# 2027 QUINTE CONSERVATION BUDGET (Preliminary)

CATEGORY 1 - MANDATORY + ENABLING SERVICES

| | | EXPENDITURES | DESCRIPTION | 2026 BUDGET | 2027 BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **NATURAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT** | *-Section 28 Permit Administration; Enforcement and Compliance; watershed planning and operations; dam operations; flood forecasting; flood control infrastructure operation and maintenance; low water response team; WECI Major Maintenance;* | | |
| **1.a** | 1.a.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $1,730,237.36 | $1,770,411.81 |
| | 1.a.2 | Operating | *-includes FFW costs/S39/insurance/health and safety/security checks* | $325,288.25 | $330,626.75 |
| | 1.a.3 | Capital | *-Specific to the approved Water Control Infrasturcture Capital Asset Management Plan* | $608,457.87 | $743,670.00 |
| | 1.a.4 | Other Projects | *Soda Hub, Ackerman, FHIMP* | $56,695.53 | $51,695.20 |
| **1.b** | | **PROVINCIAL WATER QUALITY-QUANTITY MONITORING; INTEGRATED WATER AND CLIMATE MONITORING** | *-Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN); Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN); Climate monitoring at 5 locations* | | |
| | 1.b.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $268,464.68 | $274,603.46 |
| | 1.b.2 | Operating | | $8,240.00 | $8,500.00 |
| **1.c** | | **DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION** | *-Source Protection Area/Region, technical support, Source Protection Committee support, Source Protection Authority reports and meetings. Activities required by the Clean Water Act and regulations.* | | |
| | 1.c.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $300,103.17 | $300,103.17 |
| | 1.c.2 | Operating | *-SWP committee,mileage, overhead, meetings* | $114,729.45 | $114,729.45 |
| **1.d** | | **CONSERVATION AUTHORITY LANDS AND AREAS** | *-Section 29 Enforcement and Compliance; Conservation Area and Forest Management; Maintenance and capital improvements; Inventoring CA owned lands; land acquistions and dispositions, lands policy, etc.* | | |
| | 1.d.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $151,390.74 | $164,361.05 |
| | 1.d.2 | Operating | | $604,292.00 | $604,050.00 |
| **1.e** | | **ENABLING SERVICES** | *-Corporate Services / Financial Services / Legal Expenses / Governance / Corp Communications and Outreach / Administration Building Maintenance / IT-GIS Corporate* | | |
| | 1.e.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $314,282.04 | $322,452.82 |
| | 1.e.2 | Operating | | $473,468.88 | $482,751.00 |
| | 1.e.3 | Capital | *-QC Capital Asset Plan for IT, IMS, faciltiies, CA's, vehicles, equipment, infrastructure, FF&W, FP Mapping* | $352,774.00 | $352,774.00 |
| | 1.e.4 | Reserve Build | | $25,000.00 | $25,000.00 |
| | | | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES CATEGORY 1 =** | **$5,333,423.97** | **$5,545,728.72** |

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| **1.f** | **Provincial Funds** | *-includes FFW funds S.39 from Government of Ontario* | $166,117.00 | $166,117.00 |
| **1.g** | **Federal Funds** | *-student grants* | $55,000.00 | $60,000.00 |
| **1.h** | **Municipalities - General Levies** | *-benefits all municipalities - use MCVA method* | $2,209,904.14 | $2,286,997.10 |
| **1.i** | **Municipalities - Water Control Infrastructure Capital Levies** | *-benefitting municipalities - use MCVA method (Water Control Infrastructure 10 year plan 2022 -2032 (review every 5 years)* | $608,457.88 | $743,670.00 |
| **1.j** | **Provincial Capital Funds** | *-WECI Funds* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | **Other Projects** | *Soda Hub, Ackerman, FHIMP* | $56,695.53 | $51,695.20 |
| **1.k** | **Municipalities - Capital Levies** | *-QC Capital Asset Management Plan benefits all municipalities-use of MCVA* | $352,774.00 | $352,774.00 |
| **1.l** | **Legal inquiries and Permit Fees** | *-related to Regulations and Enforcement (forecasted revenue)* | $190,000.00 | $190,000.00 |
| **1.m** | **Plan Review Fees** | *-covered under Natural Hazards (forecasted revenue)* | $200,000.00 | $200,000.00 |
| **1.n** | **Conservation Land Fees and Leases Income** | *-Rentals, hunting program, parking fees* | $390,000.00 | $390,000.00 |
| **1.o** | **Source Water Protection (MECP)** | *-DWSP for wages, benefits and overhead* | $414,832.60 | $414,832.60 |
| **1.q** | **General** | *-Donations, miscellaneous income, admin fees, operation of vehicles, tech fees* | $629,642.82 | $629,642.82 |
| **1.r** | **Miscellaneous Revenue** | *-Interest on investments/accounts earned* | $60,000.00 | $60,000.00 |
| **1.t** | **Draw from Surplus or Reserves** | *-as required* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | | **TOTAL INCOME CATEGORY 1 =** | **$5,333,423.97** | **$5,545,728.72** |

## CATEGORY 2 - NON-MANDATORY

| | | EXPENDITURES | DESCRIPTION | 2026 BUDGET | 2027 BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2.a | | **INFRASTRUCTURE** | *-Non-QC Owned Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure Operation and Management (Skootamatta), Special Agreements for Ice Control dams and Stoco & Downey Weir Installation/Removal/Maintenance* | | |
| | 2.a.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $101,584.05 | $104,225.00 |
| | 2.a.2 | Operating | *-preventative maintenance* | $8,114.21 | $8,303.24 |
| 2.b | | **DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION** | *-Source Protection Risk Management Official; Source Protection Education and Outreach* | | |
| | 2.b.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $27,228.00 | $28,045.00 |
| | 2.b.2 | Operating | | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 2.c | | **CA LANDS AND AREAS** | *-Land acquisition of environmentall significant properties* | | |
| | 2.c.1 | Staffing | *-full time, students and contracts* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | 2.c.2 | Operating | | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | 2.c.3 | Capital | | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | | | **TOTAL EXPENDITURES CATEGORY 2 =** | **$136,926.26** | **$140,573.24** |

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| 2.d | **Provincial Funds** | *-includes other funded revenue within category 2 from provincial agreements (Skootamatta)* | $16,832.26 | $16,832.26 |
| 2.e | **Federal Funds** | | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 2.f | **Municipalities - Benefiting Levies** | *-benefits specific municipalities - preventative Dam Maintenance for City of Belleville Ice Control Dams, Tweed and Centre Hastings Weir Installations (Stoco and Moira Lakes)* | $92,866.00 | $95,695.98 |
| 2.g | **Rebates and Recoveries** | *-Inputs from revenue of other programs TO BALANCE EXPENSES* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 2.h | **Municipalities - Special Levies** | *-Direct apportionment to municipality that QC provides program/service on their behalf* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 2.1 | **Municipalities - SWP Agreements** | *-SWP RMO/RMI and E&O Services for Local Drinking Water Source Protection Services* | $27,228.00 | $28,045.00 |
| 2.j | **Other Revenue** | | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | | **TOTAL INCOME CATEGORY 2 =** | **$136,926.26** | **$140,573.24** |

## CATEGORY 3 - SPECIAL PROJECTS

| | | EXPENDITURES | DESCRIPTION | 2026 BUDGET | 2027 BUDGET |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.a | | **CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS** | *-Education not directed to mandated programs - watershed and natural environment* | | |
| | 3.a.1 | Staffing & Operation | *-full time, students and contracts, supplies, fuel, equip, etc.* | $118,227.84 | $125,114.35 |
| 3.b | | **LOCAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING** | *-Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program* | | |
| | 3.b.1 | Staffing & Operation | *-full time, students and contracts, supplies, fuel, equip, etc.* | $515,852.36 | $515,852.36 |
| 3.c | | **STEWARDSHIP, REFORESTATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** | *-Stewardship and Outreach that is not part of QC owned properties or mandate* | | |
| | 3.c.1 | Staffing & Operation | *-full time, students and contracts, supplies, fuel, equip, etc.* | $150,505.23 | $223,618.72 |
| 3.d | | **Foundation Distribution Board** | *-Establishing a foundation distribution board to enhance our organization's long-term sustainability, with the board of directors overseeing fundraising efforts, fostering partnerships, and ensuring that our conservation and community support initiatives align with our mission and values.* | | |
| | 3.d 1 | Staff & Operation | *-full time, board of directors, etc.* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| | 3.d.2 | Reserve Build | *-funds for 2026 staff & operation* | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 3.e | | **DEPOT LAKES CAMPGROUND** | *-Campground Operations* | | |
| | 3.e.1 | Operating | *-Superintendent, Students, Maintenance, Supplies, Fuel, Equip, etc.* | $95,600.00 | $97,331.00 |
| | | | **TOTAL CATEGORY 3 =** | **$880,185.43** | **$961,916.43** |

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| 3.f | **Special Agreement Funding** | *Local Water Quality Monitoring Program* | $536,398.86 | $536,398.86 |
| 3.g | **Conservation Education and Outdoor Programs Stewardship, Reforestation, Community Engagement** | *-User fees, grants or donations specific to category 3 - tree/shrub sales, shoreline kits, etc.* | $223,786.57 | $305,517.57 |
| 3.h | **Depot Lakes campground** | *campsite rentals (seasonal and interior) (forecasted revenue)* | $120,000.00 | $120,000.00 |
| | | **TOTAL INCOME CATEGORY 3 =** | **$880,185.43** | **$961,916.43** |

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| | **TOTAL QC OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET =** | $6,350,535.66 | $6,648,218.39 |
| *General Levies* | -Modified current value assessment (MCVA) method using MPAC data | $2,562,678.14 | $2,639,771.10 |
| *Benefit-based Levies* | -specific municipality benefits, except under Clean Water Act | $608,457.88 | $743,670.00 |
| *Agreement Levies* | -Special agreements, where one or some participating municipalities benefit | $92,866.00 | $95,695.98 |