

Bill 229 has a reassuring title. Ontarians might feel our government is trying to do its best in this COVID time.

But this is an omnibus bill, and it appears that our government is slipping changes to the Conservation Authorities Act into important and also non-consulting legislation.

The more I consider Schedule 6, the more I wonder if Ontario's government wants to abolish the Conservation Authorities and promote development with no regard for our environment.

I beg you to remove Schedule 6 completely from Bill 229.

Ontario's Conservation Authorities work across municipalities to protect our watersheds, benefitting residents and businesses.

Municipal planning does not have the scope to consider science-based management of wetlands, forest and farmland. Conservation Authorities are independent, and based on natural watershed boundaries, not municipal.

Any updating of the Conservation Authorities Act must not be hidden in another bill!

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