



ERINDALE VILLAGE

ASSOCIATION

February 19, 2021

Honourable Jeff Yurek
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Honourable Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Yurek:

Re: Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

The Erindale Village Association (Mississauga) recently adopted a resolution at its Annual General Meeting in support of Conservation Authorities and their role in protecting and managing the local environment.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: MPP Rudy Cuzzeto
MPP Steve Clark
Mayor Bonnie Crombie
Councillor Karen Ras
Councillor Dipika Damerla

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WHEREAS the Erindale Village Association represents a community of over 130 residences and is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its environment;

AND WHEREAS the residents and members of the Erindale Village Association value the role of Conservation Authorities and in particular the Credit Valley Conservation's role in protecting and managing the local environment;

AND WHEREAS the residents and members of the Erindale Village Association support a science-based watershed information approach towards steering development to appropriate places where it will not harm the environment or create risks to people and property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Erindale Village Association strongly opposes the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act set out in Schedule 6 of Bill 229 that curtails the role of Conservation Authorities in watershed planning and management. These changes reduce or constrain the mandate of Conservation Authorities, and are therefore contradictory to the interests of the people of Ontario who are facing enormous risks and costs as a result of climate change and ongoing biodiversity loss. The roles and responsibilities of Conservation Authorities are critical in protecting the lands, waters and wildlife which benefit businesses and communities across Ontario, and upon which our health and well-being ultimately depend.

We respectfully ask that as a result of our concerns:

- the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the *Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)*
- the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth
- the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships
- 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 this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Rudy Cuzzeto, Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Councillor Karen Ras, and Councillor Dipika Damerla.

This resolution was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Erindale Village Association on February 18, 2021