



December 1, 2020

Legislative Assembly of Ontario
111 Wellesley St. W
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Submitted electronically

**Re: Bill 229 – Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act
& Planning Act (Schedule 6)**

At the Special Council meeting held on November 30, 2020 the following resolution was passed:

R/30/11/20/02

Moved by: Graham

Seconded by: Moore

1. That a letter including the recommendations below be submitted to the Province as the Township's written submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs through the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website with specific recommendations that proposed legislative and regulatory amendments:
 - i. Identify that if any non-mandatory programs or services for provincial purposes should be funded by the provincial government and not become the responsibility of the Conservation Authority municipal funding partners;
 - ii. Outline legislated/regulated response times and service standards for all Conservation Authorities (CAs) if they are providing planning and/or technical services that are being contracted out as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);
 - iii. Require CAs to incorporate the Conservation Ontario endorsed Client Service Standards for Conservation Authority Plan and Permit Review;
 - iv. Require CAs to identify the role(s) and legislative authority under which they are providing comments to municipalities or planning approval authorities, and specifically whether these comments are advisory in nature;
 - v. Require CA staff involvement in planning applications (i.e., subdivision applications) to be brought back before their respective Board every 120 days for an update;
 - vi. Require CAs file Annual Reports with specific reference to the Guidelines & Performance Monitoring Policies set out in Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities;

- vii. Require Permitting and Activity Performance Reports to be brought before Conservation Authority Boards in open session on a regular basis;
 - viii. Require that comments from CAs during a pre-consultation contain a list of the necessary studies that will be required based on the application submitted, limiting supplementary studies to those that are a result of findings from initial studies; and
 - ix. Create an independent permit appeal process. Under the current system, appeals go back to the Conservation Authority Board and/or Executive Committee, who are too close to remain independent. 2 2. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of
2. That a copy of the written submission be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Environment Conservation & Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, the Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry, appropriate local MPP's, Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, Kawartha Conservation Authority, Ganaraska Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, Peterborough County and area municipalities.

Yours truly,

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