Stephen McAuley

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To: Stephen McAuley **Subject:** Category 3 information

Attachments: SCRCA LS Draft Agreement.docx

Good Morning Stephen,

Below is some background information that we have supplied to some municipalities for staff reports on the Category 3 MOUS:

In reviewing potential apportionment models for Category 3 Programs, the SCRCA looked at the total cost three program areas and what a reasonable municipal contribution would be. These three program areas were selected as they have been the most impacted by cuts/restrictions to grants and donations traditionally used to support those programs. The 5-year average budget for the 3 areas are:

School and Community Programs \$180,000
Private Land Stewardship \$185,750
Conservation Services \$346,477

The SCRCA requesting that Lambton Shores consider providing the following for each program areas for a 5-year term:

School and Community Programs \$4,500 (49% of Lambton Shores apportioned cost of \$9,157)

Private Land Stewardship \$500 (5.1% of Lambton Shores apportioned cost of \$9,449)

Conservation Services \$4,288 (24% of Lambton Shores apportioned cost of \$17,625)

Each year, approximately 937 students from Lambton Shores catchment areas schools attend SCRCA education programs. Private Land stewardship has completed 5 cover crop programs in Lambton Shores since 2018. Conservation Services have undertaken 12 projects and planted 24,740 trees in the municipality since 2018. The SCRCA is requesting that the Municipality of Lambton Shores consider contributing a total of \$9,288 for Category 3 Programs and Services in addition to the general levy of \$81,969. It must be stressed that Category 3 funding is at the discretion of Lambton Shores.

I have attached a draft agreement. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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