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His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
Email: [mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for sharing with me your Council's resolution regarding the board composition at the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, participating municipalities are responsible for the appointment of members to a conservation authority. Recent amendments to the Act include provisions that give participating municipalities clear authority to appoint and replace the members of an authority. To clarify, the province does not have a role in the municipal appointment process.

Participating municipalities are entitled to appoint members either: based on the formula set out in subsection 2(2) of the Act; or based on an agreement between the participating municipalities. Where the formula set out in the Act is used, an upper-tier municipality that was established as a regional municipality before December 12, 2017 is entitled to appoint members based on the numbers that each of their lower-tier municipalities would be entitled to appoint.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Phillips". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail.

Rod Phillips  
Minister