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Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Honorable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Ministers:

Re: Provincial Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020

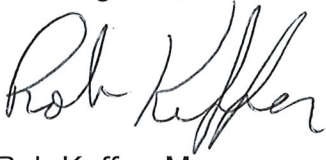
The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury falls within the watersheds of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. We have a longstanding and productive relationship with both CAs and rely considerably on their expertise in the protection and management of natural resources within our municipality.

Regarding Bill 229, it is our understanding that the government has drafted amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act to, among other matters, reduce red tape and increase transparency and accountability among CAs. While we appreciate initiatives of this nature, the Town is concerned that the proposed amendments will not deliver the intended benefits.


The attached letters from LSRCA and NVCA detail their concerns with Bill 229 in that it will hamper rather than improve permitting processes, lead to increased administrative costs, and undermine the integrity and transparency of regulatory efforts. We share these concerns and request that the government delay its consideration of the proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act until further consultation occurs with CAs and municipalities.

Feel free to contact any of the undersigned if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Best regards,



Rob Keffer, Mayor
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury



Peter Ferragine, Ward 5 Councillor
Vice Chair, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority



Raj Sandhu, Ward 1 Councillor
Board Member, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

- c. Council, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Chair, LSRCA
Chair, NVCA