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Honourable Jeff Yurek
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Honourable Premier Doug Ford
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Yurek:

Re: Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

Stratford City Council recently adopted a resolution in support of continuation of the programs of Ontario conservation authorities and requesting the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction regarding what is considered mandatory or non-mandatory and how programs will be funded.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

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Acting Clerk

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cc: MPP Erie Hardeman
MPP Randy Pettapiece
MP John Nater
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
Conservation Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

Resolution in Support of Conservation Authorities

WHEREAS the City of Stratford is committed to planning for a sustainable future for its resources and environment;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the Board of Directors of the UTRCA;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA;

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides the City of Stratford with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the City of Stratford does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Stratford and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk, completing restoration projects on the Avon River as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
That the City of Stratford supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time. And that, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
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