



The Town of Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Date: Monday, November 30, 2020

Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Councillor Hope

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains request:

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 of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns

THAT the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of conservation authority-municipal budget processes

THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships

AND THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role

AND THAT the Province continue to work with the Conservation Authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth;

AND THAT the Province introduce any such amendments to the Conservation Act as standalone legislation through the Environmental Registry as prescribed in Section 33 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, thereby allowing Conservation Authorities, municipalities and the public to participate in the provincial decision making process

The motion is Carried