

PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK

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OVERVIEW

- Other Legislative Changes – Governance
- Why we partner
 - Conservation Authorities and Municipal Governments
- How we can go about it
 - Complexity, tools, negotiations
- Next Steps & What we need to know

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

- **Duty of Members** Section 14.1
 - “Every member of an authority shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to furthering the objects of the authority”
 - This is normal, mirrors language in other legislation and case law
 - Wear the hat of the board you sit at, even though you wear other hats

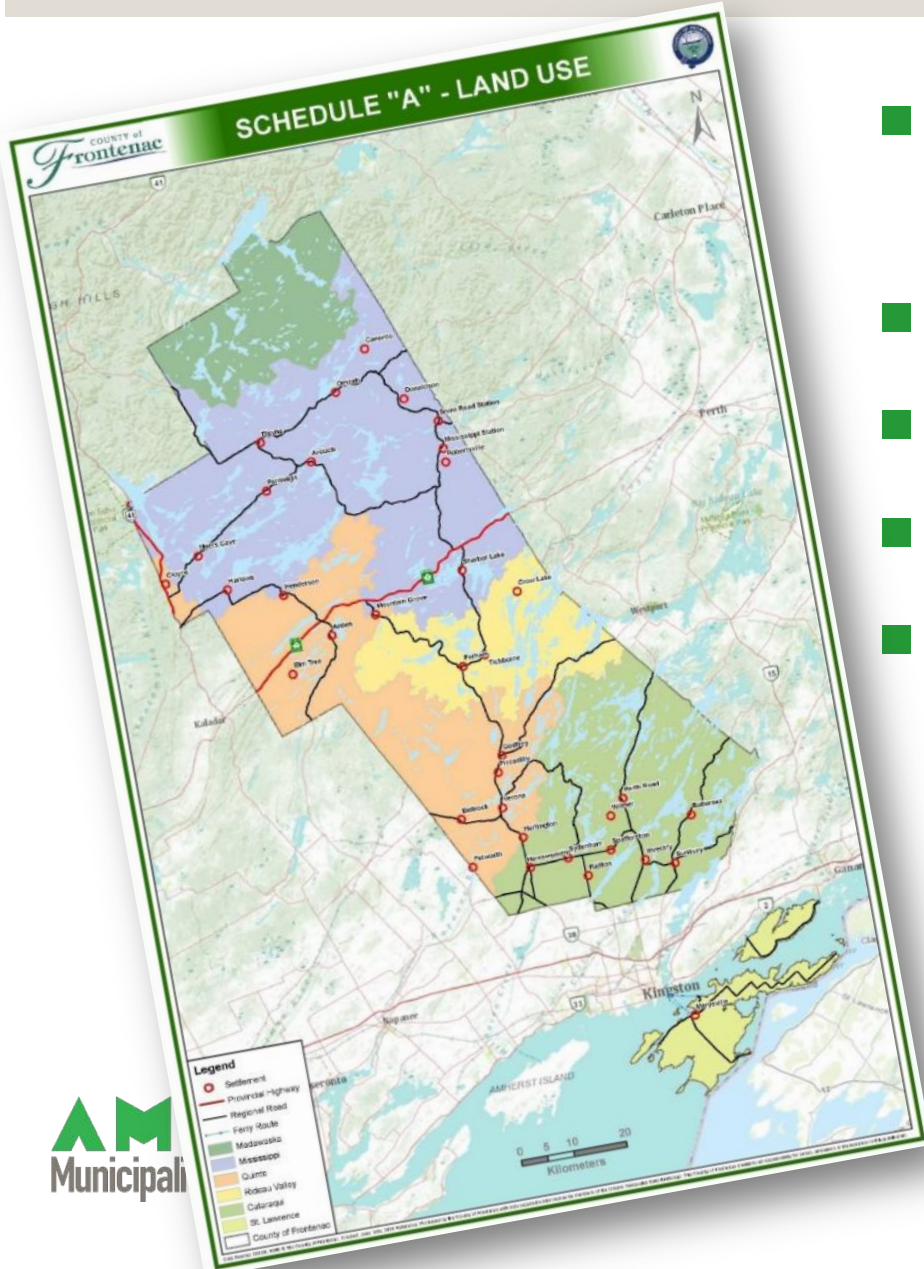
LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

■ Investigative powers... of minister

Section 23.1


- Minister may appoint and may require CA to pay all or part of costs of an investigation
- Parallels powers over other types of public boards

SHARED INTERESTS



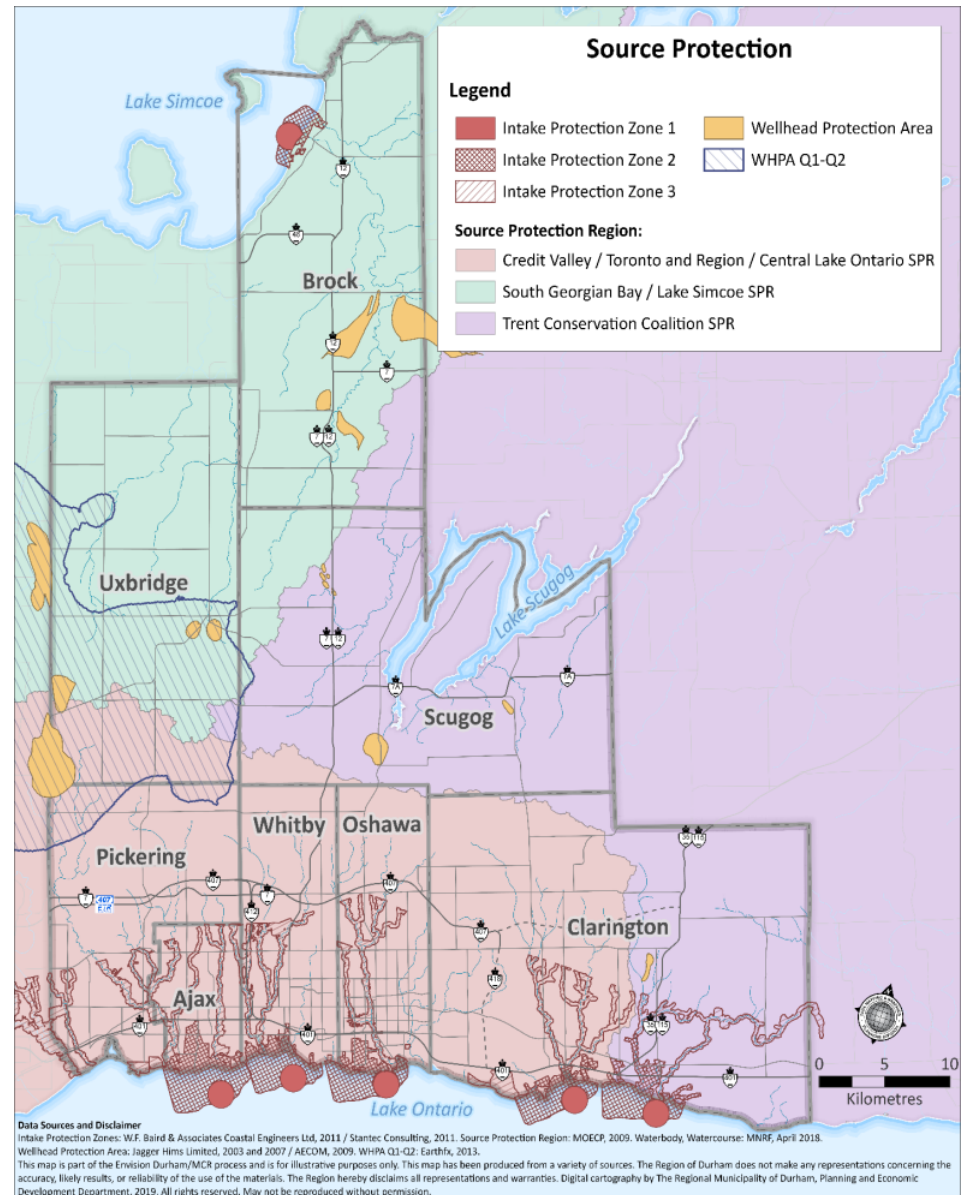
- Protection of people and properties
- Keeping water clean
- Recreation & well being
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- Legal responsibilities

WHY WE PARTNER?

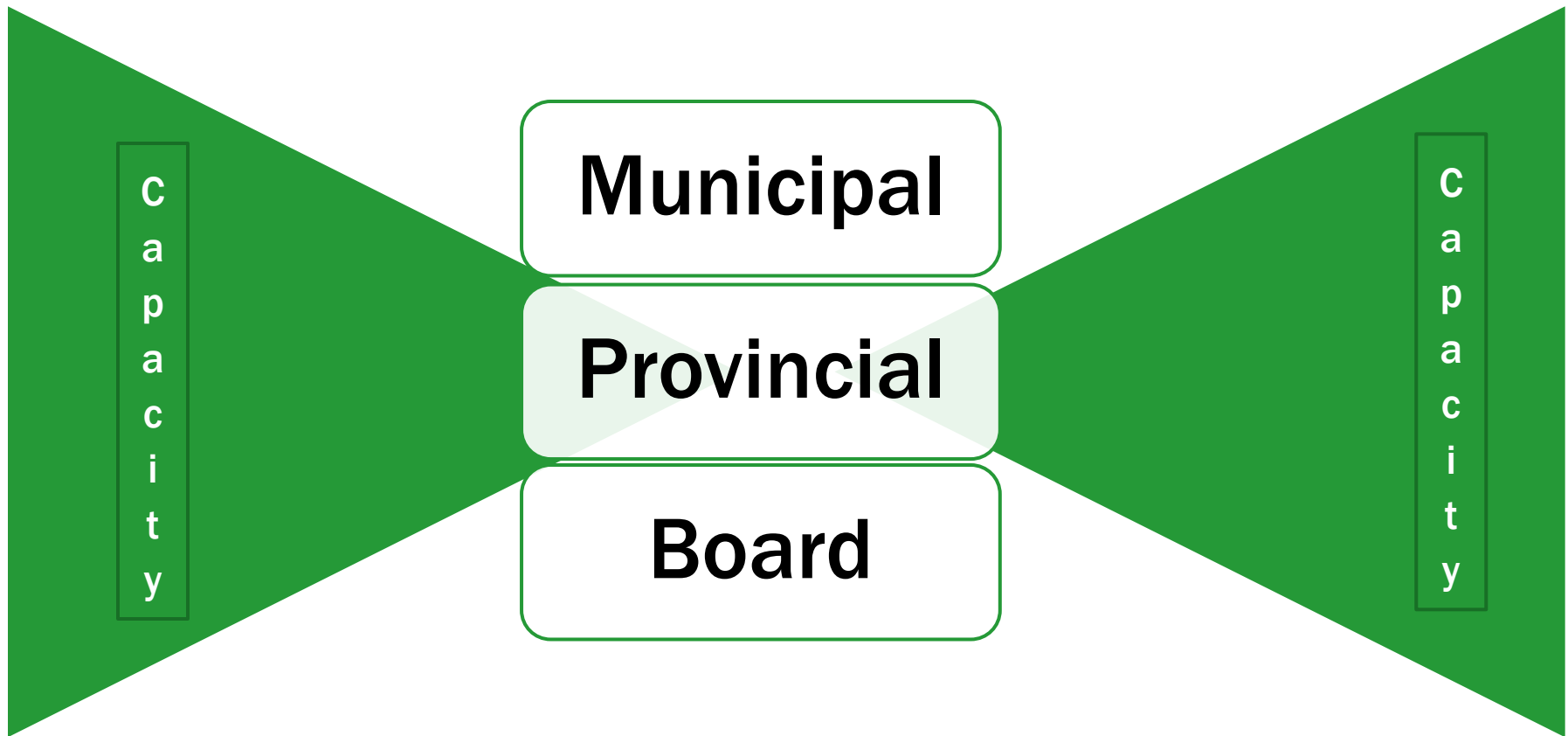
- Makes sense for municipalities to ‘purchase’ environmental services as a shared service:
 - PPS
 - Floods and hazard lands
 - Drainage
- Natural boundaries  municipal boundaries
- Municipal governments have a broad set of decision making powers and fiscal powers needed to make CAs effective
- CAs have a broad set of skills needed support municipal responsibilities

COMPLEXITY

- Boundaries don't align
- Many types of plans
- Some issues and tools don't align
- Municipal governments deal with 'multi-mandates' and services which need to integrate



COMPLEXITY



- Each has a mandate.... But they overlap
- Each has its own level of capacity...to what level are they expected to deliver
- Each has limited funding....are there other sources

THE NEW-ISH TOOL... MOUS

- Many already in place for planning services:
 - Comments on planning applications related to natural hazard, natural heritage and source water management (OPAs, EAs)
 - Advise on any permits required
 - Procedures for pre-consultation meetings, complete applications and data sharing
 - Outline CA's role in participating in
 - Quasi-judicial hearings



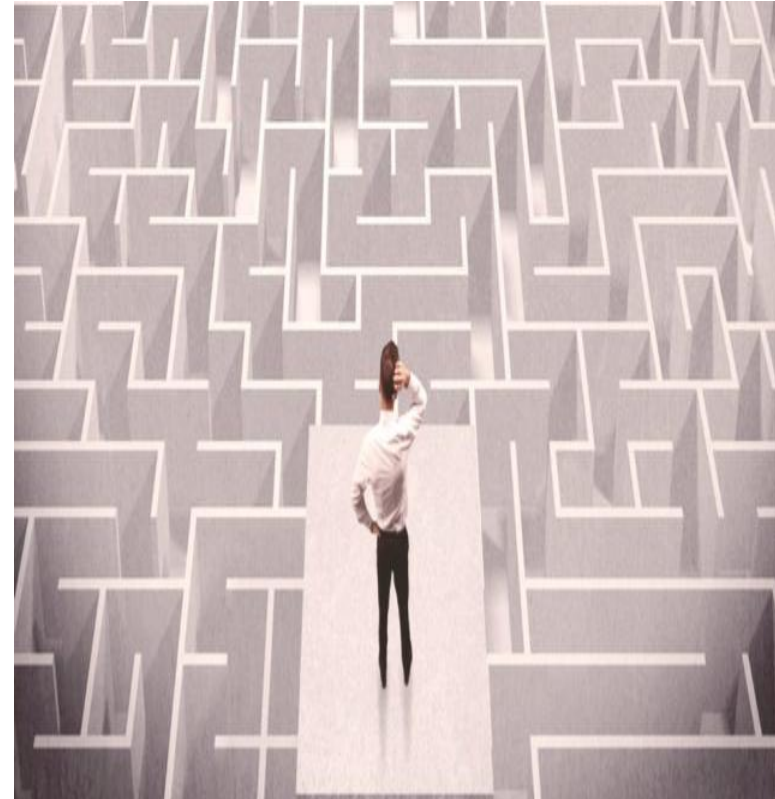
WHAT WE DON'T KNOW



- What activities support the provincially mandated
- What will be part of other agreements

NEGOTIATION POINTS ... SO FAR

- Who does what where there is overlap e.g. Stormwater
- Availability of budget template. Who is paying for what parts of a larger services
- Screening and application tracking tools and efficiencies
- Use of 3rd party opinions & Divergence of opinions when at LPAT
- Timelines, interdepartmental coordination
- Fee for Service parameters
- Funding Shortfalls and Reserves (over/under budget MOU)



MORE THAT WE DON'T KNOW

- When will the regulations be released?
- When will the changes have to be in place?
- How will the transition plans work?
- What will the apportionment funding formula be?
- How will we undertake a comprehensive program and service review of CAs in our jurisdiction?
- Will source protection and natural hazard funding from province continue beyond March 2020?
- How will CAs be recognized for the work undertaken related to the Great Lakes, climate change, etc.?

NEXT STEPS



- Joint MNRF, Municipal and CA meetings to develop regulations
- Seek a way to coordinate... this could mean signing of hundreds of MOUs.