital)

The GRCA conducts a weighted vote on the total amount of the General Levy.

## **Other Department Considerations:**

Not applicable

## **Prepared by:**

Karen Armstrong  
Deputy CAO/ Secretary-Treasurer

## **Approved by:**

Samantha Lawson  
Chief Administrative Officer