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Dear Ms. Blair,

February 20, 2020

As a member of the Authority, please find below highlights from the recent Annual General Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority for distribution to Council. Complete minutes for the meeting will be circulated following their approval by the Board in March.

### **Elections**

City of Ottawa member Janet Mason was acclaimed as Board Chair. This is her second term as Chair and fifth year sitting on the Board of Directors. City of Ottawa member Glen Gower was duly elected as Vice Chair. This will be his first term in this role and second year on the Board.

### **Budget**

The Board of Directors approved the 2020 budget based on a municipal levy increase of 3.5% for a total of \$5,041,047 including a capital program valued at over \$1.26 million.

### **Annual Report**

General Manager Sally McIntyre presented the 2019 annual report.

#### Highlights:

- Experienced record flooding across the watershed
- Issued double the annual average number of permits (292)
- Hosted nearly 40,000 visitors to our conservation areas
- Delivered curriculum-based outdoor education programs to nearly 7000 students
- Published three backgrounders for the Mississippi River Watershed Plan
- Planted 815 trees and shrubs across the watershed

### **Watershed Conditions & Outlook**

Water Resources Technologist Jennifer North provided an update on conditions across the watershed: January rains elevated water levels in the upper watershed and put Crotch Lake at the top of its winter settings. With water overtopping the weir, draw down of Crotch Lake had to be delayed. The lake is now being aggressively lowered to achieve the pre-freshet target by mid-March. As excess water is released, flows downstream of Crotch Lake will remain high for the balance of the winter. Based on current forecasts, no flooding is expected although Dalhousie Lake may increase 10-20 cm.