



—The TOWNSHIP of—  
**NORTH DUMFRIES**

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December 2, 2020

**RE: Resolution related to Conservation Authorities**

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

This letter is to advise you that Township Council, at their Special Council Meeting held on December 1, 2020, adopted the following resolution:

*“WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 229, the Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020, which amongst other matters, proposes changes to Conservation Authorities’ permitting, planning and enforcement powers (as contained in Schedule 6 of the Bill);*

*AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities play a critical role as a partner in protecting our environment and natural heritage system, mitigating natural hazards, and supporting Municipal partners by providing an environmental, conservation and risk assessment lens on development applications and the state of the watershed;*

*AND WHEREAS the proposed changes in Schedule 6 of Bill 229 have raised concerns amongst Conservation Authorities, including the Grand River Conservation Authority;*

*AND WHEREAS more time is required for the Township and our Municipal partners to properly assess and measure the potential implications arising from the proposed changes as outlined in Schedule 6 of Bill 229 on Municipal operations and the state of the watershed going forward;*

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUMFRIES RESOLVES:**

- 1. THAT the Government of Ontario be requested to pause on proposed Conservation Authority changes as outlined in Schedule 6 of Bill 229 for a period of five (5) months;*
- 2. AND THAT the Government of Ontario be encouraged to pursue further consultations with Conservation Authorities and Municipalities so that a more fulsome analysis and the associated implications can be properly assessed and understood;*
- 3. AND THAT as a first principle all appropriate models and proposals be assessed, including alternatives that improve Conservation Authority operations that further the*

*objectives of environmental protection on a watershed basis while simultaneously ensuring cost-neutrality for Municipal governments;*

4. *AND THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Conservation Ontario, the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Region of Waterloo, the Area Municipalities of Waterloo Region, MPP Kitchener-Conestoga Mike Harris Jr and MPP Cambridge Belinda Karahalios.”*

Sincerely,



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