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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY TRANSITION PLAN

Introduction

The passage of Regulation 687/21 “Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act” requires the development and implementation of Transition Plans by each Conservation Authority. The Transition Plans are to outline the process and timelines for the development of cost apportioning agreements with municipalities within their jurisdiction for non-mandated programs and services.

This Transition Plan is valid for the following municipalities in the jurisdiction of the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority: the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Township of Prince. For the purposes of the *Clean Water Act* a portion of the unorganized townships of Dennis, Pennefather, Aweres, Jarvis and Duncan are included.

Regulated Timelines

Phase I

Transition Plan

This Transition Plan is required to be completed by **December 31, 2021** and distributed to member municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Prior to this distribution, the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority (SSMRCA) Board of Directors will receive and approve the plan. The Transition Plan will be posted on the SSMRCA website before December 31, 2021.

Inventory of Programs and Services

An inventory of program and services is to be prepared and circulated to municipalities within their watershed jurisdiction by **February 28, 2022**.

The inventory of programs and services will be classified as either Category 1 Mandatory, Category 2 Non-Mandatory or Category 3 Other. These categories are identified in Section 21 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The inventory will include an estimate of the annual cost of the service, sources of funding and the percentage attributed to each funding source.

In addition, a record of the municipal distribution of the inventory is to be forwarded to the MECP. Any changes to the inventory after February 28, 2022 will be documented and forwarded to MECP.

Phase II

Municipal Agreements

All municipal agreements for non-mandated services are to be in place by **January 1, 2024**.

SSMRCA will negotiate with their municipal partners to develop agreements for non-mandated but important watershed wide programs and services. The negotiations will be undertaken upon the circulation of the inventory in February 2022.

SSMRCA is required to deliver quarterly progress report to MECP as outlined below:

Timeline Summary Chart

DELIVERABLE	DUE DATE	TIMELINE
Develop Transition Plan	December 31, 2021	October 13, 2021 to November 29, 2021
Obtain Board approval of the Transition Plan	November 30, 2021	
Post Transition Plan to website	On or prior to December 31, 2021	
Circulate Transition Plan to member municipalities and MECP	On or prior to December 31, 2021	
Develop Programs and Services Inventory with Board approval		By February 16, 2022
Circulate Inventory to member municipalities and MECP	February 28, 2022	
Negotiations of cost apportioning agreement with member municipalities		November 22, 2021 to September 30, 2023
Execute municipal agreements	January 1, 2024	September 2023
Quarterly Reporting to MECP	July 1, 2022	
	October 1, 2022	
	January 1, 2023	
	April 1, 2023	
	July 1, 2023	
	October 1, 2023	
Request for extension of transition date (if required)	On or prior to October 1, 2023	
Final Report	January 30, 2024	

Notes: The due dates are based on the current regulations. Timelines may be influenced by the issuance of new related regulations.