

February 11, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council of Town of the Blue Mountains

The year 2025 represents a transformational period for the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) as a new CAO will soon lead the organization. As the newly elected Chair, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and express NVCA's commitment to working collaboratively with you and your municipality.

Our Board is committed to leading the organization to foster a culture of continuous improvement, particularly when it comes to customer service and our planning and permitting processes. As a Councillor, I know how important it is for residents, farmers, businesses and developers to receive timely responses to their enquiries, with clear and consistent application standards. Our goal is to ensure our processes are efficient, fair and aligned with your municipality's needs. As one of the fastest-growing watersheds in Ontario, NVCA understands that our municipalities are under enormous pressure to develop their communities in a responsible manner.

So, it is imperative that NVCA is available and accountable to our municipal partners. Accordingly, NVCA's Interim CAO and I are happy to meet to hear your ideas and priorities for how NVCA can better support your community. This includes identifying opportunities for collaboration on key initiatives, addressing shared challenges, and advancing new projects that benefit both the natural environment and our local economies.

NVCA's mission is to protect and preserve the rivers, streams, forests and wetlands deeply connected to the economic and social well-being of the communities we serve. Whether by safeguarding agricultural land, mitigating flooding or maintaining the natural beauty that attracts residents and visitors, our work has an impact across the entire watershed.

Please email Sheryl Flannagan, NVCA's Interim CAO at sflannagan@nvca.on.ca if you would like to meet. We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to your community. I am optimistic about the work we can accomplish together to strengthen the watershed for future generations.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Scott Chair, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Councillor, Bradford-West Gwillimbury