



Chemong Lake Shoreline



## Conservation in Action: Township of Selwyn

The vibrancy and resilience of our local communities rely on the environmental health of the Otonabee Region watershed. The lakes, rivers, streams, forests, wetlands, floodplains, natural shorelines and groundwater sources support healthy communities, economic growth and development, and reduce the impact of floods, drought and erosion. Ensuring that our natural environment remains healthy also helps us adapt to climate change.

Otonabee Conservation works closely with municipalities, residents and community partners to deliver programs and services that protect, restore and enhance the Otonabee Region watershed.

### Serving Your Municipality

Otonabee Conservation works with your Council and staff to support informed decision making, cost efficiencies, and new initiatives.

The Township of Selwyn representatives on the Authority Board are Mayor Andy Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis. The Board of Directors meets on a monthly basis and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Regular communication with your township includes delegations to Council, information bulletins, annual and special reports as well as information available on the website and social media. [www.otonabeeconservation.com](http://www.otonabeeconservation.com)

### Dollars and Cents

The Authority's 2019 budget is \$3,892,478. Municipal levies total \$1.5 million dollars of Otonabee Conservation's total revenue. This means that the balance comes from sources such as government grants, fees and sales and other income.

In 2019, the amount of levy assessed to the Township of Selwyn is \$220,613.

Otonabee Conservation is able to maximize programs and services through partnerships, leases, service agreements and community collaborations.

**A HEALTHY natural environment where communities THRIVE**

## **Serving You and Your Neighbors**

Otonabee Conservation provides support and technical advice to area residents about appropriate development, environmental protection, stewardship and recreational opportunities. Educational programs for youth are also offered inspiring the next generation of conservation-minded individuals.

### **Development Regulations and Permitting:**

Otonabee Conservation regulates development on hazardous lands (floodplains, steep slopes, unstable soils) and in environmentally sensitive areas (wetlands, shorelines) under Ontario Regulation 167/06 – Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation. Otonabee Conservation answered 192 general inquiries and issued 112 Permits in 2018.

**Plan Review Services:** Otonabee Conservation provides technical review of development proposals and applications as well as the review of municipal planning documents within or adjacent to natural hazard and natural heritage lands in your municipality. In 2018, Otonabee Conservation completed 95 application reviews. In 2017 and 2018, Otonabee Conservation secured federal funding to update floodplain mapping for watercourses within Lakefield as well as provide detailed mapping along Pigeon, Chemong, Buckhorn, Lovesick, Clear and Katchewanooka Lakes.

### **Flood warning and low water response:**

Otonabee Conservation monitors watershed conditions and advises your municipal emergency management coordinator of potential high water and flood events as well as low water/drought conditions. There were 21 flood messages and 5 low water messages issued in 2018.

**Stewardship Programs:** Otonabee Conservation works with landowners to restore and improve the health of the watershed by providing advice and support for tree planting and naturalization projects. Rehabilitation of a former gravel pit in Ennismore Ward continued in 2018 with the planting of 10,000 trees with the help of local youth and funding from several partners.

**Educational Programs:** Otonabee Conservation provides educational programs for children and families, exploring the diversity of the natural environment and conservation activities. Among our popular programs is the Spring Water Awareness Program, Discovery Days, Yellow Fish Road and Be a Watershed Steward.

**Drinking Water Source Protection:** The municipal drinking water system in Lakefield supplies water to 3,100 people. Under the *Clean Water Act*, the Trent Source Protection Plan contains policies intended to protect the municipal surface water source from threats that may impact water quality and quantity.

**Conservation Lands:** Across the watershed, Otonabee Conservation manages over 4,000 hectares (10,000 acres) of land for conservation and recreation purposes; 152 ha (378 acres) of conservation land are located in in the Township of Selwyn, including the Selwyn Beach Conservation Area, Miller Creek Wildlife Area and Gannon's Narrows Conservation Area.



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