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I am submitting my comments as an individual resident and taxpayer of Ontario who is deeply concerned about Schedules 6 and 8 that have been included in this new omnibus budget bill. I am requesting that these schedules be removed from Bill 229 as both are detrimental to the environment, risk the public's health and well-being and have nothing to do with COVID19 financial impacts.

Schedule 6 in particular, which essentially eliminates Conservation Authorities ability to do what they are ultimately mandated to – protect our wetlands, tributaries and watershed from destructive land use practices – is a high-risk Schedule that will open up what little Ontario has left of pristine wetlands to unchecked development.

In 1962, my parents bought a farm in the township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Simcoe County. They have grown organic vegetables in their gardens, and left much of the land in its natural state, which has provided a rich, bio diverse habitat for several species to flourish. Many of these species are included on Ontario's Species At Risk List.

In 1976, my father died in a tragic accident on the farm. My mother with 5 children to raise on her own, made the decision to keep the farm and continue to hold on to the dream my parents had. She has great respect for the natural world and is a steward of her property.

6 years ago my mom received notification from Tribute homes, the developer of a proposed community in Colgan, Adjala-Tosorontio. The notice was to inform her that they were proposing to outfall treated effluent from their Waste Water Treatment Plant into Bailey Creek. The proposed outfall is at the south end of her property, They are also proposing outfalling the storm water in Bailey Creek just upstream from her property. The proposed development is directly beside Bailey Creek where there are several existing homes which lie in or close proximity to the flood zone. Bailey Creek divides my Mother's property in two – the creek separates her residence from her barn and road access. This property was established in the 1800's.

In the last 5-10 years the residents of Keenansville have experienced severe storms with high wind and flash flooding , and major flooding over bridges, properties, homes and crops. Several of us have homes in or near a floodplain and are directly impacted from higher ground activities such as farm drainage, municipal drainage and development. Bailey Creek has flooded over the banks, flooding several hundred feet over my Mother's property and into her gardens.

We are very concerned with the impact Tribute Home's development will ultimately have on our property. As this proposed development is directly beside Bailey Creek, I'm concerned about the impacts this development will have after they have paved over land that would normally absorb water into the ground. I am also concerned what the impacts from contamination and warm water entering a cold water stream from the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Storm Water Pond will have on Bailey Creek and all the species that rely on this watercourse for their survival.

Two years ago, new Councillors, a Mayor and Deputy Mayor were voted into office. For the first time in six years, our concerns with regards to this development were finally heard and supported. As of May, 2020 Tribute homes is suing our Township for 165 million dollars.

On May 15, 2020, Tribute brought a motion to Ontario Land Tribunals seeking to transfer final authority from the township to Simcoe County for clearance of the Draft Plan Approval Conditions and to extend until February 20, 2025.

The Tribunal Orders that: Final authority for clearance of the Draft Plan Approval Conditions and to administer final approval of the plans of subdivision ATT-601 and AT-T-701 shall be transferred from the Township to Simcoe County.

Who will protect our wetlands, tributaries and watershed and our properties from flooding?

As a resident and taxpayer of this province, I am asking that both Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 be removed from Bill 229.

Sincerely,

Lisa Narowski

Photo's : 1) My mother in her garden 2) our bridge and property flooded from Bailey Creek 3) Snapping Turtles mating in Bailey Creek 4) Great Blue Heron in Bailey Creek