



A Healthy Watershed for Everyone

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Via Email: clerk@hamilton.ca

November 7, 2022

Andrea Holland, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall
71, Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
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Re: Hamilton Conservation Authority Board Resolution re. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposals in support of Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23

Dear Ms. Holland,

On November 3, 2022, the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) Board of Directors passed the following unanimous resolution:

BD12, 3113

**MOVED BY: Jim Cimba
SECONDED BY: Brad Clark**

THAT the following key points regarding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposals in support of Bill 23 More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23 be sent to HCA's member municipalities:

- **Proposed changes should take into account a watershed-based approach to balance growth with the environment and public health and safety.**
- **CAs should continue with the ability to review and comment on natural heritage in permitting and planning applications and retain responsibility for**

Natural Hazard approvals to ensure safe development.

- **We request continued collaboration with the Province in regard to the proposed changes and support Conservation Ontario's call to engage with the established multi-stakeholder Conservation Authorities Working Group (CAWG) that helped guide the Province in its implementation of the last round of changes to the CA Act.**
- **Municipalities should retain the option to enter into MOUs with CAs for municipally requested advisory services.**
- **Permit CAs to work towards cost recovery targets so that development pays for development.**
- **The Province should recognize the importance of CA lands and ensure clear policies to protect them.**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Burnside". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Burnside
CAO, Hamilton Conservation Authority