

Improving Ontario's Conservation Authority System

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



Proposed Tiered Allocation Formula

The ministry is proposing to make a regulation under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) to set out the method for determining the number of members each participating municipality appoints to a regional CA by way of a **Tiered Allocation Formula** as follows:

- **Tier 4**: Where a participating municipality's population represents more than 30 percent of the total population within the regional CA, they appoint four members.
- **Tier 3**: Where a participating municipality's population represents 15 percent or more but less than 30 percent of the total population within the regional CA, they appoint three members;
- **Tier 2**: Where a participating municipality's population represents 5 percent or more but less than 15 percent of the total population within the regional CA, they appoint two members.
- **Tier 1**: Where a municipality's population represents less than 5 percent of the total population within the regional CA, they appoint one member.

Tier	Percent of Regional CA Population	Number of Members
4	**≥ 30%**	4
3	**≥ 15% to < 30%**	3
2	**≥ 5% to < 15%**	2
1	**< 5%***	1

The process for applying this formula is described on the next page.

Applying Proposed Tiered Allocation Formula

- A municipality's representation on a regional conservation authority is based on its share of the regional conservation authority's total population. That share determines which population tier the municipality falls into and, in turn, how many members it appoints.
- To determine a municipality's share:
  - If the municipality is entirely within the regional conservation authority area, its full population is used.
  - If only part of the municipality is within the regional conservation authority area, its population is adjusted based on the percentage of the municipality's geographic area that falls within the conservation authority area.
    - For example, if 50% of a municipality's geographic area is within the regional conservation authority area, then 50% of its total population is used in the calculation.
  - The populations of all participating municipalities are added together to determine the total population of the regional conservation authority, and the municipality’s share of that total population is calculated as a percentage.

Municipal Agreements

- Under the CAA, all participating municipalities of a regional CA may enter into an agreement setting out an alternative method for determining the number of members each municipality appoints to the regional CA.

- An agreement does not need to provide every participating municipality with a minimum of one member but must be in accordance with other prescribed maximums:

    - It is proposed that no municipality may appoint more than 5 members.

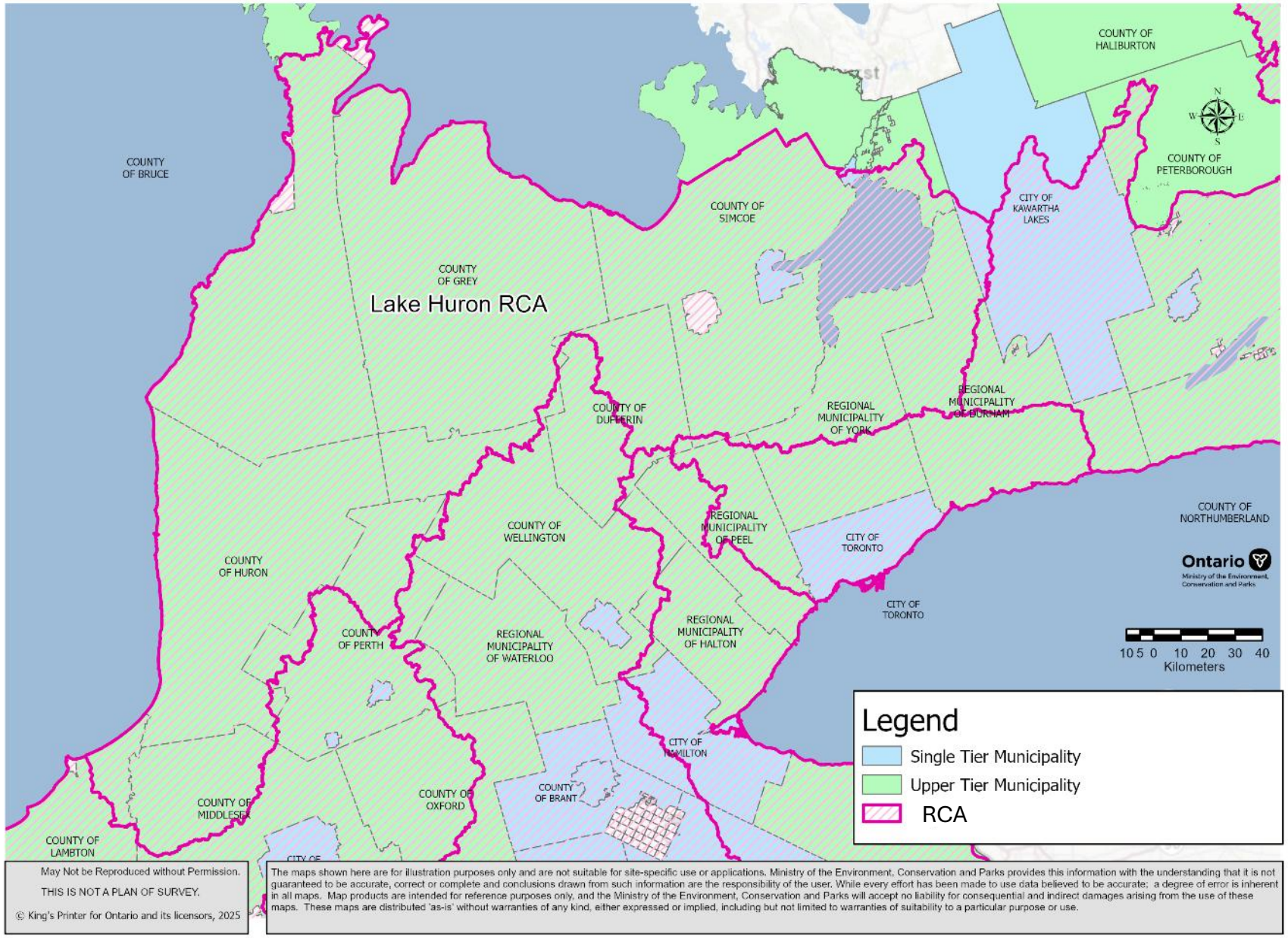
    - It is proposed that total regional CA membership cannot exceed the number of members that would be allocated under the proposed Tiered Allocation Formula.

Important note:

- Municipalities would be required to use the proposed Tiered Allocation Formula for the first appointments to regional conservation authorities.

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5 – Lake Huron Regional CA – Participating Municipalities



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Number of members allocated under proposed Tiered Allocation Formula

Municipality	Total Population	% of Municipality within RCA	Population within RCA (% of total RCA population)	Number of Members:
York Region	1,173 103	52.96%	621,275 (40.1%)	4
Simcoe County	350,222	70.39%	246,521 (15.9%)	3
Durham Region	696,942	31.02%	216 191 (13.9%)	2
Barrie	147,829	100%	147,829 (9.5%)	2
Grey County	100,905	98.69%	99,583 (6.4%)	2
Huron County	58,459	99.12%	57,945 (3.7%)	1
Bruce County	72,071	80.17%	57,736 (3.7%)	1
Dufferin County	66,257	47.95%	31,770 (2.0%)	1
Middlesex County	78,110	32.54%	25,417 (1.6%)	1
Wellington County	97,286	20.45%	19,895 (1.3%)	1
Perth County	40,947	34.31%	14,049 (0.9%)	1
Lambton County	126,273	7.91%	9,988 (0.6%)	1
Kawartha Lakes	79,247	3.47%	2,750 (0.2%)	1
Total Number of Members Appointed				**21**

--- The dashed lines denote tier differentiation per the proposed Tiered Allocation Formula (see slide 3)