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The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

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Scope and Content:

Series G 15/1/1-2: Published reports, 6 cm, 1970-1978 (original).

- 1) Report on a Water Use Study, December 1970, by James F. MacLaren Ltd.
- 2) Neebing and McIntyre Rivers Flood Control Measures & Environmental Analysis, by Proctor, Refern Ltd. 1978

Organizational Sketch:

Conservation Authorities, created in 1946 by an Act of the Provincial Legislature, are mandated to ensure the conservation, restoration and responsible management of Ontario's water, land and natural habitats through programs that balance human, environmental and economic needs.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority was formed in 1963 by an expansion of the Neebing Valley Conservation Authority, which was constituted in 1954. Its boundaries correspond to those of its eight participating municipalities; encompasses an area of 2600 sq. km and extends along 200 km of Lake Superior shoreline. Funding comes from several sources: the Province of Ontario; member municipalities; fund-raising and; user fees. In addition, community groups and other agencies, including the federal government, provide funding for special projects. Policy and budget decisions are made by a Board comprised of eleven members appointed by our municipal partners.

Its founding principles are in line with three fundamental principles as outlined in the Act creating Conservation Authorities: municipal and provincial partnership; local initiative and involvement; and management of renewable natural resources on a watershed basis.

Its objectives are to ensure that Ontario's rivers, lakes and streams are properly safeguarded, managed and restored; to protect, manage and restore Ontario's woodlands, wetlands and natural habitats; to develop and maintain programs that will protect life and property from natural hazards, such as flooding and erosion; and to provide opportunities for the public to learn from, to enjoy and respect Ontario's natural environment

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority offers an integrated approach to resource management that leads to a wide range of programs and projects, which are aimed at keeping watersheds healthy. They aim to improve quality of life by actively providing open space and protecting life and property from flooding and erosion, as well as restoring and conserving aquatic and natural habitats. In addition to serving watershed residents, the Authority also provide advice and counsel to all levels of government on the responsible management of water.

Additional Information:

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