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PRESS RELEASE
Milestone Day for Conservation Sudbury

December 12 2017 was a milestone day for Conservation Sudbury.

Conservation Sudbury celebrated its 60th anniversary. On December 12, 1957 the Junction Creek Conservation Authority was founded. Years later it merged with the Whitson Valley Conservation Authority and was renamed as the Nickel District Conservation Authority in 1973.

A new *Conservation Authorities Act* was also released yesterday. Bill 139, which includes a new *Conservation Authorities Act*, passed through the Ontario Legislature and received royal assent. The modernizing of this 1946 legislation provides the foundation for conservation authorities to strengthen our watershed management role recognized as a key tool in helping Ontario to adapt to the impacts of issues such as rapid growth and climate change.

Also yesterday, the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury approved the 2018 Municipal Budget. This included a levy increase for Conservation Sudbury. Lin Gibson, Chairperson said “this increase will allow Conservation Sudbury to begin to right-size the organization so that we can properly implement the changes included in the new *Conservation Authorities Act* as well as strengthen our role in local planning and stewardship of our lakes, streams and wetlands.”

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