



**Ganaraska Region
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November 20, 2020

Ms. Tracey Vaughan
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Cobourg
55 King Street West
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Dear Ms. Vaughan:

Re: Bill 229 Schedule 6 - Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act

At the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020, the Board members passed the following resolution:

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MOVED BY: Brian Darling
SECONDED BY: Nicole Beatty

THAT the Board of Directors, through the Chair, send a letter to the Honourable Premier Ford, Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, to have Schedule 6 removed from Bill 229 to allow for consultation with municipalities who are directly affected by the work of Conservation Authorities and;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this letter be forwarded to MPP David Piccini and the watershed municipalities, and;

FURTHER THAT the following resolution be sent to the watershed municipalities asking for their support:

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act

AND WHEREAS, municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

AND WHEREAS, changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority watersheds value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the economic health and well-being of residents and our communities;

AND WHEREAS, we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development, undertaking watershed scale studies and planning, and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT Schedule 6 be removed from Bill 229 to allow for consultation with municipalities who are directly affected by the work of Conservation Authorities.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for support in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Linda J. Laliberte', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer