



Wayne County  
Department of Environment  
Watershed Management Division  
**MEMORANDUM**

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To: Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (ECIC)  
Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (CDWIC)  
Lower Huron River Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (LHRWIC)

From: Kelly A. Cave, Director *KAC*

Re: Summary of Revisions to  
April 21, 2006 Draft Bylaws for Proposed "Alliance Of Downriver Watersheds"

Date: June 26, 2006

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At the most recent meetings of the Ecorse Creek Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee, Combined Downriver Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee, and Lower Huron River Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee, each committee approved the draft bylaws for the proposed Alliance of Downriver Watersheds, subject to some minor revisions. The revisions have been made and were approved by the Bylaws subcommittee. Therefore, **these documents are now ready to be submitted to the governing body of each member for review.**

The attached **final draft** of the bylaws for the proposed "Alliance Of Downriver Watersheds" reflect all previously proposed changes to the April 21, 2006 version. In addition, I have made the following changes to reflect new information or the timing of progress in establishing the ADW, or in response to requests from the Bylaws Subcommittee.

### **Preamble**

- I updated several sections to reflect actions which have occurred since the last version. For example, on 5<sup>th</sup> line on page 6 was updated to reflect that the three inter-municipality committees will remain in effect until approximately the 3rd quarter of 2006 given MDEQ's statements that the watershed plan reviews will likely not be completed for a few months.
- On page 7, the date by which the bylaws should be adopted was changed to August 30, in keeping with verbal discussion that communities would have about 60 days to get this done.

### **Body of Bylaws**

- **Article I: Purpose.** Per request of Patrick McCauley, the last line of this section was revised to read, "The Preamble (pages 1-7) is fully incorporated into these Bylaws by reference."
- **Article II.2: Standing Committees.**
  - The issue of an Executive Committee was not explicitly addressed by the groups at their last meetings. It was, however, shown as an option. Since no one asked that the option be included, it was removed from this version.

- **Article III: Assessment of Costs.**
  - Minimums and maximums for Wayne County deleted.
  - The new item 5 under Article III section A.1 to regarding fixing the budget allocation between the census years was deleted. This issue is already covered sufficiently by Article III.A.1
- **Article VI(B): Assessment of Costs.** In light of our current timing in establishing the ADW reference to providing a financial accounting by June 1, 2006 was revised to read December 1, 2006. Note that the date of this first financial accounting was intended to be several months after the target date for establishment of the ADW and before the date of the establishment of the budget for next year, in order to assist with determining the budget for the next year.
- **Other.**
  - It has been reported that the City of Belleville city council voted on 6 June to join the watershed efforts for the Lower Huron. However, there are several issues such as how to charge them for the watershed plan development costs which need to be addressed. I have the entire document set up around members of the existing IMCs. I am therefore proposing to treat them as a potential new member in the text and in Appendix B: Allocation of Costs to Members.
  - The word “proposed” in relation to the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds has been removed throughout.

#### **Appendix B: Cost Allocation.**

- Belleville added in “new member” category
- Adjusted total budget amount to match that shown in Appendix C (budget for first year)

#### **Appendix C: Proposed budget and scope of work for the First Year**

- No change to amount previously distributed; some minor wording changes