

# 2020 Year in Review

## **COVID 19 Response and Budget Snapshot**

**12** Policies created to address evolving health and safety requirements

100 Employees deployed remotely in 48 hours in March

7 Virtual recruitments, 2 executive-level positions



#### **Budget Revenues**

38% Revenue generated by Authority

32% Special capital levy & Municipal partners

19% General Levy

7% Provincial & federal transfer payments & grants

3% Board approved reserve draws

% Other revenue

#### **Budget Expenditures**

25% Governance & corporate services

24% Ecological management

20% Water risk management

18% Planning & development services

7% Watershed studies & strategies

4% Greenspace services

3% Education & engagement

## **Keeping on Track**

**67%** Increase in enforcement complaints received

**6%** Increase in regulations applications received

**2,577** Regulations general inquiries received

**848** Permits issued



Roughin' it for a Reason - Fundraiser for the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

35 Campers participated \$40,876 Raised



# **Guiding Development Decisions**

544 Planning Applications received

30 Additional Technical Reviews completed

326 Pre-Consultation Applications received

18 Environmental Compliance Approvals reviewed

27% Increase in technical groundwater reviews completed 26% Increase in reviews completed

by Natural Heritage Ecologists

39% Increase in engineering reviews



# **Nature Heals**

**269,000** Visitors to **10** of our most popular properties

**42%** Increase in visitors to the same properties



60 Participants in 2, 4-week online professional development courses for educators

1,000 Followers for new "Outdoor Learning" Facebook group in 3 months 2,900 Students in-person and





# **Keeping People Safe**

**100%** of the Lake Simcoe shoreline was updated with Emergency Management System (EMS) inundation mapping to support emergency response 100% of the distance along the East and

West Holland Rivers was updated as well **12** Watershed flood messages issued

#### **Maintaining Green** Infrastructure Trained operators to inspect, assess and

850 students virtually

maintain Low Impact Development features and stormwater ponds

Developed a new working group with 5 municipalities

**40** attendees at stormwater pond inspection and maintenance training workshop

#### 82 Stations using 25+ parameters, providing

Science Speaks



real-time water monitoring data 135 Contaminants researched, for the 2020

Contaminants Report, using 4139 data points

## 1st time LSRCA-owned spatial data available

**Mapping it Out** 

through open-data portal 80+ GIS datasets, including natural heritage

features

#### **125** Landowner site visits

**Helping Heal Nature** 

56 Projects completed

**\$4.6** Million total cost 577 kilograms of phosphorus reduction

505 Hectares of cover crops installed and 2

kilometres of buffer planted

#### **3** Wetlands, **3** habitat mounds, and a grassland created to restore 2 hectares into

**Luck Conservation Area** 

wildlife friendly habitat **420** Trees and shrubs planted with 19

native species Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve

#### 14,075 Trees + shrubs planted across 6 acres using 24 native species

**5** Hectares of wetland restored through **550** live stakes, native seed mix, basking logs,

brush piles and standing snags



### **Community Engagement**

34% Increase in Facebook following; 31% increase in Instagram followers

10K Citizens reached through 64 email campaigns, 7000 through direct mail 128% More news releases, generating 62% earned media coverage

86% More visitors to our website; 56% increase in webpage views