



Credit Valley Conservation
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation
Toronto and Region Conservation
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation
Central Lake Ontario Conservation
Kawartha Conservation
Ganaraska Region Conservation
Otonabee Conservation
Lower Trent Conservation



Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) Consultant Agreement

Background

In the process of assessing, evaluating and modelling the groundwater flow systems across the Oak Ridges Moraine area, the public sector agencies that comprise the ORMGP have consolidated a considerable amount of data, reports and interpretations pertaining to the area's geology, hydrogeology and hydrology. Although the focus has been on the City of Toronto as well as the Regional Municipalities of York, Peel and Durham, the area under some consideration stretches between Lake Ontario in the south, to the Kawartha Lakes in the north and from the Credit and Nottawasaga watersheds in the west, to the Lower Trent and Otonabee Watersheds in the east. Given the extensive breadth and scope of the data and information available, the 13 partnered agencies have created a web-based interface that provides for relatively straightforward access to the program's technical information and data. For a small fee that will help to defray some of the costs associated with maintenance and upkeep of the web-based interface, the partner agencies have agreed to provide broader website access to the consulting community, and others if interested. Note that the terms of this agreement will be reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary.

Terms of Agreement

1. Consultant agrees to the following payment schedule:

- Company size less than 5 staff \$2,000/year
- Company size between 5 and 20 individuals \$4,000/year
- Company size greater than 20 individuals \$6,000/year

Note that payment reflects a small cost recovery fee tied to ORMGP related activities including, but not limited to: i) maintenance of website and associated hardware (e.g. servers, internet connection, etc.); ii) miscellaneous assembly and interpretation of data; iii) continued input of additional data. There is no payment directly tied to data access, indeed it should be noted that most of the data held in the program's files can be freely acquired through other sources, albeit with much time, perseverance and work.

2. This agreement is valid for a one year period from the date of signature or account set up (whichever is earlier) and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis upon verbal/email confirmation.

3. For the duration of the agreement ORMGP agrees to provide consultant with accounts for staff to access the website. Although not foreseen at this point, should it become necessary, ORMGP reserves the right to limit the number of accounts.
4. The consultant agrees to the attached disclaimer. This must be agreed to upon each instance of access to the website.
5. Consultant agrees to abide by the following code of conduct with respect to this agreement with the ORMGP.

Staff from our firm/agency acknowledge that the data and information provided via the ORMGP web mapping portal are provided to our staff in the broad spirit of collaborating to improve understanding. Our staff understand that all contributors to the ORMGP are united in sharing a long term vision of continually improved geological, hydrogeological and water resources understanding and decision making. As such our staff will be respectful of the past work that has been incorporated into the ORMGP. Our staff will remain ethical and respectful while commenting upon the data or information that have been extracted from the program's web portal. Our staff also understand the value in professionally pointing out errors and/or contributing additional data, information and/or knowledge to improve the overall understanding of subsurface geological, hydrogeological and general water resources conditions. Where feasible (e.g. time and finances permit), our staff commit to working collaboratively to assist ORMGP staff to maintain and update the program's technical information and interpretations.

Signature

Firm/Agency

Date

 (Agreement to be signed by a senior company director.)

 Print Name

NOTE: ORMGP staff are employees of Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA). For legal purposes CLOCA can be substituted for ORMGP throughout this agreement.

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