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Changes to Conservation Authorities Act will put people and property at risk *LSRCA calls on Province to repeal Section 6 of Bill 229*

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Lake Simcoe watershed, ON, November 19, 2020 - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Chair, Board of Directors and senior staff are calling on the Province to repeal Schedule 6 of the budget measures Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19.

“The changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act, introduced in Bill 229, will have consequences that we believe are contrary to what the government is attempting to achieve,” says Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and Chair of LSRCA. “The changes will in fact strip conservation authorities of our ability to ensure that people, infrastructure and the environment are protected from damage and destruction that cannot be repaired. We understand the need to address COVID recovery efforts and to keep our economy viable, so we are more than willing to work collaboratively with the government to address constructive ways for conservation authorities to support these efforts.”

Among other significant changes, if passed with the provincial budget, Schedule 6 of Bill 229 is expected to immobilize conservation authorities and put communities and the environment at risk by allowing the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks to issue permits directly, and override CA permit decisions, without the advantage of scientific, technical review or an integrated watershed approach to planning decisions. Additionally, a new appeals process will increase red tape, cause delays in permits and planning applications, increase costs to taxpayers and eliminate efficiencies that conservation authorities have adopted since 2018.

Long awaited tools for enforcement have been ruled out as well. Bill 229 will leave conservation authorities without stop work powers and the ability to enter properties to ensure illegal work is not being undertaken. This significantly impacts their ability to protect sensitive ecosystems, leading to more irreparable environmental damage and higher costs for rehabilitation.

“In the Lake Simcoe watershed, we’re also concerned about the ongoing illegal peat extraction and contaminated fill operations. These activities have caused devastation within some of our watershed communities and now is not the time to create gaps to allow these destructive money-making operations to proliferate,” said Mike Walters, Chief administrative officer for LSRCA.

LSRCA’s mission is to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy and action.

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**NOTICE OF PASSING
OF A ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT
BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA**

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed Bylaw No. #2020.89 on November 23, 2020 under Section 34 of the Planning Act R.S.O., 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) in respect of the Zoning Bylaw by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara, not later than the **16th day of December 2020**, a notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal, and accompanied by the required fee of \$300.00, in the form of certified cheque or money order, payable to the Minister of Finance.

ONLY INDIVIDUALS, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning bylaw to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

NO PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the Bylaw was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the Bylaw is below. The complete Bylaw is available for review on request by email to dmccabe@ramara.ca.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Purpose of the Bylaw:

To regulate the cultivation and processing of cannabis that will affect the entire Township, in accordance with the recommendations provided in the Land Use Study prepared by EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.

Lands Affected:

This Bylaw will apply to all lands within the boundary of the Township of Ramara.

Effect of Bylaw:

The Zoning Bylaw Amendment includes:

1. New definitions in the Ramara Township Zoning Bylaw for "Cannabis Production and Processing", "Cannabis", "Air Treatment Control" and "Sensitive Land Use".
2. Exclusion of Cannabis Production and Processing in various definitions, including those related to agriculture, in order to isolate cannabis cultivation as an agricultural use that is separate from other agricultural uses.
3. A new General Provision, "Cannabis Production and Processing" that will provide restrictions for where production, processing and cultivation can take place. This section will also include provisions for storage and size restrictions, and a requirement that all cannabis-related uses be subject to site plan control.

Dated at the Township of Ramara this 26th day of November 2020

Jennifer E. Connor, Clerk
Township of Ramara
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BILL NO. 2020.68

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA
BY-LAW NUMBER 2020.89
BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW #2005.85
(Cannabis Production and Processing)

WHEREAS Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, provides for the enactment of zoning by-laws and amendments thereto;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara deems it advisable to amend By-law No. 2005.85 with respect to regulating the cultivation and processing of cannabis

AND WHEREAS the matters herein are in conformity with the provisions of the Official Plan of the Township of Ramara;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara enacts as follows:

1. THAT Section 2 of By-law No. 2005-85, as amended, entitled "General Provisions" is hereby amended by adding the following Subsection **2.(6) Cannabis Production and Processing** and renumbering all existing subsections that follow:

"2.(6) Cannabis Production and Processing

Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, any Cannabis Production and Processing shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) No lands, building or structure or portion thereof used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes that is equipped with Air Treatment Control situated in the Industrial (IND) Zone or Village Industrial (VID) Zone may be located closer to any Hamlet (H) Zone, Residential Zone, Village Institutional (VIN) Zone, Active Recreation (AR) Zone or Passive Recreation (PR) Zone than 70 metres.
- (b) No lands, building or structure or portion thereof used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes that is equipped with Air Treatment Control situated in the Agriculture (AG) Zone, or the Rural (RU) Zone, may be located closer to any Hamlet (H) Zone, Residential Zone, Village Institutional (VIN) Zone, Active Recreation (AR) Zone or Passive Recreation (PR) Zone than 150 metres.
- (c) No lands, building or structure or portion thereof used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes that is equipped with Air Treatment Control situated in the Industrial (IND) Zone or Village Industrial (VID) Zone may be located closer to any Sensitive Land Use than 150 metres

- (d) No lands, building or structure or portion thereof used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes that is equipped with Air Treatment Control situated in the Agriculture (AG) Zone or the Rural (RU) Zone, may be located closer to any Sensitive Land Use than 150 metres.
- (e) No lands, building or structure or portion thereof used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes that is not equipped with Air Treatment Control situated in the Agriculture (AG) Zone, Rural (RU) Zone, Industrial (IND) Zone, or the Village Industrial (VID) Zone may be located closer to any Sensitive Land Use than 300 metres.
- (f) No building or structure with a cement-based foundation used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes situated in the Agricultural (AG) Zone shall have a ground floor area larger than 200 square metres. A maximum of one building or structure with a cement-based foundation used for Cannabis Production and Processing purposes is permitted on a lot within the Agricultural (AG) Zone.
- (g) Within any Natural Area Protection (NAP) Zone, no lands, buildings or structures and enlargements or expansions of existing lands, buildings or structures shall be permitted for the purposes of Cannabis Production and Processing.
- (h) A building or structure used for security purposes for Cannabis Production and Processing may be located in the required front yard and does not have to comply with the required minimum front yard, side yard, and rear yard setbacks.
- (i) Outdoor Storage is prohibited on the property in which the Cannabis Production and Processing is located.
- (j) Cannabis Production and Processing shall only be permitted within the zones explicitly indicated in this Zoning By-law.
- (k) All development in relation to the establishment of or expansion of Cannabis Production and Processing shall be subject to Site Plan Control”.

2. THAT Section 5 of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended with the addition of the following terms, which shall read as follows:

“AIR TREATMENT CONTROL shall mean the functional use of industrial grade multi-stage carbon filtration system, or similar technology, to reduce and/or treat the emission of pollen, dust, and odours expelled from a facility and sized accordingly in comparison to the facility it serves as designed by a qualified person.

CANNABIS shall mean a genus of flowering plants in the family *Cannabaceae*. Synonyms include but are not limited to marijuana, and marihuana. This definition does not include the industrial or agricultural production of hemp (a source of foodstuffs [hemp milk, hemp seed, hemp oil], fiber and biofuels).

CANNABIS PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING means lands, buildings or structures used for producing, processing, testing, destroying, packaging and/or shipping of cannabis authorized by an issued license or registration by the Federal Minister of Health, pursuant to the Cannabis Regulations, SOR/2018-144, to the Cannabis Act, SC 2018, c 16, the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, SC 1996, c 19 and the Food and Drugs Act, RSC 1985, c F-27, as amended from time to time, or any successors thereto.

SENSITIVE LAND USE means a building, amenity area or outdoor space where routine or normal activities occurring at reasonably expected times would experience one or more adverse effect(s) such as noise, vibration, odours and other air emissions, litter, dust and other particulates, and other contaminants, generated by a nearby industrial facility or land use. The sensitive land use may be a part of the natural or built environment. Depending upon the particular facility or land use involved, a sensitive land use and associated activities may include, but are not limited to, one or a combination of:

- (a) residences, uses or facilities where people sleep, for example, dwellings, nursing homes, hospitals, trailer parks, camp grounds, mobile home parks, etc. These uses are considered to be sensitive 24 hours/day;
 - (b) permanent institutional uses such as schools, churches, municipal offices, libraries, community centres, and day care centres); and
 - (c) community and neighbourhood parks and playgrounds.”
3. THAT Section 5 of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended by adding the text “**but shall not include Cannabis Production and Processing**” to the following terms, as follows:

“COMMERCIAL NURSERY AND/OR GREENHOUSE means a building and land used for the growing, cultivation, storage and sale of flowers, fruits, vegetables, plants, shrubs, trees and similar vegetation as well as the sale of garden tools and similar accessory and ancillary products to the public, but shall not include Cannabis Production and Processing.

HOME OCCUPATION means the use of part of a dwelling unit for an occupation that provides financial gain or support for at least one of the permanent occupants of the dwelling unit and that is secondary to the main or principal use of the dwelling unit, but shall not include Cannabis Production and Processing.

WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENT means the use of land or the occupancy of a building or structure, for the purposes of selling, or offering for sale, goods ware or merchandise on a wholesale bases, and includes the storage or warehousing of those goods, wares or merchandise and may include an accessory retail commercial establishment, but shall not include Cannabis Production and Processing”.

4. THAT Section 5 of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “WAREHOUSE” and replacing it with the following text:

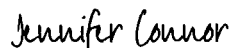
“WAREHOUSE means a building or part of a building used for the storage and distribution of goods, wares, merchandise, substances, articles or things, and may include facilities for a wholesale or retail commercial establishment, but shall not include Cannabis Production and Processing, a truck or transport terminal or yard, or a fuel storage tank, except as an accessory use”.

5. THAT Section 7.(1) (Agricultural (AG) Zone) of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled "Permitted Uses" is hereby amended with the addition of the following text:
"Cannabis Production and Processing subject to Section 2.(6) of this Bylaw."
6. Section 8.(1) (Rural (RU) Zone) of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled "Permitted Uses" is hereby amended with the addition of the following text:
"Cannabis Production and Processing, subject to Section 2.(6) of this Bylaw."
7. THAT Section 12.(1) (Village Industrial (VID) Zone) of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled "Permitted Uses" is hereby amended with the addition of the following text:
"Cannabis Production and Processing, subject to Section 2.(6) of this Bylaw."
8. THAT Section 16.(1) (Industrial (IND) Zone) of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, entitled "Permitted Uses" is hereby amended with the addition of the following text:
"Cannabis Production and Processing, subject to Section 2.(6) of this Bylaw."
9. THAT all other provisions of By-law No. 2005.85, as amended, shall apply.
10. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of passing thereto, subject to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, as amended.

BYLAW READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020



JOE GOUGH, DEPUTY MAYOR



JENNIFER CONNOR, CLERK



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SENT BY EMAIL

November 25, 2020

Re: Council Resolution – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
 – Website support

Further to the Meeting of Council on November 17, 2020 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motion:

MOTION2020NOV17-260

Moved by Councillor Bernie Donaldson
 Seconded by Councillor Ron Derry

WHEREAS Section 14(4) of O. Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS the City remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services; and

WHEREAS the City provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible; and

WHEREAS the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the City; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards; and



THAT this resolution is forwarded to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, Prince Edward-Hastings M.P.P., Todd Smith, Hastings -Lennox & Addington M.P.P., Daryl Kramp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Marmora and Lake supports the resolution passed by the City of Belleville.

Carried

I trust this is the information you require, however, should additional information or clarification be required do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bennett,
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cc: The Honourable Doug Ford
Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings
Daryl Kramp, MPP Hastings – Lennox & Addington
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November 26, 2020

His Worship Shaun Collier
 Town of Ajax
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RE: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project

Dear Mayor Collier,

Thank you for the letter on November 18, 2020 regarding the resolution passed by Ajax Town Council on November 16, 2020 about the preliminary design of the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

I appreciate the Town reaffirming its commitment to this strategic transit project, which will ensure reliability and capacity between Downtown Oshawa and Scarborough Centre. We understand that improving transit reliability through the Highway 2 corridor is an important element of the Town's Integrated Transportation Master Plan (ITMP) and recognize that this project is essential to support the forecasted growth of the communities in the Region of Durham.

Community feedback is important to us, and a consideration in all projects we undertake. We welcome the opportunity to continue our consultation with the communities along the proposed bus rapid transit corridor. My Planning team will reach out to Town staff to organize a technical briefing regarding Pickering Village, which could involve Council members, Town staff and key stakeholders.

The team will also reach out to other municipalities along the corridor to present the specific recommended designs at the pinch points, and to support the third round of public consultation initiated on November 16, 2020. All materials are available online for review and feedback at: <https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/engagement-initiatives/durham-scarborough-bus-rapid-transit-public-information-centre-3>.

We thank the Town of Ajax for its continued support of the Durham-Scarborough BRT project and we look forward to continued collaboration as the project moves forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mathieu Goetzke, Vice President of Planning, at Mathieu.Goetzke@metrolinx.com should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Verster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Verster
President & CEO

Cc. Hon. Rod Phillips, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ajax
Hon. Mark Holland, Member of Parliament for Ajax
Marilyn Crawford, Regional Councillor, Town of Ajax
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Honourable Sylvia Jones
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Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Re: Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting held November 24, 2020:

“WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act* - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected; and

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and

WHEREAS municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS the municipalities in our three watersheds value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the economic health and well-being of residents and our communities; and

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development, undertaking watershed scale studies and planning, and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns
2. THAT the Province of Ontario provides a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of CA-municipal budget processes
3. THAT the Province respects the current conservation authority/municipal relationships
4. AND THAT the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*.

Carried.”

“Natural, Vibrant and Growing – a Progressive Rural Leader”

We are concerned that Schedule 6 undermines the ability of conservation authorities to make non-political, technical decisions based on science. It does this by allowing the Minister to overrule the decisions of conservation authorities. Schedule 6 will also interfere with the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member. Board members have to think of watershed-wide interests in making decisions. We are also concerned that Schedule 6 limits the enforcement powers of conservation authorities. We have to agree with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) assessment of Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *“the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. As such, CELA recommends Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdraw in its entirety from Bill 229.*

Yours truly

Angela Maddocks

Angela Maddocks
Clerk

c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Andrea Horwath, Leader, Official Opposition
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
Sandy Shaw, Critic, Finance and Treasury Board
Ian Arthur, Critic, Environment
Peter Tabuns, Critic, Climate Crisis
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Catarauqui Region Conservation Authority
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
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Lesley Donnelly

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****Do It In Durham 2020 the VIRTUAL edition** - what a week!**

Do it in Durham
 NOV 16-22
Entrepreneurship Week 2020

Do It In Durham Entrepreneurship Week
 This event series is a celebration of the entrepreneurial eco-system that supports businesses in Durham.
 Thank you for joining us!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Do It In Durham 2020 - the VIRTUAL edition!

[Read the Highlights: Do It In Durham 2020 – the virtual edition blog](#)

With 49 events and 21 sponsors and collaborating partners and nearly 2000 attendees we can say this year was a success!

Thank you to our sponsors & partners - we could not have done this without you!
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As we all know so well, 2020 has been a year that no one thought could ever happen. It has challenged people and businesses in so many ways. It has challenged us to think about different ways to do business that would not have been part of the business model or way of doing business in the past. It has also brought many creative and innovative ways to the forefront for many.

This year, we embrace change and challenge through our themes of Digital Tools, Digital Marketing, Business Mindset and Exploring New Markets. Below we have a snippet of all that took place.

Enjoy, learn, share and connect with us here at BACD - we are here to support you in anyway that we can!

Because we were virtual this year, we had the opportunity to record and present some of the sessions live on Facebook. Read the blog to find links to the recorded sessions.

[Give us your feedback about Do It In Durham 2020](#)

[Complete the survey](#) to be entered into a draw for a \$50 gift card for The Nooks Canada, a marketplace with local makers and artisans. #Shoplocal

Deadline for completion is 4pm on December 3rd. Please complete your details to be entered.

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November 27, 2020

AMO Policy Update – Some Regions Moving to New COVID-19 Levels and Phase 2 Long-Term Care Community Paramedicine Program

New Regions Moving to More Restrictive COVID-19 Framework Levels

In consultation with the CMOH and local MOHs, the Ontario government is moving [five public health regions](#) to new levels with stronger public health measures. The regional levels and specific public health measures are set out in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#).

Based on the latest data, the following public health regions will move from their current levels in the framework to the following levels effective Monday, November 30, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.:

- Red - Control
 - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
- Orange - Restrict
 - Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit
- Yellow - Protect
 - Hastings Prince Edward Public Health
 - Lambton Public Health; and
 - Northwestern Health Unit.

All other public health regions will remain at their current levels. The [COVID-19 Response Framework](#) has the full list of public health region classifications. has the full list of public health region classifications.

For long-term care homes, [visitor restrictions](#) apply to those homes in the public health unit regions that are in the Orange - Restrict level or higher. In addition, long-term care homes must implement recently [enhanced testing requirements](#).

Trends in public health data will be reviewed weekly to determine if public health regions should stay where they are or be moved into a higher level. Public health regions will stay in their levels for a minimum of 28 days, or two COVID-19 incubation periods, at which time, the government will assess the impact of public health measures to determine if the public health unit should stay where it is or be moved to a different level. The Ministry of Health will continue to consult regularly with local medical officers of health on local context and conditions to help inform the classification of their public health unit region.

Phase 2 Long-Term Care Community Paramedicine Program Expansion

The Ontario government is investing up to \$15 million to expand the [Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Program](#). This fully provincially funded initiative will help more seniors on long-term care waitlists stay safe at home.

To start, municipal paramedic services are invited to express their interest in expanding their existing provincially funded community paramedicine programs to include long-term care. Those that meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to submit an implementation plan and proposed budget, outlining how they will administer a larger Community Paramedicine program this fiscal year.

The Long-Term Care Community Paramedicine program uses the skills of community paramedics to help seniors stay at home safely by providing primary care while delaying their need for long-term care. The first phase of this program was [announced in October 2020](#), in partnership with five communities.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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AMO Matters

ROMA has released two new resources on broadband tailored specifically for Ontario's rural municipalities. A webinar will be held December 1 to discuss the [Primer](#) and [Roadmap](#) for members. [Register today](#).

Submissions are being prepared on the [draft Blue Box Regulation](#) (due December 3), and the federal [Plastics discussion paper](#) (due December 9). For more information, contact [Dave Gordon](#) or visit AMO's [website](#).

Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) has you covered. eSolutionsGroup is offering members engaging and accessible websites on a budget. Contact [Karen Mayfield](#), eSolutionsGroup President, for more information.

Federal Matters

The [National Disaster Mitigation Program](#) provides municipal governments, conservation authorities and other organizations access to funds for flood mitigation projects. Proposal and risk assessment forms are due on December 1, 2020. MMAH administers the program in Ontario.

Eye on Events

Get your issues in front of provincial decision makers. The deadline to submit your request for provincial delegation is less than a week away - November 30, 2020. For more information and to request a virtual delegation meeting, [click here](#). Only registered conference delegates will have access to attend these meetings. Full registration details are available [here](#).

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[Capital Projects Communications Coordinator - Town of The Blue Mountains](#). Job #20-47. Reports to: Manager, Communications & Economic Development. Position Status: Full Time. A detailed job description and instructions on how to apply are available on the [Town's website](#) under Town Hall - Employment Opportunities. The submission deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday December 7, 2020.

[Sustainability Coordinator - Town of The Blue Mountains](#). Job # 20-46. Position Status: Full Time. A detailed job description and instructions on how to apply are available on the [Town's website](#) under Town Hall - Employment Opportunities. The submission deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on Monday December 7, 2020.

[Roads and Public Works Technologist - Municipality of Mississippi Mills](#). One year contract; Reports to the Acting Director of Roads and Public Works. Visit mississippimills.ca for a detailed job description. Interested candidates can forward their resume by Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 12:00 noon to svagner@mississippimills.ca.

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Berndtson Opportunities. Applicants from the BIPOC community may wish to send their resume to Jason Murray. Closing date: December 20, 2020.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) - Township of Manitouwadge. The Township is a Northern community, located 450km West of Sault Ste. Marie and 400km East of Thunder Bay, Ontario, serving a population of approximately 1,800 residents. Qualified candidates are encouraged to electronically submit their resume and a covering letter no later than 4:00 pm on January 4, 2021 to: Attn: Owen Cranney, Acting CAO (Confidential), The Township of Manitouwadge, PO Box 910, 1 Mississauga Drive, Manitouwadge, ON P0T 2C0; Email: owen@manitouwadge.ca.

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Mayor BATH-HADDEN
 BROCK

Dear Mayor BATH-HADDEN,

We are writing to you today seeking the City Council of BROCK's formal endorsement of Bill C-213, the *Canada Pharmacare Act*.

Introduced in February 2020, [the *Canada Pharmacare Act*](#) is ground-breaking new federal legislation based on the recommendations of the Hoskins Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare and modelled on the *Canada Health Act*.

The *Canada Pharmacare Act* specifies the conditions and criteria that provincial and territorial prescription drug insurance programs must meet to receive federal funding. This includes the core principles of public administration, comprehensiveness, universality, portability, and accessibility.

Universal public drug coverage has been recommended by commissions, committees, and advisory councils dating as far back as the 1940s. Immediately following the last election, the New Democratic Party of Canada began working to draft a legislative framework to enable the implementation of a universal, comprehensive and public pharmacare program. The *Canada Pharmacare Act* is the first piece of legislation introduced by the New Democrat Caucus in the current Parliament.

As you know, across Canada, people are making impossible choices every day because they cannot afford their prescription medications. Over the past year alone, one-in-four Canadians were forced to avoid filling or renewing a prescription due to cost or take measures to extend a prescription because they could not afford to keep the recommended dosage schedule.

Even those with private coverage are seeing their employer-sponsored benefits shrink – a trend that has accelerated due to the economic impacts of COVID-19. In fact, Canadians are twice as likely to have lost prescription drug coverage as to have gained it over the past year.

Simply put, universal public pharmacare will extend prescription drug coverage to every single Canadian, while saving billions every year. The final report of the Hoskins Advisory Council found that, once fully implemented, universal public pharmacare will reduce annual system wide spending on prescription drugs by \$5 billion. Businesses and employees will see their prescription drug costs reduced by \$16.6 billion annually and families will see their out of pocket drug costs reduced by \$6.4 billion a year.

Although a recent study from Angus Reid Institute found near universal support for pharmacare among the

Canadian public, powerful vested interests in the drug and insurance industries are lobbying to block this critical program in order to protect their profits.

Indeed, the *Canada Pharmacare Act* is reaching a crucial period in the legislative process. The first hour of debate on this bill took place in Parliament on November 18, 2020. The second hour of debate and the first vote will be held in February 2021. This legislation could be enacted by next spring, allowing millions of Canadians who are struggling to pay for medication to receive the support they desperately need.

That's why we need your help to secure the adoption of the *Canada Pharmacare Act* in Parliament. We are asking your City Council to join other municipalities across Canada to formally endorse Bill C-213. We will be publicizing this support nationally.

For more information on C-213 and to sign the e-petition, please visit our website: www.pharmacarec213.ca

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us if you require further detail.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Peter Julian, MP
New Westminster-Burnaby

Jenny Kwan, MP
Vancouver East

Don Davies, MP
Vancouver Kingsway

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Par la présente, nous demandons à votre conseil municipal d'appuyer officiellement le projet de loi C-213, *Loi édictant la Loi canadienne sur l'assurance médicaments*.

Présentée en février 2020, la [Loi canadienne sur l'assurance médicaments](#) est une nouvelle mesure législative fédérale avant-gardiste fondée sur les recommandations du Conseil consultatif présidé par le D^r Hoskins concernant la mise en œuvre d'une assurance médicaments et inspirée de la *Loi canadienne sur la santé*.

La *Loi canadienne sur l'assurance médicaments* précise les conditions et les critères que les régimes d'assurance médicaments provinciaux et territoriaux doivent respecter pour être admissibles à un financement fédéral, soit les principes fondamentaux que sont la gestion publique, l'intégralité, l'universalité, la transférabilité, et l'accessibilité.

Rappelons que des commissions, comités et conseils consultatifs divers recommandent la mise en place d'un régime public et universel d'assurance médicaments depuis les années 1940. Au lendemain de la dernière élection générale, le Nouveau Parti démocratique du Canada a commencé à travailler sur un projet de cadre législatif pour établir un régime d'assurance médicaments universel, complet et public. La *Loi canadienne sur l'assurance médicaments* est la première mesure législative présentée par le caucus néo-démocrate au cours de la législature actuelle.



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Conservation Authority Says There's a Better Way LSRCA Board still calling on the Province to remove Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Lake Simcoe watershed, ON, November 27, 2020 – Through a resolution in their Board meeting today, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Chair and Board of Directors further solidified their resolve to call on the Province to withdraw Schedule 6 of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 (budget measures).

Bill 229 proposes changes to both the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act, which will have unintended consequences and significant impacts on conservation authorities' ability to achieve their mandate of effective flood protection and ensuring environmental health within their respective watersheds.

"Our Board of Directors, which consists of 17 municipal council representatives from our municipalities across the Lake Simcoe watershed, are in unanimous support of a resolution asking the Province to remove the changes they've put forward as part budget Bill 229," said LSRCA Chair, Chairman and CEO of York Region, Wayne Emmerson. Instead of passing these significant changes, we really hope that the Province will consider the long-standing partnership with conservation authorities, which has resulted in nearly 75 years of significant flood and environmental protections for 95 percent of the communities across Ontario who are within a conservation authority's jurisdiction."

LSRCA disagrees with the changes and believes they won't achieve the outcomes the Province is hoping for. Instead, they will impact conservation authorities' ability to protect people, to protect infrastructure and to protect the most valuable aspect of all communities – our natural environment. In addition to requesting the Province to withdraw schedule 6 of Bill 229, the LSRCA Board of Directors resolved to request the Province to also consider that:

- The Province collaborate with the conservation authorities to develop new guidance materials, regulations, and any necessary changes to legislation, along with a transition plan, and
- The Province provide conservation authorities with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role

"We really believe there is a better way," said Chair Emmerson. "The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority values its partnership with the Province and shares their desire to find efficiencies, reduce red tape and increase transparency and accountability. We know the Province faces unprecedented pressures from both a global pandemic and climate change, and we know we can work collaboratively with them to strengthen our partnership and help them meet their goals."

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LSRCA's mission is to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy, and action.

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Regional Chair & CEO

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November 26, 2020

The Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance
95 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y8

Dear Minister Phillips:

Re: Motion Regarding Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs

Each year on November 11th we pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadians who fought in wars and military conflicts and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and secure our peace and prosperity. One way that the Province and Ontario municipalities have recognized veterans and veteran groups is by exempting their properties from property taxation.

In late 2018, your government introduced a change to the *Assessment Act* that exempted Royal Canadian Legion Ontario branches from property taxes effective January 1, 2019. Veterans clubs however were not included under this exemption. While veterans' clubs in Peel are already exempt from Regional and local property taxes, they still pay the education portion of property taxes.

To address this gap, your government has proposed in the 2020 budget bill (*Bill 229*) to amend the *Assessment Act* that would provide a full property tax exemption to veterans' clubs retroactive to January 1, 2019. The Region of Peel thanks you for introducing this change in recognition of our veterans.

At its November 12, 2020 meeting, Peel Regional Council approved the attached resolution regarding this exemption and look forward to this change coming into effect as soon as possible after Bill 229 is passed. This would ensure that veteran clubs benefit from the exemption in a timely way.

I thank your government for moving quickly to address this gap and for your support of veterans.

Kindest personal regards,

Nando Iannicca,
Regional Chair and CEO

CC: Peel-area MPPs
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Stephen Van Ofwegen, Commissioner of Finance and CFO

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Whereas each year on November 11, Canadians pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadian veterans who fought in wars and military conflicts, and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and democracy so that we can live in peace and prosperity;

And whereas, it is important to appreciate and recognize the achievements and sacrifices of those armed forces veterans who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace;

And whereas, Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A31 as amended, Regional Council may exempt from Regional taxation land that is used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by persons who served in the armed forces of His or Her Majesty or an ally of His or Her Majesty in any war;

And whereas, through By-Law Number 62-2017 Regional Council has provided an exemption from Regional taxation to Royal Canadian Legions and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Clubs that have qualified properties used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds;

And whereas, local municipal councils in Peel have provided a similar exemption for local property taxes;

And whereas, Royal Canadian Legion branches in Ontario are exempt from all property taxation, including the education portion of property taxes, under Section 3 (1) paragraph 15.1 of the Assessment Act, and that a municipal by-law is not required to provide such an exemption;
And whereas, the 2020 Ontario Budget provides for amendments to the Assessment Act to apply the existing property tax exemption for Ontario branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, for 2019 and subsequent tax years, to Ontario units of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Finance, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that upon passage of the 2020 Ontario Budget, the amendment to the Assessment Act be implemented as soon as possible;

And further, that copies of this resolution be sent to Peel-area Members of Provincial Parliament as well as to all Ontario municipalities for consideration and action.

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December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities



Inclusive Community Grant

Ontario's Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility announced a new \$2

The theme for this year's celebration of people with disabilities is "**Not all Disabilities are Visible**". It focuses on spreading awareness and understanding of disabilities that are not immediately apparent, such as mental illness, chronic pain or fatigue, sight or hearing impairments, diabetes, brain injuries, neurological disorders, learning differences and cognitive dysfunctions, among others.

million grant program to strengthen communities and provide local opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities. Available to municipalities and nonprofits for short and long-term projects, the Inclusive Community Grants Program (ICGP) focuses on breaking down barriers in the built environment; increasing participation in the economy for people with disabilities; and on improving understanding and awareness about accessibility.

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Municipal advocacy builds better lives

After two weeks of sustained FCM advocacy, meetings with representatives of five political parties and panel discussions with some of Canada's top policy experts, the municipal voice could not be stronger on

Parliament Hill. Our message that Canada's green and inclusive recovery depends on local governments was heard loud and clear. And your advocacy is ensuring that the municipal voice remains strong in every place where crucial decisions that impact local communities are being made.

At 4:00 p.m. ET today, the federal government will release its Fall Economic Statement. FCM will be ready to analyze its impact on Canadian municipalities. Keep an eye on our [Twitter feed](#) for a rapid response and a statement from our president Garth Frizzell. And in the coming weeks, we will continue our advocacy for the sustainable, equitable, prosperous communities that we are building together.

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NEWS

The Regional Energy Coach pilot project

FCM's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative is joining forces with the Montreal-based Community Housing Transformation Centre to launch the Regional Energy Coach (REC) pilot. RECs will help affordable housing providers initiate energy efficiency retrofits and new builds. During the two-year partnership, coaches will be active in the Prairie, Atlantic and Quebec regions, with plans to expand the pilot over the coming year.

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Video: Move from climate planning to local action

Successfully implementing a municipal climate action plan means collaborating with stakeholders and partners locally and regionally. Ready. Set. Go.—Climate in Focus, a video by the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program, highlights the importance of broad engagement.

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Are you a member of the Partners for Protection (PCP) program who is interested in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in your community? Are you struggling to set reduction targets or identify best practice when it comes to climate action plans? On December 8 at 1:00 p.m. ET, join ICLEI Canada and FCM for a free virtual workshop on moving through Milestones 2 and 3 of the PCP Milestone Framework and how they can help you reach your climate goals.

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Nov 26: That's a wrap on FCM Advocacy Days. Thanks to our members who participated + brought the municipal message to the (virtual) Hill. Thank you to our federal counterparts for joining us in these important discussions. Together, we are building a stronger, more equitable + united Canada.

Nov 26: After COVID, Canadians will want a country that's more resilient to the next threat, whether it's a virus or extreme weather. And they'll want leaders who tackle challenges proactively—including the generational challenge of climate change.
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Nov 29: Do you know a young woman who has demonstrated commitment to her studies and the political life of her community? The application period for FCM's Women in Local Government [#scholarships](#) is now open. Tell someone about it today!
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Cc:**Subject:**

Lake Simcoe Protection Act - Upper York Sewage Solution project

Good afternoon.

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Georgina passed the following motion concerning the Lake Simcoe Protection Act as it relates to the Upper York Sewage Solution Project;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2020- 0375

Moved By Regional Councillor Grossi

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina includes fifty-two (52) kilometres of Lake Simcoe Shoreline;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York was directed by the Province of Ontario to find local solutions for wastewater in the communities of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora to accommodate Provincially legislated growth targets;

AND WHEREAS the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act) received unanimous, all party support in the Ontario Legislature in 2008, which prohibits any new sewage treatment plants on Lake Simcoe, however, does permit expansion and technology improvements to existing systems;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York has invested significant taxpayer dollars - including those of our local tax payers - in the proposed Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS) to accommodate the above mentioned growth, at the request of the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS expansion and technology upgrades are required among several Lake Simcoe Communities, including in the Town of Georgina, to similarly accommodate Provincially required growth and also to further ensure the current and future health of Lake Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Georgina opens every meeting with a land acknowledgement whereby recognizing our close relationship with the Chippewas of Georgina Island who have voiced their opposition to the UYSS;

AND WHEREAS the Chippewas of Georgina Island have been on a boil water advisory and have not had access to safe drinking water since approximately 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Georgina hereby requests that the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada:

- 1) Cancel the Upper York Sewage Solution (UYSS)
- 2) Negotiate in good faith with the Region of York to accommodate the growth as mentioned above for our partner Municipalities to a non-Lake Simcoe discharge point as per the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act).
- 3) Reimburse the previously made taxpayer investment from York Region Municipalities including the Town of Georgina with respect to the UYSS towards the new solution to a non-Lake Simcoe discharge point.
- 4) As a part of the above, also facilitate an end to the sewage lagoons in the Town of East Gwillimbury in consultation with their local council, staff and its residents
- 5) Be an active participant and joint funder of using the technology advancements that the Region of York has developed in order to upgrade or expand capacity on wastewater facilities for all Lake Simcoe communities to further improve to the health of Lake Simcoe
- 6) As a matter of the utmost importance, work in a collaborative fashion with the Chippewas of Georgina Island to provide resources whether financial or otherwise, to ensure that they have access to clean drinking water on a sustainable basis, without delay.
- 7) That copies of this motion be forwarded to all Lake Simcoe Municipalities, the Chippewas of Georgina Island, all York Region MPP's, all York Region MP's, Ontario Official Opposition Leader Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario Liberals, Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Green Party, Mike Schreiner, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and the Prime Minister of Canada and the Right Hon. Justin Trudeau.

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Carried Unanimously.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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AMO Policy Update – Bill 229, Schedule 6 (CA Act) Proposed Amendments

Conservation Authorities Act Proposed Amendments – Schedule 6, Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

AMO President, Graydon Smith, wrote to the [Premier](#) last week, and today has made a [submission](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs asking that Schedule 6 of Bill 229 be withdrawn so that matters of concern can be resolved.

The changes proposed in Schedule 6 are raising alarm for many municipal leaders, and others, about how the proposed amendments can be implemented and how these changes would improve conservation authority effectiveness and efficiencies.

Of significant concern is the creation of an apparent conflict between the fiduciary duty of Conservation Authority Board members and the proposed amendment requiring board members to act on behalf of their respective municipal councils.

The submission also seems to provide the potential to bypass the local development approval process, resulting in the loss of local scientific analysis. Other amendments open the door to possible reductions in user fees (which are designed to recoup costs). It also addresses the removal of the (un-proclaimed) section giving conservation authorities the power to issue stop work orders. The power for conservation authorities to issue stop work orders is needed to harmonize municipal and conservation authority enforcement actions on illegal dumping.

Tremendous effort has been put forward by municipal governments to find a collective path forward that addresses certain issues and bolsters the ability to protect the

environment in a meaningful way. Municipal leaders were looking for needed *Conservation Authorities Act* refinements, not this proposed wholesale change.

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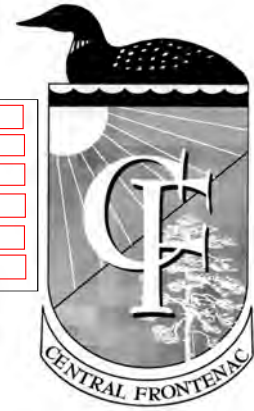
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Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones:

Re: Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Central Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting held November 24, 2020:

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications;

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act;

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise;

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)
2. THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth
3. THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships
4. AND THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

We are concerned that Schedule 6 undermines the ability of conservation authorities to make non-political, technical decisions based on science. It does this by allowing the Minister to overrule the decisions of conservation authorities. Schedule 6 will also interfere with the fiduciary duty of a conservation authority board member. Board members have to think of watershed-wide interests in making decisions. We are also concerned that Schedule 6 limits the enforcement powers of conservation authorities. We have to agree with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) assessment of Schedule 6 of Bill 229, *“the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. As such, CELA recommends Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229.*

Yours truly,

Cathy MacMunn, AMCT, ACST
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

- c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister Yakabuski, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Charity of Choice:
Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation

On this **#GivingTuesday**, AMCTO is proud to announce the **Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation** as the 2021 conference charity of choice.

Each year, the AMCTO Board, staff, and conference planning committee select a registered Ontario charity to support as part of an annual initiative to give back while bringing together municipal leaders from across the province to share ideas, network and connect during the annual conference. This year, we are proud to support the **Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation** as our 2021 conference charity of choice where donations will be made on behalf of AMCTO and conference speakers.

The Hospice Georgian Triangle provides compassionate care in private homes in the Town of Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, and across Clearview Township as well as at Campbell House, the 10-bed hospice for southern Georgian Bay families dealing with life-limiting illness. Care programs focus on the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of both the patient and family, enhancing quality of life.

The Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation was established in 2012 as a registered charitable foundation (charitable registration number is 831085089RR0001) dedicated solely to raising funds for the Hospice Georgian Triangle. The Foundation's mandate is to raise donations from the community, allowing it to meet the funding needs required to maintain the Hospice as one of the leading providers of hospice palliative care in Ontario and offering programs to those in need of care at no cost.

In honour of **#GivingTuesday**, **we encourage you to donate to the Foundation** and share in the spirit of home for those in need of care.

DONATE

We look forward to sharing more information about the conference program and speakers in the new year...in the meantime, **mark your calendars and plan to join us virtually:**

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AMO Policy Update – Federal Fall Economic Statement

Yesterday, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, delivered Canada's Fall Economic Statement titled *Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19*. It outlined the government strategy for managing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and provided its focus for economic recovery.

The fiscal deficit for 2020-21 is to reach \$381 billion with the expectation that it could climb with the severity of the second wave and associated lockdowns. Much of the economic statement reiterated ongoing support programs put in place to help Canadians weather the pandemic while committing to nearly \$100 billion over three years in stimulus to target a post-pandemic economic recovery.

New announcements of interest for municipal governments include:

- In 2021-22, the government will provide additional funding of \$299.4 million through the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy to help shelters to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- New investments for long-term care include committing up to \$1 billion for a Safe Long-Term Care Fund, which will help provinces and territories protect people in long-term care and support infection prevention and control.
- The government has committed to establish a Federal Secretariat on Early Learning and Child Care to support development of a national system. In addition, previous investments in early learning and child care will be sustained into future years and it will provide funding to provinces and territories to

support attraction and retention of workers in support of the Early Childhood Educator Workforce Strategy.

- Starting in 2021-22, an additional \$12 billion is proposed for the Rental Construction Financing Initiative to support new lending over seven years which includes municipalities.
- Building on investments through the COVID-19 Resilience Stream, the government proposes to provide \$150 million over three years, beginning in 2020-21, to improve ventilation in public buildings and help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- The government indicated that it plans to outline the next steps on public transit that include efforts to electrify public transit systems and provide permanent public transit funding with the provinces and territories.
- To tackle gun crime, the government proposes to provide dedicated funding of \$250 million over 5 years beginning in 2021-22. This will target municipalities, community-led initiatives, and Indigenous communities to support anti-gang programming.
- To support small and regional airports make critical investments in health and safety, the government is proposing to provide an additional \$186 million over two years for the Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) which will begin in 2021-22.
- Starting on 2020-21, the government proposes to provide \$2.6 billion over 7 years to help homeowners improve their home energy efficiency by providing up to 700,000 grants of up to \$5,000 to encourage energy-efficient improvements to homes.
- The government proposes to accelerate previous investments in recharging and refueling infrastructure along highways and communities to encourage Canadians to choose zero-emission vehicles. Beginning in 2021-22, the government will provide \$150 million over 3 years.

AMO is pleased to see a number of key investments within the Fall Economic Statement including additional support for long-term care, homelessness, a path toward a national system for child care, energy retrofits, and further investments in the infrastructure to support zero-emission vehicles.

For more information, please visit the [Government of Canada website](#) to access the full [Fall Economic Statement](#).

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December 2, 2020

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Dear Premier Ford,

On November 26th, Peel Regional Council passed the enclosed resolution (Resolution Number 2020-976) requesting the provincial government revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and conduct sales.

The Region of Peel's fundamental priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been to protect the health and safety of Peel residents and this continues to be the highest priority during this crisis, which is why we support the Province's decision to move the Region of Peel into the "Grey: Lockdown Level" of the provincial COVID-19 framework.

While we continue to support this decision, it is critical to recognize that some of the lockdown measures have created an uneven playing field, placing small businesses and local retailers at a significant competitive disadvantage. Larger retail outlets, which are permitted to remain open, sell more than just essentials and are in direct competition with small retailers, which are limited to online sales and curbside pick-up or delivery.

With the holiday shopping season upon us, we must do everything possible to support small businesses. The survival of these businesses is essential for Peel's and the Province's recovery efforts. As such, the Region of Peel is requesting that the Province revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 (the "lockdown") to address the inequity created between small businesses required to limit their sales to online or curbside pickup and businesses permitted to open and continue in-person sales; to avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses; and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health.

In addition, the Region is requesting that clearly defined requirements for masking, physical distancing with capacity limits on a per square meter basis, and limits on numbers of persons admitted to big box and other businesses be implemented and strictly enforced, with additional provincial resources to support enforcement.



The Region encourages the Province to move forward with these measures expeditiously, as many small businesses and local retailers are on the brink of insolvency and need support from all levels of government. It is our shared priority to reach a balance in preventing further spread of COVID-19 to keep our community safe, while supporting these businesses that will form the foundation upon which we build back an even stronger economy.

As we move through this pandemic, the Region will continue to seek opportunities to work with you to help and support Peel's residents and business. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & CEO

Kindest personal regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nando Iannicca'.

Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & Chief Executive Officer
Region of Peel

CC: Peel-area MPPs
GTHA Municipalities

Attached: Resolution 2020-976



Region of Peel

**APPROVED AT REGIONAL COUNCIL
November 26, 2020**

8. COVID19 RELATED MATTERS

8.1 Update Regarding Public Health Staffing in Response to COVID-19

Resolution Number 2020-976

Moved by Councillor Crombie

Seconded by Councillor Brown and Councillor Groves

Whereas on November 23, 2020, the Region of Peel entered the province's "Grey Zone: Lockdown," which has put significant restrictions on business operations in the Region, including the closure of small businesses, except for those that can provide online shopping, curbside pick-up, or delivery;

And whereas, daily COVID-19 numbers in Peel continue to increase;

And whereas, hospitalization numbers and the number of patients in the ICU, throughout Peel, continue to rise;

And whereas, the safest way to shop to stop the spread of COVID-19 is through infrequent trips to the store, online shopping, by curbside pick-up, or through take-out;

And whereas, in an effort to keep the supply chain operating and ensure people can get the essentials they need like groceries, large retailers have been permitted to continue to operate, albeit with capacity limits;

And whereas, larger retailer outlets sell more than just essentials and are in direct competition with small retailers who are not allowed to open, or only with online shopping or curb side pick-up, creating an uneven playing field for small businesses and local retailers;

And whereas, the holiday shopping season has begun, a critical time for small businesses due to the provincial restrictions;

Therefore be it resolved, that the provincial government be requested to revise the Rules for Areas in Stage 1 under Ontario Regulation 82/20 (the "lockdown") to address the inequity created between small businesses required to close and businesses permitted to open and continue sales; to avoid unfair competitive advantage between businesses; and to provide consistency with continued effective health risk management in consultation with Public Health;

And further, that strict enforcement of requirements for masking, physical distancing with capacity limits on a per square metre basis, and limits on numbers of persons admitted to big box and other businesses be emphasized and pursued;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Peel-area MPPs:

*Sara Singh, MPP Brampton Centre
Gurratan Singh, MPP Brampton East
Kevin Yarde, MPP Brampton North
Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Brampton South
Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Brampton West
Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Natalia Kusendova, MPP Mississauga Centre
Kaleed Rasheed, MPP Mississauga East-Cooksville
Sheref Sabawy, MPP Mississauga-Erin Mills
Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP Mississauga-Lakeshore
Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga-Malton
Nina Tangri, MPP Mississauga-Streetsville,*

with a request that they advocate and speak up on behalf of the businesses that they are elected to represent

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the City of Toronto and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area municipalities.

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AMO Matters

AMO President Graydon Smith [recaps the highlights](#) of the November 27, 2020 AMO Board meeting.

370 of 444 municipalities in Ontario have now posted on [MIDAS](#) their 2019 Financial Information Returns (FIRs), and 444 have posted their 2018 FIRs. Access to MIDAS is free and available to all Ontario municipalities, creating opportunities to generate reports and compare data. Browse the [MIDAS brochure](#) to see what it can do for you. To get access, email midasadmin@amo.on.ca.

Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) has you covered. [eSolutionsGroup](#) is [offering](#) members engaging and accessible websites on a budget. Contact [Karen Mayfield](#), [eSolutionsGroup](#) President, for more information.

Provincial Matters

Given the impacts/restrictions that sport organizations and facilities are experiencing, the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture has extended Phase 2 of the implementation of the [proclamation date](#) of [Rowan's Law](#) to July 1, 2021. All other legislative and regulatory requirements will remain the same. See FAQs [here](#).

Eye on Events

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[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Augusta](#). The Township is a thriving rural community, situated along the St. Lawrence River, serving a population of approximately 7,350 residents. For a full description of the position, please see the [Township's website](#). Please forward a complete resume by no later than 4:30 p.m. December 14, 2020 to: Ray Morrison, CAO/Treasurer, Township of Augusta, 3560 County Road 26, Prescott, ON, K0E 1T0. Email: rmorrison@augusta.ca.

[Business Analyst - Region of Durham](#). Position Status: Temporary up to 18 months. Job ID#: 13481. Reports to: myDurham 311 Program Manager. The myDurham 311 Project is an enterprise project focusing on modernizing the customer experience through an innovative approach to contact centres, face-to-face engagements and digital channels. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit [Durham Region Job Postings](#) and apply online directly to Job ID# 13481 on or before December 17, 2020.

[Supervisor, Asset Maintenance \(Two-Year Contract\) - City of Orillia](#). Department: Environment & Infrastructure Services. Please apply through the City's on-line portal at City of Orillia [Employment Opportunities](#). Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2020 at noon.

[Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Region of Durham](#). The Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, a newly created position, reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. To explore this opportunity further, please contact Kristen Manning at Odgers Berndtson at kristen.manning@odgersberndtson.com, or submit your resume and letter of interest online to [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#) by January 6th, 2021.

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RE: Propose Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act: Schedule 6 of Bill 229

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 18, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2020-331: Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.3, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, and 6.13 be received; and

GIVEN THAT The Township of Puslinch does not want to see an increased risk to public safety, or increased liabilities to the Province, municipalities, and conservation authorities. Nor does the Township of Puslinch want more red tape, disruption and ultimately delays in helping the government achieve its goal of economic recovery; and

GIVEN the time sensitive nature of this Bill, we encourage the Province to consult with Municipalities and Conservation Authorities in an expedient manner; and

GIVEN that the Township of Puslinch feels that there are better solutions to deal with actual and perceived issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Puslinch respectfully requests the Province to withdraw Schedule 6 from Bill 229 until a more thorough analysis of the appropriate solutions can take place, with more clarity on what problems were identified through the consultation process. The Township of Puslinch also encourage the Province to engage with municipalities and Conservation Authorities as the Province works on regulations that will eventually define the various Conservation Authorities Act clauses. The Township of Puslinch feels this is critical to ensure that the focus and performance of Conservation Authorities is actually improved where required.

FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,



the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Finance, Conservation Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
Deputy Clerk



For Immediate Release

November 12, 2020

Cause for Alarm Over Proposed Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

BURLINGTON— Conservation Halton (CH) has reviewed the Province’s proposed changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act) which were released last week in the 2020 Ontario Budget (Bill 229). CH is encouraged that the purpose of the Act to provide for the organization and delivery of programs and services that further conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources in Ontario watersheds remains. CH remains fully supportive of the Province’s stated intent to modernize the watershed-based scope, good governance, service delivery and sustainability of all Conservation Authorities (CAs). CH is, however, concerned that some of the proposed amendments will significantly diminish the ability of CAs to ensure that both people and property are safe from natural hazards, while also protecting Ontario’s environment.

The proposed amendments would grant new powers to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry that would allow the Minister to make decisions regarding permit applications and appeals in place of the CA, without the non-partisan technical input and expertise of CAs. Bill 229 also proposes amendments to the *Planning Act*, which if passed, would prohibit CAs from appealing a municipal planning decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) or becoming a party to an appeal before LPAT. While there are currently checks and balances in place to ensure the safe development of communities, CH is concerned that new amendments will allow circumvention that leaves the possibility for development decisions that are both unsafe and negatively impact the environment.

“There are a number of disappointing proposed changes that have the potential to undermine conservation authorities and our ability to make science-based watershed management decisions in the interest of public health and safety,” said Hassaan Basit, CEO of Conservation Halton. “Living through the pandemic, we have seen first-hand just how important our environment and wetlands are to our residents. We do not want to see any decisions made that increase the risks from natural hazards, especially as we continue to work to mitigate climate change and conserve our watershed to allow for responsible growth today, without sacrificing the right of future generations to do the same.”

CH views the governance changes calling for municipal councillors to make up the sole membership of the Board, while also being instructed to represent the interests of their respective municipalities, and not those of the CA or watershed residents, extremely problematic. This will create an environment in which fiduciary duties and responsibilities to the conservation authority are not upheld.

Further, CH is disappointed in the proposed removal of the un-proclaimed stop work orders and limitations on power to entry provisions that this government had previously agreed to grant CAs. The removal of this tool takes away the ability to enforce regulations that keep life and property safe. It also diminishes the ability to address environmental violations early and work with stakeholders to remedy problems, leaving no tools but to pursue costly and time-consuming charges through the courts when violations occur.

While CH waits for updated regulations to better understand how the proposed amendments are to be implemented, it is concerned that there may be many unintended consequences that put the environment and communities at risk, through opaque and financially costly decisions.

As a result of these collective concerns, CH encourages residents of the watershed, its network of supporters, and partner municipalities to reach out to the Premier, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as their local MPPs over the next two weeks to request that they review and address its concerns before this Bill is enacted.

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Conservation Halton is the community based environmental agency that protects, restores, and manages the natural resources in its watershed. The organization has staff that includes ecologists, land use planners, engineers, foresters and educators, along with a network of volunteers, who are guided by a Board of Directors comprised of municipally elected and appointed citizens. Conservation Halton is recognized for its stewardship of creeks, forests and Niagara Escarpment lands through science-based programs and services.

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For Immediate Release: Friday, November 13, 2020

HCA's preliminary response to the Province's proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

On November 5, the Province released proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act as part of its omnibus bill of the provincial budget. The Province has stated they are amending the Act to improve transparency and consistency in conservation authority operation, strengthen municipal oversight and streamline conservation authority roles in permitting and land use planning. Additional regulations under the Act are still to be provided later this fall.

Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) staff have reviewed the proposed changes and support enhanced conservation transparency and accountability which is already undertaken by making key documents publicly available; including meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and annual audits. We are encouraged that the Province has reconfirmed our purpose to provide for conservation, restoration source water protection and natural resources management.

However, while we wait for updated regulations to better understand how the changes are to be implemented, we are concerned that proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act if passed, would reduce our ability to protect the natural environment and our watershed, and remove citizen representation on our Board.

Proposed changes provide new appeal avenues for permit applications to go to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) and even the ability of the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to issue certain permits in place of the conservation authority. An appeal process already exists to applicants directly to the HCA Board. Conservation authorities are important agencies who help protect Ontario's environment. Their science-based watershed information helps to steer development to appropriate places where it will not harm the environment or create risks to people.

The Province also proposes an amendment to the Planning Act, which if passed, would not allow conservation authorities to appeal a municipal planning decision to the LPAT to represent our interests, unless requested through an agreement with the municipality or the Province. To date, this has not been an issue with the Hamilton Conservation Authority but is an important tool to have. This could also impact our right to appeal planning decisions as a landowner. This is a concern as our conservation lands, made up of 11,000 acres of forests, 145 km of trails, fields, streams, wildlife and plant life, are under HCA's care and protection, as they have been for over 60 years.



A Healthy Watershed for Everyone

Conservation authorities have long requested for the ability to issue stop work orders to protect environmentally sensitive areas. The updated Act removes un-proclaimed provisions for this enhanced enforcement and only retains the current tools such as fines and possible prosecution and these existing tools do not provide the ability to effectively stop any significant threats and impacts.

If passed, HCA would lose citizen representatives on its board who currently make up half the board of directors. These members provide expertise in varied fields and provide input on HCA programs and services from a citizen's point of view. The proposed amendments would also require municipally appointed councillors to make decisions in the best interest of the municipality and not the conservation authority and its watershed. This is contrary to proper board governance.

In these stressful times, nature and the outdoors play an important role in people's mental and physical health. After this year, we have seen just how important these spaces, and that protection, is for our community. We will continue promoting our vision of a healthy watershed for everyone. HCA staff will also continue to work collaboratively with all parties to better understand and determine what these changes will mean for conservation authorities in general and for the protection of our watersheds.

Public consultation is not required on these proposals as it has been incorporated as part of the budget. We encourage our watershed residents, municipal partners and supporters to reach out to the Premier, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry as well as their local MPP's to ask them to address the concerns outlined above, before the Bill is enacted.

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November 14, 2020

Hon. Doug Ford
Hon. Jeff Yurek
Hon. John Yakabuski
Hon. Steve Clark
MPP Stephen Crawford

Re: Bill 229 - Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020. Schedule 6: Conservation Authorities Act

As voting citizens, we register our strong objections to Schedule 6 of Bill 229 and recommend it not be enacted in its present form, and be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229.

We are shocked to find our legislators using a Bill purported to be a plan for recovery from a global pandemic as a vehicle to undermine the powers of our Conservation Authorities (CA) and jeopardize our protected forests and wetlands.

As Canadians, we are deeply troubled by the ever increasing regularity of our provincial government's propensity toward omnibus bills which limit opportunities for debate and scrutiny. Indeed, we find on the same day the government tabled Bill 229, an Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) bulletin titled *Updating the Conservation Authorities Act*³ (ERO # 019-2646) was also posted stating that public consultation is not required under Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993 (EBR), because the proposed amendments form part of a budget.

It is shameful to think that as our collective focus is on dealing with Covid-19 and its severe impacts on our lives and livelihoods, our elected officials table legislation to make substantive changes to environmental laws while sidestepping the public's EBR rights.

At a time when it is becoming increasingly more evident that we need climate resilience, it appears the package of amendments as proposed in Schedule 6 are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem-based approach by decades. Conservation Authorities are a vital line of defence for the natural spaces that mitigate flood risk, provide precious land for hiking, fishing and escape into nature and are an essential habitat for the many species of wildlife, including endangered species that call Ontario home. If we lose these spaces, we can't get them back.

The majority of the Schedule 6 amendments are regressive in nature and are completely contradictory to fulfilling both the purpose of the Conservation Authorities Act and the desire to set the course for more climate resilient communities in the future.

If enacted, Schedule 6 would

- give direct decision making power over proposed development in environmentally sensitive areas, to the Minister of Natural Resources and allow the Minister to make decisions regarding permit applications and appeals in place of the Conservation Authority, thereby eliminating the non-partisan technical input and expertise of CAs.
- allow developers to appeal conservation authority decisions directly to the Minister.
- prohibit CAs from appealing a municipal planning decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) or becoming a party to an appeal before LPAT.
- have the potential to undermine conservation authorities and their ability to make science-based watershed management decisions in the interest of public health and safety.
- institute governance changes to CA boards to have municipal councillors comprise the sole membership, while being instructed to represent the interests of their respective municipalities, and not those of the CA or watershed residents. This will create an environment in which fiduciary duties and responsibilities to the conservation authority are not upheld.
- narrow the CAs authority from providing “programs and services designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals” (CAAct, s20(1)) to only one of three categories: (i) mandatory programs and services, (ii) municipal programs and services, and (iii) other programs and services (new CAAct provision 20(1)).

As constituents of Ontario, we have not be able to protect our population against a deadly pandemic, however we are able to direct our elected officials to take decisive steps to effectively protect, restore and manage our watersheds, protected forests and wildlife habitats thereby ensuring a climate resilient Ontario.

Our direction is to withdraw Schedule 6 in its entirety from Bill 229.

Respectfully,

Pamela Knight

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cc: Oakville Town Council Members
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Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks

The Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance

November 17, 2020

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Yurek and Minister Phillips,

We are writing to you today in response to the proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act), contained in Schedule 6, Bill 229. **We anticipate that some of the more prescriptive changes proposed in Bill 229 will lead to the opposite of your government's stated desire to help conservation authorities (CA) modernize and operate with greater focus, transparency and efficiency.**

The Progressive Conservative Government under the leadership of George Drew passed the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*. He recognized that Ontario needed to invest in a sound transformative strategy to help Ontarians recover from the devastation of World War Two, not just economically, but also emotionally, as a community. These progressive actions were further strengthened by Premier Frost. Today, as the Province faces unprecedented pressures from both, a global pandemic and climate change, we need to strengthen the cooperative role played by CAs.

For over 60 years, Conservation Halton (CH) has served the interests of its residents and stayed true to those founding principles – conserving the environment to enable watershed communities to prosper socially and economically while ensuring resilience and safety for generations to come. From planting four million trees, to managing 11,000 acres of land, teaching millions of children, ensuring people build their homes and businesses in safe places and constantly checking the pulse of our environment through monitoring and restoration, CH has been a trusted, accountable partner to the Province and our municipalities. Today, CH serves over one million residents in one of the fastest growing areas in Ontario. Our residents and municipalities depend on us to deliver cost-effective services that ensure growth and development support sustainable and vibrant communities.

CH has played a collaborative role in the previous consultations regarding the modernization of the CA Act. While it was unexpected to see further proposed changes to the Act in Bill 229, we are encouraged that the purpose of the Act to provide for the organization and delivery of programs and services that

further conservation, restoration, development, and management of natural resources in Ontario watersheds remains the same.

It is our view that several of the proposed amendments will increase the risk to life and property from natural hazards and the degradation of the environment. **We respectfully request you withdraw Schedule 6 from Bill 229 until a more thorough analysis of the appropriate solutions can take place, with more clarity on what problems were identified through the consultation process.** We also encourage you to engage with CAs as you work on regulations that will eventually define the limits of the various CA Act clauses. We feel this is critical to ensure that the focus and performance of CAs is actually improved.

Several changes, such as those related to governance, ministerial authority to issue permits, the removal of our ability to appeal decisions at LPAT, and the removal of enforcement tools will lead to increased administrative costs, red tape, delays, and above all bring into question the integrity and transparency of the permitting and planning process. **These changes will also result in a more uncertain, litigious and discordant atmosphere, which will hinder our ability to work with applicants to find practical solutions for safe development. These changes will undo the hard work CH has done over the last five years to ensure we are customer-centric, accountable, efficient and solutions oriented.** Specifically:

- **There is no duplication, red tape or going beyond our mandate**
CH and our municipal partners work in a complementary way, avoid duplication of effort and remain focused on our core responsibilities through detailed MOUs and workplans. CH worked with our partners and customers to develop clear, quantifiable service delivery targets, which we have achieved, and publicly reported on with consistency. We track all permitting and plan review metrics on a quarterly basis to ensure nothing is slipping.
- **Our permit/planning fees only cover the cost to review and we have high service standards**
CH works with the development industry to ensure there is transparency on how our fees are determined, what costs are included and what standard of service we deliver in exchange. This approach is highly appreciated by our BILD chapter and they have encouraged other agencies to adopt our approach. We will be happy to share correspondence to this effect with you. We work on a cost-recovery model to ensure we keep the cost to taxpayers as low as possible.
- **The integrity of the permitting process will be compromised – these amendments will increase risk, liability, delays, and lead to inconsistency**
CH currently issues 95% of minor permits and 98% of major permits within 30 and 90 review days respectively (not calendar days). We value the process as much as we value the output of our services in this area. It is our view that the proposed amendments that would allow the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry jurisdiction over certain permit applications and the appeal process has the potential to allow individuals to circumvent checks and balances that exist to protect the communities in our watersheds. It is unclear whether the minister would have regard for local conditions, technical input or Board-approved policies. These proposed changes may inadvertently cause more people in the community to be at risk, rather than protected, from natural hazards.
- **The amendments introduce a “stakeholder governance model” that has no legal precedence**
The proposed changes to the composition of CA boards negatively disrupts what is currently a relatively apolitical structure. This will significantly reduce the capacity of boards to make

decisions on a watershed basis. Our Board of Directors carry out their fiduciary responsibilities, guide strategy, approve policies in support of our Provincial and municipal responsibilities and track performance. They ensure CH makes decisions with integrity, based solely on our core responsibilities. It is our view that changing the composition to reflect elected officials that represent the interests of their respective municipalities creates a setting ripe for conflict of interest. It runs counter to all governance principles.

- **These amendments compromise our ability to create jobs & deliver services without tax dollars**
Conservation Halton is focused on our core programs. We are equally competent and resourceful in providing further opportunities for Ontarians in recreation and education on our conservation lands—especially during the pandemic when the need for safe and accessible greenspace is at an all-time high—and we are even more proud that we are able to fund these opportunities 100% self-sufficiently. Our responsible monetization of assets and generation of revenue creates value for the community as well as employment opportunities. We are concerned that should the Ministry set fees or other limits on non-mandatory programs and services—particularly those that we already successfully run without the support of tax dollars—our ability to provide important recreational, educational, and employment opportunities that allow our community to interact with conservation will be significantly diminished. Our municipal levy for 2021 is under 28% and the provincial contribution is close to 2% of our total budget. We have worked hard to achieve such low reliance on taxpayer funding. At the same time, we have expanded access to our parks by 35% this season, giving Ontario families a safe place to visit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In conclusion, we do not want to see an increased risk to public safety, or increased liabilities to the Province, municipalities, and conservation authorities. Nor do we want more red tape, disruption and ultimately delays in helping the government achieve its goal of economic recovery. Given the time sensitive nature of this Bill, we encourage the Province to consult with Conservation Halton and other CAs in an expedient manner. We have attached a more detailed (Board) report on our key concerns.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our concerns. **We feel there are better solutions to deal with actual and perceived issues.** We would be pleased to discuss these and our desire to work with you to define the governing regulations at your earliest convenience. Please contact Conservation Halton CEO, Hassaan Basit (CEOoffice@hrca.on.ca) so we can help support your mandate while ensuring success for all stakeholders.

Regards,

Gerry Smallegange



Chair, Conservation Halton Board of Directors

Mayor Rob Burton, BA, MS



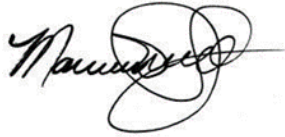
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Courtenay Hoytfox

From: Susan Fielding [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:05 PM
To: John Sepulis; James Seeley; Jessica Goyda; Sara Bailey; Matthew Bulmer; Glenn Schwendinger; Courtenay Hoytfox; Mayor Chris White
Subject: Comments of Conservation Authority Proposed Changes

Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors:

I was asked to share this email and I ask it be added to tomorrow's agenda along with the other correspondence from Hamilton and Halton Conservation Authorities. Any support you would consider lending to the concerns outlined would be most appreciated. The following email is from Councillor Tom Jackson, a long-time member of Hamilton Council and on the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board.

Subject: Province's Proposal to Eliminate Volunteer Citizen Members on THE HCA Board!!

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Councillor (HCA Chairman) Ferguson....I heard with dismay and disappointment the above announcement in the last 48 hours!! IF The Province wishes to move forward on this, it will be an absolute shame and disservice to our encouragement of Citizen engagement and participation on an august Board such as the HCA. It boggles my mind why they would even consider going down this path??!! With all due respect to elected members of local Council....to have hypothetically an 11 member HCA Board of only politicians might as well make the HCA a Standing Committee of City Council. One of the treasures I have truly enjoyed over the years has been working alongside volunteer citizen appointees on any Task Force/Board/Advisory Committee, etc., because of the "blend" of elected and non-elected Board members sitting at the same table, assisting in the advancement (and preservation) of that Organization/Service/Agency's mandate/vision/goals TOGETHER!! Plus...on this current Board of 11 voting members, IF The Province's proposal is not withdrawn, 6 less citizens will have the chance to serve their Community on a dynamic and esteemed Board via the appointment process of City Council!! To conclude, if a resolution of our City Council is in order to forward MY (Hopefully OUR) objection to this misguided proposal, I am willing to assist with the motion OR instead to support anyone else that wishes to lead. Thanks for listening. Thoughts?? Councillor Jackson...P.S...HCA CAO Burnside or E.A. Tellier....Can you kindly ensure please that my email is forwarded to the citizen members of the HCA Board?? Thanks in advance. Councillor Jackson....P.P.S...(BTW Council Colleagues...this has nothing to do with the fact I am on the Board currently and do not wish other members of Council to possibly join. For what its worth...I left the Board after the 2014 Civic election to allow a new member of Council to join then.). Just sharing...
Councillor Tom Jackson

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Susan Fielding

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Courtenay Hoytfox

From: Glenn Schwendinger
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:00 AM
To: John Sepulis
Cc: Courtenay Hoytfox
Subject: RE: We Need Your Support: Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

From: Conservation Halton <web@hrca.on.ca>
Reply-To: Conservation Halton <web@hrca.on.ca>
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:29 PM
To: John Sepulis <jsepulis@puslinch.ca>
Subject: We Need Your Support: Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

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To our Conservation Halton friends:

I hope you and your family are keeping well. I am writing to you today to ask for your support.

This year has been challenging for us all, but it has also given us an opportunity to take a step back and focus on the important things in life. If there has been any silver lining to our experience living through this pandemic, we have to say that it has been the spirit of community and renewed appreciation for nature that we have seen through the watershed over this past year.

On November 5, 2020, the provincial government tabled Bill 229 *Protect, Support, and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020*. This piece of legislation encompasses more than just a budget in response to COVID-19 as its name might suggest. There have been several proposed **changes** to the *Conservation Authorities Act* within this Bill that we are concerned about. It is not a well-thought-out piece of legislation. We are hoping you can use your voice to support us in

expressing these concerns to the Province. **Since the Province has picked a fast-track process to pass this Bill, timing is of the essence. We need our allies, customers, and supporters to act today by emailing the Premier and your local MPP and by getting loud on social media.**

Our concerns with proposed CA Act amendments:

1) Ability for Developers to bypass CAs: Conservation Halton has a legislated responsibility to ensure development does not occur in flood hazard areas and that our creeks, valleys and wetlands are not adversely impacted. We work hard to ensure new development is balanced and that our communities are safe and livable, with ample greenspace. The amendments proposed by the Provincial government outline a process whereby developers and others can go around Conservation Authorities to have permits approved by the Province directly.

2) Ability of CH to continue to offer Parks: We are proud to provide opportunities in recreation and education on our conservation lands to members of our community—especially during the pandemic when the need for safe and accessible greenspace is at an all-time high—and we are even more proud that we are able to fund these opportunities 100% self-sufficiently. Our responsible monetization of assets and generation of revenue creates value for the community as well as employment opportunities. At the same time, we have expanded access to our parks by 35% this season, giving Ontario families a safe place to visit during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are concerned that should the Ministry set fees or other limits on non-mandatory programs and services—particularly those that we already successfully run without the support of tax dollars—our ability to provide important recreational, educational, and employment opportunities that allow our community to interact with conservation will be significantly diminished.

3) Ability for CH to remain above politics and special interests: The proposed changes to the composition of CA boards negatively disrupts what is currently a relatively apolitical structure. Our Board of Directors carry out their fiduciary responsibilities, guide strategy, approve policies in support of our Provincial and municipal responsibilities and track performance. They ensure CH makes decisions

with integrity, based solely on our core responsibilities and remains apolitical, yet innovative and solution oriented. It is our view that changing the composition to reflect elected officials that represent the interests of their respective municipalities creates a setting ripe for conflict of interest.

4) Ability to monitor, restore and grow our natural areas: Conservation Halton's mission is to help protect the natural environment, from lake to escarpment, for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Protecting and maintaining our natural heritage in turn benefits human, ecological, and economic health. We inherited our natural spaces from the generations before us and will pass them on to our children and future generations. Our duty as stewards is what continues to inspire us to use science to study and inform us about climate change impacts to our communities and mitigation strategies. Should the new amendments pass, our ability to make independent science-based decisions in the interest of the community will be significantly limited, our wetlands, valleys, and water will be at risk, and our ability to remedy violations that put our environment and communities in danger will be minimal.

How You Can Help

Please raise your voice with ours! We've sent a [letter](#) to the Premier, members of Cabinet and our local MPPs and need you to do the same. Click the green button to send your local MPP, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks, and the Minister of Finance a letter asking them to hold off on making unilateral changes without public consultation. Be sure to follow us on social media where we plan to keep the conversation going!

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Thank you again for your continued support of our environment and community.

Yours in conservation,

Hassaan Basit
President and CEO

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November 25, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Dear Mr. Ford:

Re: Motion regarding – Notice to withdraw from Schedule 6 from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act

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The following resolution #CC2020-272 was passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on November 24, 2020:

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WHEREAS the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the critical role of Ontario's conservation authorities in regulating development, in the permit appeal process and when engaging in planning applications;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury relies on the watershed expertise provided by the Nickel District Conservation Authority (operating as Conservation Sudbury) to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis. The Authority reduces risks to our community from hazards such as flooding in low-lying neighbourhoods, erosion of the banks of rivers such as the Vermilion and the Whitson, the dynamic shorelines of Wanapitei Lake and our more than 300 other lakes, and unstable ground near wetlands and steep valley slopes, which is achieved by regulating development and by engaging in reviews of proposals subject to the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to make decisions without the benefit of a conservation authority's science based watershed data and expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation provides the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks with the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs, which locally could impact the education offerings that include school field trips to the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. This would also apply to events such as the popular family fishing days and to the public's access to Camp Bitobig that runs in July and August. These are and must be local-level agreements between the City of Greater Sudbury and Conservation Sudbury to serve demands in our community;

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AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury believes that the appointment of representatives to the Conservation Sudbury Board should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair should be duly elected annually;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Sudbury board Member. Our appointed Members serve our residents by acting in the best interests of Conservation Sudbury and invariably its member municipality, as it carries out its responsibilities to the watershed;

AND WHEREAS all conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, the land development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

AND WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more "red tape", increasing costs for both Conservation Sudbury and therefore the taxpayers in the City of Greater Sudbury and will potentially result in delays and greater uncertainty in the development-approval process;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury values and relies on our natural spaces and water resources for the health and well-being of residents; we value Conservation Sudbury's work to prevent and reduce the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and we value our conservation authority's contributions to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury, with the support of Conservation Sudbury, requests the following:

- THAT the Minister of Finance withdraws Schedule 6 from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act and,*
- THAT the Province of Ontario works with all conservation authorities to find viable solutions to reduce "red tape" and create conditions for growth,*
- AND THAT the Province support its long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities by providing them with the tools and financial resources needed to effectively implement their watershed management role.*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Honourable John Yakubuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jamie West MPP for Sudbury, France Gelinis MPP for Nickel Belt, to Conservation Sudbury and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,



Eric Labelle
City Solicitor and Clerk