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Re: Agenda Item MM 26.8 Opposition to the Government of Ontario's changes to Conservation Authorities

We are writing in support of the member motion.

After Hurricane Hazel in 1954, the people of Ontario learned that it was necessary to build resilience by building flood protection at a watershed level, and created an independent body with this objective.

Since then climate change has shown the wisdom of this foresight. Nevertheless, water damage (flooding) has become the greatest risk to property, overtaking fire.

In addition to protecting us from the increasing hazard of floods, the TRCA is the City's partner in natural heritage protection. Compromising the Conservation authorities' ability to meet its responsibilities will cost us all our safety and assets (for the natural heritage is for us all) without affecting a COVID-19 recovery.

We ask you to seek to reverse the provisions of Bill 229.

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