



# CONSERVATION SUDBURY

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## PROPOSED AGENDA

Thursday May 14, 2026

4:30 PM

[Audio and visual through Teams](#)

1. Chair opens meeting
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda (resolution)
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Adoption of Minutes of April 9, 2026 (resolution)</li><li>b) Business arising from the minutes not addressed otherwise below (information and updates)</li></ul>
5. General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Flood Season Debrief (Phillipa Cryderman, presentation, resolution)</li><li>b) Conservation Authority Amalgamation Update (Carl Jorgensen, staff report, presentation, resolution)</li><li>c) Permissions under Section 28/29 Report (Melanie Venne, report, resolution)</li></ul>
6. New Business / Upcoming dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Audit and Finance Committee meeting – May __, 2026</li><li>b) Next Board meeting – June 11, 2026</li></ul>
7. In-Camera Session for any legal, property or human resources matters (resolution), <i>*In-Camera session will take place in a Teams Breakout Room</i>
8. Adjournment (resolution)



Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution: 2026- \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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That the agenda of the May 14, 2026 General Meeting is adopted as circulated.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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Chair



Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution: 2026- \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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That the minutes of the April 9, 2026 General Meeting as circulated and reviewed, are approved.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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Chair

# NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Via MS Teams

Commenced: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:49 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Signoretti, Chair  
Michel Brabant, Vice-Chair  
Eric Benoit  
Jennifer Davidson  
Pauline Fortin  
Steve Kaufman  
Joscelyne Landry-Altman

ALSO PRESENT: Carl Jorgensen, GM, Secretary-Treasurer  
Phillipa Cryderman, Director, Natural Hazards Program  
Jaimee Bergeron, Water Resource Specialist  
Madison Keegans, Source Protection Program Manager  
Melanie Venne, Office and Communications Coordinator

1. Chair Signoretti welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a reminder of meeting procedures.
2. No declarations of conflict were made.
3. Adoption of Agenda/Addition to Agenda

### **Resolution 2026-22**

**Brabant – Landry-Altman**

*That the agenda of April 9, 2026, General Meeting is adopted as amended.*

**Carried.**

4. Previous Meeting Minutes

a) Adoption of Minutes of March 12, 2026

### **Resolution 2026-23**

**Fortin – Davidson**

*That the minutes of the March 12, 2026, General Meeting, as circulated and reviewed, are approved.*

**Carried.**

5. Source Protection Authority Meeting

**Resolution 2026-24**

**Benoit - Brabant**

*That we now leave the meeting of the Nickel District Conservation Authority and commence a meeting of the Sudbury Source Protection Authority at 4:36 p.m.*

**Carried.**

Madison Keegans conducted the business of the Source Protection Authority meeting until it adjourned and the regular Authority meeting reconvened at 4:59 pm.

6. General Business

a) Current Watershed Conditions

Jaimee Bergeron provided an overview of water monitoring stations and an update on the current watershed conditions, including upcoming weather forecast and snow conditions. There were follow up questions from Member Landry - Altmann regarding the impact of the Junction Creek dredging project of 2025 and its impact on water levels during the spring freshet.

**Resolution 2026-25**

**Fortin - Brabant**

*That the Watershed Conditions Presentation is received as information.*

**Carried.**

b) Permissions under Section 28/29

**Resolution 2026-26**

**Davidson - Kaufman**

*That the report for permits issued under Sections 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act during the month of March 2026 is received.*

**Carried.**

c) Infrastructure Project Summary

Carl provided a presentation on the ongoing progress of rehabilitation of the Junction and Nolin's Creek box culvert system. Construction of this large-scale flood control infrastructure project commenced in 1941. The box culverts undergo annual inspections and less frequent intensive inspections. Reports from these determine the rehabilitation projects for the upcoming years. Carl provided a summary of work and grants related to the progress as of year 7 in a 10-year rehabilitation project. The

project is ahead of schedule and should be done in winter of 2027. The work is on budget, with 1/3 of the expense coming from the municipal levy and the remainder from upper levels of government.

**Resolution 2026-27**

**Landry-Altman - Benoit**

*That the Infrastructure Project Summary Presentation is received as information.*

**Carried.**

d) Conservation Authorities Amalgamation Update

An information session providing an update on the Conservation Authorities amalgamation was held just prior to the start of this meeting. Carl attended the full meeting while Chair Mark attended the first portion only. Bill 97 that proposes changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* to allow for amalgamation has received second reading in the legislature and is poised for royal assent. Another important point of discussion was the matter of membership in the transition team.

Each of the nine regional authorities will have a transition team to help support the transition. The transition team will have two members from each Conservation Authority. The team will be led by a project executive appointed by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency.

**Resolution 2026-28**

**Landry-Altman – Brabant**

*That the Conservation Authorities Amalgamation verbal update from the General Manager is received as information.*

**Carried.**

e) Appointment to Transition Team

Following the update on the amalgamation there was a brief discussion on the appointment to the transition team. It was concluded the Chair Signoretti should represent the board alongside Carl Jorgensen.

**Resolution 2026-29**

**Fortin - Benoit**

*Given that a transition committee shall be formed for each new regional conservation authority by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, and*

*That each existing authority is required to appoint two individuals to the transition committee, one being the general manager and the other being a member of municipal council.*

*Therefore, be it resolved,*

*That, in accordance with Bill 97, Schedule 3, Section 4 (1), Item 1.6 (2),*

*Member Mark Signoretti, and  
General Manager, Carl Jorgensen,*

*Are hereby appointed to the Transition Committee of the Northeastern Ontario  
Regional Conservation Authority.*

**Carried.**

7. Adjournment

**Resolution 2026-30**

**Davidson - Brabant**

*That we do now adjourn at 5:49 PM*

**Carried.**



Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution: 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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That the Flood Season Debrief Presentation is received as information.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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Chair



Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution: 2026- \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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That the staff report entitled Minister's Direction: Temporary Restrictions during Transition is received as information.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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Chair



## STAFF REPORT

**TITLE:** Minister's Direction: Temporary Restrictions During Transition  
**TO:** All Members of the Nickel District Conservation Authority  
**FROM:** Carl Jorgensen, General Manager  
**DATE:** May 6, 2026

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### Background

On May 1, 2026, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks issued a formal Direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The enclosed Direction applies to all existing conservation authorities and is intended to support the transition to a consolidated regional conservation authority model.

The Direction establishes temporary restrictions on certain board and management decisions during the transition period. These restrictions are in effect until February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed by regulation. Under section 1.14 of the Act, the Minister's Direction is legally binding. Any decision made, or agreement entered, in contravention of the direction is invalid and without legal effect.

### Discussion

During the transition period, conservation authorities are prohibited from making certain decisions without prior written authorization from the Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA CEO), or from the Ministry's Chief Conservation Executive if the OPCA CEO has not yet been appointed. The restricted decision-making areas include, but are not limited to:

#### Governance and Organizational Structure

- Amendments to by-laws, except minor administrative changes
- Changes to organizational or management structure

#### Staffing and Employment

- Hiring, termination, or changes to terms of employment for senior leadership
- Changes affecting staff required to deliver mandatory programs
- Increases to total staff complement unless already approved in the final 2026 budget

#### Land, Assets, and Capital Expenditures

- Major capital expenditures or asset transactions exceeding the lesser of \$500,000, or 5% of tangible capital assets (i.e. NDCA ~\$750,000)
- Long-term leases extending beyond two years
- Acquisition or disposition of land

## Procurement and Service Agreements

- New service agreements that exceed two years or exceed the lesser of \$500,000, or 5% of annual operating expenses or revenues (i.e. \$101,570)
- Renewals or extensions of agreements that were in place prior to May 1, 2026, are not restricted

## Exceptions where the Direction does not apply

- Decisions required to address an immediate danger to human life, health, or property, provided the OPCA CEO is notified within three business days
- Decisions implementing resolutions made prior to May 1, 2026

## Governance Implications

The Direction limits the Authority's discretion during the transition period and places increased emphasis on:

- Internal screening of proposed decisions
- Clear documentation and board oversight
- Early engagement with the OPCA CEO where authorization is required
- Failure to comply presents legal, financial, and reputational risks, including the voiding of contracts or decisions

## Financial Implications

The Minister's Direction does not impose a direct financial cost. However, it may:

- Delay capital projects, procurement processes, or staffing actions
- Require additional administrative effort to prepare authorization requests
- Affect timing of expenditures already contemplated in existing work plans

Impacts will be monitored, and the Members will be advised if restrictions materially affect approved budgets or operational delivery.

## Linkages to the Current Strategic Plan

Adherence to the Direction supports public confidence and regulatory compliance during a period of significant structural change. The Direction aligns with strategic objectives related to:

- Good governance and accountability
- Risk management and compliance
- Continuity of essential watershed services

## Recommendation

That the Members receive this report for information and direct staff to continue operating in compliance with the Direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* utilizing internal controls to ensure that restricted decisions are identified and, where required, submitted to the OPCA for prior authorization.

Ministry of the Environment,  
Conservation and Parks

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de la Protection de la nature et des  
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357-2026-1281

May 1, 2026

**TO:** Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities

**SUBJECT:** Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*  
(re: temporary restrictions)

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I am writing with regards to the transition of Ontario's conservation authority system to a consolidated regional model. The *Plan to Protect Ontario Act* (Budget Measures), 2026 received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026 and pursuant to my authority under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), I am issuing a direction to conservation authorities – please see attached to this letter as Attachment A (the "Direction").

The intention of this Direction, which is effective from May 1, 2026 to the transition date under the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations), is to apply temporary restrictions on significant financial, asset or employment decisions to mitigate risk and ensure a stable transition to the new regional structure.

This Direction applies to certain conservation authority decisions related to: governance, organizational or staffing changes; the acquisition and disposition of lands; significant capital transactions; and the provision or acquisition of goods or services. For the decisions specified in this Direction, conservation authorities will be required to seek authorization from the chief executive officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (or the Chief Conservation Executive of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks if the chief executive officer has not yet been appointed), before the authority can make the decision. This Direction applies to all current conservation authorities, as listed in Appendix A to the attachment. Further guidance on the process to obtain authorization is set out in Appendix B to the attachment. The CAA provides that if an authority makes a decision in contravention of a direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a), the authority's decision has no effect and any agreement that the authority enters into that is in contravention of the direction is void.

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These measures are not intended to interfere with the regular day-to-day business and operations of conservation authorities. If you are contemplating whether or not this Direction applies to a conservation authority decision under consideration, if you have any questions regarding this Direction, or if you are looking to request authorization for a conservation authority decision that may be covered under this Direction, please contact the Chief Conservation Executive at [CCEO@ontario.ca](mailto:CCEO@ontario.ca) and copy the Conservation Authorities Section at the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca).

Continuity for communities is a core principle of this transition. These time-limited measures are intended to ensure there aren't any service disruptions during transition and to ensure that the transition to consolidation is smooth and successful with minimal disruptions to conservation authorities' governance, programs and services. Thank you for your continued leadership and collaboration as we work to improve the conservation authority system in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McCarthy", with a long, sweeping underline.

Todd McCarthy  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosures

c: The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

## Attachment A

### Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (this "Direction")

Section 1.14 of the Conservation Authorities Act provides the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks with the authority to issue a direction to a conservation authority in relation to various matters for the purpose of facilitating the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities. The types of directions that can be issued by the Minister are set out in clauses 1.14 (1) (a) to (d):

- (a) prohibiting the authority from making a decision in relation to its exercise of any of its powers under this Act or any other Act in the circumstances specified in the direction and subject to any specified conditions;
- (b) requiring the authority to give notice, in accordance with the direction, of a decision that it has made;
- (c) requiring the authority to send notices under subsection 25 (2), 27 (3) or 27.2 (3) by the date specified in the direction;
- (d) governing budgetary and apportionment matters relating to the authority that are otherwise addressed in a regulation made under clause 40 (1) (c), (e) or (f) or clause 40 (3) (k).

Section 1.14 further provides that an authority that receives such a direction shall comply with the direction within the time specified in the direction.

If an authority makes decision in contravention of a direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a), the authority's decision has no effect and any agreement that the authority enters into that is in contravention of the direction is void.

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Pursuant to the authority of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under clauses 1.14 (1) (a) and (b), the conservation authorities set out under Appendix "A" to this Direction (the "**authorities**" or each, an "**authority**") are hereby directed as follows:

#### **Decisions prohibited unless authorization obtained (direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a))**

1. Commencing on the Effective Date and until the transition date, an authority is prohibited from making a decision to do any of the following unless the authority obtains written authorization from the chief executive officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency ("OPCA CEO") in accordance with the conditions set out in paragraph 4:

- i. Amending an authority's by-laws made under section 19.1 of the CAA, unless the amendment is administrative in nature and does not affect the substance or legal effect of the by-law (e.g. updating references, dates, and terminology; name or title changes; and making obvious corrections where the intended meaning is clear).
- ii. Any of the following related to employment:
  - a. Terminating the employment of a permanent or temporary employee who serves in a senior leadership position, including the authority's chief administrative officer or general manager, its secretary treasurer, and any departmental directors if applicable.
  - b. Filling a vacancy for (i.e. temporarily or permanently) or making any changes to the terms and conditions of employment for any senior leadership position as referred to in sub-subparagraph a.
  - c. Terminating the employment of any employee who serves in a leadership position related to or who are essential to the provision of the following mandatory programs and services described in the following provisions of O. Reg. 686/21 made under the CAA: flood forecasting and warning (section 2), ice management (section 4), infrastructure (section 5), plan reviews (sections 6 and 7) and the administration and enforcement of Parts VI and VII of the CAA (section 8).
  - d. Increasing the total number of employees of the authority unless the increase was already included in the authority's approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year.
- iii. Changing the organizational structure of the employees of the authority, including creating, merging, or eliminating departments.
- iv. Acquiring, by purchase, lease or otherwise, any land or to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any land owned by the authority.
- v. Acquiring services from a person or body where:
  - a. the duration of the provision of the service exceeds 2 years in length,  
or
  - b. the total cost of the service exceeds the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's operating expenses, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

This does not include a decision to renew or extend an agreement for a service that a person or body was providing to the authority prior to the Effective Date.

- vi. Providing a service to a person or body where:
  - a. the duration of the provision of the service exceeds 2 years in length,  
or
  - b. the total amount to be charged for the service exceeds the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's revenues, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

This does not include a decision to, renew or extend an agreement for a service that the authority was providing to the person or body prior to the Effective Date.

- vii. Incurring a capital cost in connection with a project or purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring personal property, including materials, equipment and vehicles, where:
  - a. in the case of a lease, the duration of the term of the lease exceeds 2 years in length,  
or
  - b. the total amount of the capital cost or purchase, lease or other acquisition would exceed the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's tangible capital assets, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

This direction does not apply if the capital cost or acquisition is contemplated for a particular program or service identified in the authority's approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year and the total capital cost or acquisition amount is within the budgeted amount for the program or service.

- viii. Selling, leasing, or otherwise disposing of or dealing with personal property, including materials, equipment and vehicles, where:
  - a. in the case of the lease, the duration of the term of the lease exceeds 2 years in length,  
or
  - b. the total amount of the lease or other disposition or dealing would exceed the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's tangible capital assets, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

- 2. Despite paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs 1. v to viii do not apply to a decision of an authority that is made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, the health of any persons, or to property.

3. For greater certainty, paragraph 1 does not apply to a decision of an authority to execute an agreement that has the effect of implementing a decision made by the authority before the Effective Date.
4. The following conditions must be satisfied before an authority is authorized to make a decision that is subject to paragraph 1:
  - i. The authority must request authorization from the OPCA CEO to make the decision, in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Direction.
  - ii. The authority must receive written authorization from the OPCA CEO to make the decision. If authorization for the request is granted only in part, the authority must ensure that its decision does not exceed the scope of the authorization.
5. For the purposes of paragraph 4, the authority must request authorization to make a decision that is subject to paragraph 1 by submitting the following information to the OPCA CEO:
  - i. A description of the decision that the authority is seeking authorization to make, including details of the proposed decision and why the proposed decision is a decision that is subject to paragraph 1.
  - ii. A resolution of the authority supporting the proposed decision.
  - iii. An explanation for why authorization should be granted, including any risks associated with deferring the proposed decision until after the transition date.
  - iv. Any information about relevant dates for the proposed decision, including any considerations around urgency or the time-sensitive nature of the proposed decision.
6. The authority must provide any additional information about the request to the OPCA CEO at the OPCA CEO's request.

**Notice of a decision that an authority has made to address an emergency  
(direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (b))**

7. Commencing on the Effective Date and until the transition date, where the authority makes a decision that is not subject to paragraph 1 by reason that the decision is made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, health, or property, the authority must give notice to OPCA CEO within 3 business days after making the decision.
8. The notice mentioned in paragraph 7 must describe the decision that was made and explain how the decision that was made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, the health of any persons, or to property.

## General

9. In this Direction, a reference to the OPCA CEO means the Chief Conservation Executive of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, if a chief executive officer of OPCA has not yet been appointed.
10. In this Direction, a reference to an authority's approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year means the authority's final budget for the 2026 calendar year that was approved prior to the Effective Date. For greater certainty, if an authority has not yet approved its final budget for the 2026 calendar year prior to the Effective Date, the authority does not have an approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year for the purposes of this Direction.
11. The authority must ensure that any employee of the authority who is responsible for or involved in making a decision that is subject to this Direction is made aware of this Direction, and the authority must require these employees to take all steps necessary to ensure the authority complies with this Direction.
12. This Direction applies to the conservation authorities listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction.
13. For greater certainty, this Direction also applies to the conservation authorities listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction when such conservation authorities are meeting as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.
14. This Direction is effective from May 1, 2026 (the "**Effective Date**") to the transition date, within the meaning of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations).
15. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.



Todd McCarthy  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
May 1, 2026

## Appendix A

### LIST OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THE DIRECTION APPLIES

<b>Ausable Bayfield CA</b>	<b>Lower Trent Region CA</b>
<b>Cataraqui Region CA</b>	<b>Maitland Valley CA</b>
<b>Catfish Creek CA</b>	<b>Mattagami Region CA</b>
<b>Central Lake Ontario CA</b>	<b>Mississippi Valley CA</b>
<b>Credit Valley CA</b>	<b>Niagara Peninsula CA</b>
<b>Crowe Valley CA</b>	<b>Nickel District CA</b>
<b>Essex Region CA</b>	<b>North Bay-Mattawa CA</b>
<b>Ganaraska Region CA</b>	<b>Nottawasaga Valley CA</b>
<b>Grand River CA</b>	<b>Otonabee Region CA</b>
<b>Grey Sauble CA</b>	<b>Quinte Region CA</b>
<b>Halton Region CA</b>	<b>Raisin Region CA</b>
<b>Hamilton Region CA</b>	<b>Rideau Valley CA</b>
<b>Kawartha Region CA</b>	<b>Saugeen Valley CA</b>
<b>Kettle Creek CA</b>	<b>Sault Ste. Marie Region CA</b>
<b>Lake Simcoe Region CA</b>	<b>South Nation River CA</b>
<b>Lakehead Region CA</b>	<b>St. Clair Region CA</b>
<b>Long Point Region CA</b>	<b>Toronto and Region CA</b>
<b>Lower Thames Valley CA</b>	<b>Upper Thames River CA</b>

## Appendix B

### GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR THE MINISTER'S DIRECTION ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1.14 OF THE CAA

The following sets out additional information and guidance for authorities in relation to the Minister's Direction issued May 1, 2026 under s. 1.14 of the CAA.

The ministry strongly encourages conservation authorities to contact the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) at [CCEO@ontario.ca](mailto:CCEO@ontario.ca) if an authority is uncertain about the scope, application or requirements of this direction. OPCA can help clarify whether a proposed decision is subject to this Direction and how the authority can ensure it complies with this Direction.

As paragraph 11 of the Direction provides, if any decisions covered by the Direction are made by employees of the authority, the authority has the obligation to ensure that their employees are aware of this Direction and that the authority seeks prior authorization in accordance with the Direction before the decision is made.

The CAA provides that, if an authority makes a decision in contravention of a direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a), the authority's decision has no effect and any agreement that the authority enters into that is in contravention of the direction is void.

#### **Request and OPCA CEO Decision Process**

##### Making a Request

After a conservation authority determines that a proposed decision requires authorization from the OPCA CEO, the authority may make a request for authorization via email to [CCEO@ontario.ca](mailto:CCEO@ontario.ca) containing the following required information:

- A description of the decision that the authority is seeking authorization to make, including details of the proposed decision and why the proposed decision is a decision that is subject to paragraph 1 of the Direction.
- A resolution of the authority supporting the proposed decision.
- An explanation for why authorization should be granted, including any risks associated with deferring the proposed decision until after the transition date.
- Any information about relevant dates for the proposed decision, including any considerations around urgency or the time-sensitive nature of the proposed decision.

Any notices of decisions required to be given to OPCA CEO under paragraph 7 of the Direction should also be sent via email to [CCEO@ontario.ca](mailto:CCEO@ontario.ca).

##### Confirmation of Receipt

Once the OPCA (or Office of the Chief Conservation Executive (OCCE) if the OPCA CEO has not yet been appointed), receives a request from the authority that includes the required information, the authority will be notified by OPCA that the request has been received and the timeline for a decision. The OPCA will also inform the Ministry's Conservation Authorities Section (CAS) (via [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca)) that a request for written authorization has been received. In addition, if the authority provides notice under paragraph 7 of the Direction of a decision made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, health, or property, the OPCA will inform the CAS.

If, upon review by the OPCA CEO, it is determined that a decision is not subject to the requirement for prior written authorization, the authority will be notified as soon as possible that the decision is not subject to this Direction.

### Consideration of Request

The OPCA CEO will endeavour to make a decision on the request in a timely manner and not more than 30 calendar days from the day of receiving the request that is accompanied with the required information. Where the complexity of the request or the need for additional information necessitates, written notice will be provided to the authority by the OPCA of any additional time needed to issue a decision.

The OPCA CEO may consult on an authority's request with the relevant transition committee and project executive that has been appointed by OPCA for that authority. . The OPCA CEO may also require the authority to provide additional information if needed to support their consideration of the request.

### Decision

The OPCA CEO may make the following types of decisions on a request for written authorization:

- Grant authorization to the authority to proceed with making the decision that was the subject of the request, in whole or in part (i.e., authorize the authority to proceed in a more limited manner than what was requested).
- Deny authorization, including in circumstances where, in the opinion of the OPCA CEO, the decision would not be in the best interest of the future regional conservation authority, or it would be more appropriate to defer the decision to the future regional conservation authority.

The decision of the OPCA CEO on the request will be given in writing to the authority and will include a rationale for the decision if the decision is to deny authorization or only grant authorization in part. The Ministry's CAS will also be notified of the OPCA CEO's decision.

Where an authority's proposed decision is authorized by the OPCA CEO, or where the proposed decision has been authorized but only in part, this in no way compels the authority to proceed with the decision. In all cases, the authority retains the sole power to determine whether to proceed with any decision that has been authorized by the OPCA CEO.

### Reconsideration

There is no process for reconsideration of an OPCA CEO decision on a request for authorization under the Direction.

An authority whose request for authorization is denied or granted only in part may request authorization again in accordance with the Direction at a later date if the circumstances have changed and the authority believes that these changes in circumstances would support the granting of authorization.



Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution: 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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That the report for permits issued under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* during the month of April 2026 is received.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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Chair



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# CONSERVATION SUDBURY

## Permits Issued under Section 28 Regulations April 2026

NAME OF APPLICANT	PROJECT LOCATION	FILE NO.	PERMIT NO.
Jody Rybachuk	0 Barry Downe Rd, Greater Sudbury	65498	2026-10
NATURE OF PROJECT			
Remove/replace pedestrian bridge			
REGULATED FEATURE	DATE PERMIT ISSUED	WARD	PROJECT SIZE/FEE
Junction Creek	April 8, 2026	8	Standard/\$450
MEET CONSERVATION ONTARIO TARGET TIMELINES?			
Yes			

NAME OF APPLICANT	PROJECT LOCATION	FILE NO.	PERMIT NO.
Vale	Creighton Mine, Lively (rail line)	65366	2026-11
NATURE OF PROJECT			
Culvert replacement			
REGULATED FEATURE	DATE PERMIT ISSUED	WARD	PROJECT SIZE/FEE
Watercourse and wetland	April 13, 2026	2	Large/\$800
MEET CONSERVATION ONTARIO TARGET TIMELINES?			
Yes			

NAME OF APPLICANT	PROJECT LOCATION	FILE NO.	PERMIT NO.
Andre and Amanda Lepage	53 Normand Ave, Dowling	24267	2026-12
NATURE OF PROJECT			
Attached addition on existing dwelling for 2 new bedrooms			
REGULATED FEATURE	DATE PERMIT ISSUED	WARD	PROJECT SIZE/FEE
Floodplain – Onaping River	April 28, 2026	3	Standard/\$450
MEET CONSERVATION ONTARIO TARGET TIMELINES?			
Yes			



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Resolution: 2026-\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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That we go in-camera at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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That we do now adjourn.

Resolution Carried  
May 14, 2026

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