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Attention: Honorable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance

Dear Mr. Phillips:

**Re: Conservation Authority Legislative Changes Support Resolution**

At a meeting held on November 20, 2020 regarding Conservation Authority Legislative Changes, Council passed the following Resolution:

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Inglis #436-20**

**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 Conservation Authority (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 Mississippi River watershed 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** the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns;

**And That** the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of CA and municipal budget processes;

**And That** the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships;

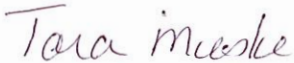
**And That** the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*;

**And That** the Province remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229.

**Carried**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca](mailto:clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca) or by telephone (613) 479-2234 ext. 225.

Yours truly,



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