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Submission re Schedule 6, Bill 229, changes to Conservation Authority Act

Summary: The Province has introduced a number of changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act that significantly either limit or completely change the role of conservation authorities to protect Ontario's environment and ensure people and property are safe from natural hazards.

Highlights of Key Changes:

- remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, and engaging in review and appeal of municipal planning applications
- allow the Minister to make decisions on permit appeals and issue permits without watershed data and expertise from the conservation authorities
- redirect the fiduciary role (Duty of Members) for municipally appointed CA Board members. They are being told to make decisions in the best interest of the municipalities and not the conservation authority.

The Conservation Authority Act originated in 1946 to address the twin problems of erosion and flooding, risks that continue to require the Conservation Authorities' science-based watershed approach which currently protects Ontario's environment. Removing their overseeing role is dangerous and short sighted.

Recommendations:

- THAT the Province of Ontario work with Conservation Authorities to address their concerns by removing Schedule 6 from Bill 229 which affects changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act.
- THAT the Province respect the current Conservation Authority/Municipal relationships.
- THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the Conservation Authorities and engage in full and open consultation around proposed legislation and regulations.

Sincerely,

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