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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter requesting an increase in funding for conservation authorities across the province. I note that the letter was also sent to my colleague, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry at that time. Responsibility for the *Conservation Authorities Act* has been transferred to my ministry, and I am pleased to respond on behalf of our government.

The *Conservation Authorities Act* was amended to improve clarity and consistency in regulatory requirements. The Act revisions provided for changes to modernize funding mechanisms, including how levies are apportioned among municipalities. To implement these amendments, supporting regulations are required.

The province is doing a line-by-line audit to ensure government funding programs are cost effective and beneficial. Although we recognize that funding amounts have not increased in recent years, we are not able to commit to additional funding for now.

I trust that you understand our position at this time. Thank you, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

Rod Phillips  
Minister

c: The Honourable John Yakabuski  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

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