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Subject: Remove Schedule 6 of Bill 229, and bring it back as a stand-alone bill on amending the Conservation Authority Act and the Planning Act, so that it goes through a full public process.
Importance: High

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Legislative Assembly of Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.
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Our Conservation Authorities are important! They are local watershed management agencies, mandated to ensure the conservation, restoration and responsible management of Ontario's water, land and natural habitats through programs that balance human, environmental and economic needs. You know this and you should also know the important role that they have to be able make an informed decision when it comes to planning.

The provincial Government wants to make serious changes to the Conservation Authorities Act of which these changes are buried in an omnibus budget bill and hurrying towards final reading on Dec 2.

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. We all live in this province and we should have a right to speak to this issue. The government is hurrying the bill through and burying this very important issue hoping it will not be noticed. That is not an acceptable procedure from a government who wants to be transparent and I assume trusted by those who elected them.

These unethical practices must stop now! Allow time for proper input and consultation instead of sneaking through your bill hoping no one will notice. Obviously if you really thought it was a good idea for the people of Ontario, you would not be hiding this bill and pushing it through so quickly.

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