

Integrity Commissioner have raised serious concerns on the bias and lack of transparency and fairness in the Greenbelt removals, drawing conclusions that the changes unfairly benefitted private landowners, and;

Whereas, the role of Conservation Authorities in protecting natural heritage and mitigating/ adapting for climate change has never been more important in light of the 6th Mass Extinction in biodiversity and the increasing possibility that Canada and the world will not meet the Paris Accord greenhouse gas target limiting temperature rise to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius, and;

Whereas the Hamilton Conservation Authority's ability to provide comments on natural heritage to the City of Hamilton is critical and must be restored.


Therefore:

That the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Directors respectfully request that:

- a) the Province of Ontario reverse recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Provincially Significant Wetland Evaluation System that adversely affect natural heritage protection, and;**
- b) the Province of Ontario's Auditor General undertake an investigation into the processes that were followed to make the above policy decisions, and whether this decision-making structure and its outcomes provide Ontarians with value for money, and;**
- c) That the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board requests that City of Hamilton Council provide similar direction to the Province of Ontario and;**
- d) That a copy of this Hamilton Conservation Authority Board of Director's motion be shared with local Members of Provincial Parliament, Conservation Ontario and all conservation authorities in Ontario.**

Please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Burnside

Chief Administrative Officer