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Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Premier:

Re: Support for Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their meeting February 4, 2020:

"Whereas the Township of South Frontenac has been well served by Quinte Conservation, Cataraqui Conservation and Rideau Valley Conservation Authorities,

And whereas we value the efforts of the Conservation Authorities to monitor floods, to manage Source Water protection and to ensure the integrity of the watersheds within our Township and conserve our natural environment,

And whereas the province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of conservation authorities,

And whereas Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds,

And whereas smaller municipalities do not have the capacity or the financial resources to employ staff with the technical expertise that conservation authorities provide,

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of South Frontenac encourages the province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities.

And that the provincial government will maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities

And that this resolution is forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. (Carried)

The Township of South Frontenac wish to express their support for Conservation Authorities as they provide an essential service as it is not within our existing financial capacity to hire staff with the particular expertise provided by Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Quinte Conservation Authority and Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority.

We are aware of the stakeholder engagement sessions planned this month with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and with Minister Yurek as an opportunity to express our concerns. We urge the provincial government to maintain the core mandate of local Conservation Authorities and look forward to receiving any updates on this matter.

Yours truly

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c.c. Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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