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To: Municipal Head of Council and Members
Chief Administrative Officer
Member Municipalities of Otonabee Conservation

From: Andy Mitchell
Chair
Otonabee Conservation

Date: March 29, 2018

Subject: **2017 Year in Review: Report to the Watershed Community**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Otonabee Conservation, I am pleased to present our "2017 Year in Review: Report to the Watershed Community".

The past year was a very active year in all of our program and service areas. We exceeded records in the number of permits we issued and the land use planning files we reviewed, in the numbers of visitors we hosted at our conservation areas and campgrounds and in the number of participants in our education programs.

The passing of significant amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, the approval of amendments to the Growth Plan and new provincial direction on the conservation of wetlands and the protection of natural heritage systems signaled the Province's commitment to building better communities and conserving watersheds. Otonabee Conservation is well positioned to advance the modernization of the Conservation Authorities Act and enhance existing programs and services to address growing environmental pressures such as climate change.

Our accomplishments for 2017 would not have been possible if it weren't for the support of our member municipalities, our partners, our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Should you require more detailed information on any of our projects, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Marinigh, Chief Administrative Officer, at 705-745-5791 ext. 222 or at dmarinigh@otonabeeconservation.com

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