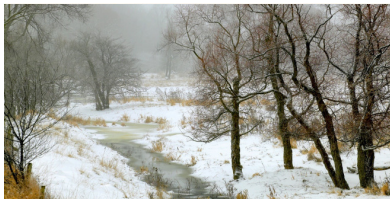


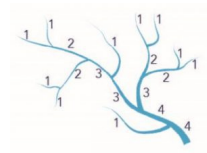
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***Conservation Authorities:
Good Value for the Investment***
*Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
November 30, 2020*

Introduction

- The Ontario Headwaters Institute focuses on on headwaters but is a full watershed management organization.
- We have championed the evolution of all of Ontario's water management framework to Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) for more than ten years.
- Conservation Authorities provide leadership on IWM and represent extraordinary value for money.



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Schedule 6 of Bill 229

- Continues efforts by the current government under which being Open for Business is seeking to weaken environmental protection.
- Continues efforts by the current government to avoid or minimize its obligation to conduct meaningful consultation.
- Offers no vision for how to not only maintain the services of conservation authorities an essential lens for land use planning but expand it as society faces a growing climate crisis and increasing momentum toward a sixth mass extinction.


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Suggested direction for the Committee

- Recommend the withdrawal of Schedule 6 from Bill 229.
- Recommend that the government stop using omnibus bills on issues that require public consultation.
- Recommend that MECP expand current discussions on the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan from a check list into a strategy.
- Recommend that the Province explore how Integrated Watershed Management can help safeguard Ontario's long-term ecological, social, and economic well-being.

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