



## City of Hamilton

### CITY COUNCIL ADDENDUM

24-007

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, One Hour following the conclusion of the General Issues Committee meeting

Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.36 Correspondence respecting changes to Regulation 41/24:

- \*b. Lindsay Knight-Pfiffer
- \*c. Deborah Boyd
- \*d. Jean Jacobs
- \*e. John Mckillop
- \*f. Jean Wilson

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.

\*5.37 Correspondence from Robert Brosius respecting HSR Bus Stops – No Parking Zones.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for appropriate action.

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Reaction to Ontario Legislation Re: Conservation Authorities-Regulation 41/24

**From:** Lindsay Knight-Pfiffer <

**Sent:** March 22, 2024 2:36 PM

**To:** Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca); Ward 1 Office <[ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 4 <[ward4@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward4@hamilton.ca)>; Francis, Matt <[Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca)>; Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Beattie, Jeff <[Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca)>; Tadeson, Mark <[Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 12 Office <[ward12@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward12@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 13 <[ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca)>; Spadafora, Mike <[Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca)>; McMeekin, Ted <[Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca](mailto:Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** Reaction to Ontario Legislation Re: Conservation Authorities-Regulation 41/24

*To Whom It May Concern:*

As someone who lives Dundas, Ontario, I am writing to express my *extreme disgust and outrage* at Regulation 41/24 which weakens the authority of our province's Conservation Authorities at a time when climate change requires very careful monitoring of waters and floodplains and careful, technical screening of development.

It is my understanding that on Feb 16, 2024, a day when families were occupied celebrating Family Day, this regulation was filed with no legislative or public input and will quickly come into effect on April 1, 2024. This legislation gives Graydon Smith, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the unprecedented power to override the Conservation Authorities. This is an outrageous abuse of power.

The specific aspects that I find unacceptable in this new regulation are:

- New Ministerial powers to issue orders and permits and override the CA's decision to deny permits if requested by applicants. The Minister's decision is FINAL
- The prevention of Conservation Authorities to prevent possible development of lands within their currently protected areas.
- The reduction of the development buffer around a provincially significant wetland from 120m to only 30m.
- The definition of a watercourse will be changed from: *an identifiable depression in the ground*, to: *a defined channel having a bed and banks or sides*.
- The elimination of consideration of "natural heritage" on or adjacent to water and eco-systems when granting permits.

The impacts of these changes are far-reaching, unpredictable and irreversible on waterfalls, the potential for increased flooding and fire risks, run off, and our vital eco-systems. ***My family grew up in Woodbridge during Hurricane Hazel, and one of our family friends was killed during the flooding of the Humber River. I understand that the devastation caused by Hurricane Hazel caused Ontario to implement Conservation Authorities and give them power to oversee.***

As proud citizens of Ontario, we have already expressed loudly and clearly our concerns and outrage at encroaching on the Protected Greenbelt Lands and our support for the Conservation Authority's stewardship of these Lands.

We are inspired by the Hamilton Mayor, Hamilton City Councillors and the Conservation Authority for standing up to the Provincial Government and we back their stance 100%.

I wonder who will take the blame when the first new development on previously conserved land goes awry and local flooding damages occur? I can imagine Doug Ford's folksy apology now and it makes me very angry. **Does the Ontario government want to have responsibility for such devastating outcomes as experienced during Hurricane Hazel? I am sure that the Reid family is outraged at these changes.**

Give the Conservation authorities back their full roles– they do it well.

Hands off the Conservation Authorities!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Knight-Pfiffer

A Dedicated and Passionate Citizen of Greater Hamilton Area

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** UNACCEPTABLE: Changes to Legislation 41/24

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**From:** Deborah Boyd

**Sent:** March 22, 2024 4:15 PM

**Subject:** UNACCEPTABLE: Changes to Legislation 41/24

March 22, 2024

**Re: Changes to Regulation 41/42**

To Whom It May Concern:

As someone who lives in the Greater Hamilton Area, I am writing to express my outrage over changes to Regulation 41/24 that will weaken the authority of our province's Conservation Authorities at a time when climate change requires very careful monitoring of waters and floodplains and careful, technical screening of development.

It is my understanding that on Feb 16, 2024, a day when families were occupied celebrating Family Day, this regulation was filed with no legislative or public input and is slated to quickly come into effect on April 1, 2024. This legislation gives Graydon Smith, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the unprecedented power to override the Conservation Authorities. This is an outrageous abuse of power.

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The impacts of these changes are far-reaching, unpredictable and irreversible on waterfalls, the potential for increased flooding and fire risks, run off, and our vital eco-systems.

As proud citizens of Ontario, we have already expressed loudly and clearly our concerns and outrage over any development encroachment on the Protected Greenbelt Lands and our support for the Conservation Authority's stewardship of these Lands.

We are inspired by the Hamilton Mayor, Hamilton City Councillors and the Conservation Authority for standing up to the Provincial Government and we back their stance 100%.

I am asking all levels of governments to use the full force of their power to rollback this latest attack on our democratic process and stop the proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 41/24.

**Hands off the Conservation Authorities!**

Sincerely,

**A Dedicated and Passionate Citizen of Greater Hamilton Area**

**Deborah Boyd**

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Changes to Regulation 41/42

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**From:** Jean Jacobs

**Sent:** March 22, 2024 8:06 PM

**To:** [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

**Subject:** Changes to Regulation 41/42

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- The elimination of consideration of "natural heritage" on or adjacent to water and eco- systems when granting permits.

The impacts of these changes on waterfalls are far-reaching, unpredictable and irreversible. They have the potential to increase flooding, fire risks, and run off, and to wreak irrevocable damage, if not complete destruction of, our vital eco-systems.

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I wonder who will take the blame when the first new development on previously conserved land goes awry and local flooding damages occur? I can imagine Doug Ford's folksy apology now and it makes me very angry.

Give the Conservation authorities back their full roles – they are fully staffed with experts in hydrology, ecology and land use who work tirelessly to regulate water levels and other natural elements to protect our lands and all of us!!!!!!



Hands off the Conservation Authorities!

Sincerely,

A Dedicated and Passionate Citizen of Greater Hamilton Area

Jean Jacobs

## 5.36 (e)

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A Dedicated and Passionate Citizen of the Greater Hamilton Area.

John Mckillop

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** HSR Bus Stops - No Parking zones**From:** Robert Brosius**Sent:** March 24, 2024 12:56 PM**To:** HSR Customer Service <[HSR.CustomerService@hamilton.ca](mailto:HSR.CustomerService@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Re: HSR Bus Stops - No Parking zones

Councillor Pauls,

As a follow-up to my last email about the HSR bus stop on the north side of Queensdale and 17 St E, everyday the bus stop is blocked by cars parking at the bus stop, making the hazard continuous, both to the bus required to stop in the middle of the road, and to passengers, including those who are mobility challenged, who need to walk out into the middle of the street, at an intersection, to board the bus.

This location needs a City By-Law designating No Parking 7 days a week. A By-Law exempting Sunday leaves the same hazards as before.

Please see an additional photo attached. There are new cars everyday, opposite Inch Park Arena, despite ample parking provided free.

Robert Brosius

On Sat., Mar. 23, 2024, 1:18 p.m. Robert Brosius wrote:

Hi HSR and Councillor Pauls,

Recently HSR eliminated several bus stops on Queensdale Ave E, along bus route 22, increasing the distance between stops. When they did so, they created new stops on the north and south side of the intersection at Queensdale and E 27th Street. The stop on the north side however does not have any No Parking signage. Being opposite the Inch Park Arena, cars park at the bus stop regularly, requiring the bus to stop in the middle of the road, and requiring passengers to walk into the street to board a bus.

See the photo attached.

This is bad planning, and creates a double hazard, for the bus as well as for passengers.

I request that City Council make the appropriate By-Law changes and create a No Parking zone, with signage to correct this hazardous situation.

I will appreciate being notified of City Council's action on this safety matter.

Robert Brosius



