



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Addendum 2**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Hamilton Conservation Authority is now conducting meetings in a hybrid format via an in-person and Webex platform.**

**All hybrid meetings can be viewed live on HCA's You Tube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonConservation>**

#### **5. Consent Items for Applications, Minutes and Correspondence**

- 5.5. 41 Items of correspondence related to item 5.4, Email from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Update: Regulation of Development for Protection of People and Property from Natural Hazards on Ontario (to be referred to item 10.4 in the agenda).

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**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Answer "NO" to the Province new regulation  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 12:32:24 PM

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Esteemed Board members of the Hamilton Conservation Authority,

It is with great respect that I am asking you to express your commitment to the conservation and balance of the part of the world that falls under your purview by opposing, even only symbolically, the provisions of the Provincial government's regulation 41/24. That regulation would create havoc in the delicate balance of the wetlands you have the responsibility to protect.

The parallel with Dene Chief Frank T'Seleie comments to the Berger Commission: *"You are coming to destroy a people that have a history of thirty thousand years. Why? For twenty years of Gas? Are you really that insane?"* is staring us in the face. Are we that insane????

Thank you for voting **no** to Premier Ford's request to sign off on the destruction of this irreplaceable part of the province.

With gratitude, yours sincerely,

Bruna Nota - Toronto

**From:** [janwillem.jansen](mailto:janwillem.jansen)  
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**Subject:** concerns: HCA board of directors meeting March 7  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 8:02:52 PM

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Dear members of the HCA board of directors,

Hereby I urge you, on your upcoming meeting of March 7, to vote NO to the new Provincial Gvt. regulations concerning regulation of wetlands, pollution and water channels (Agenda pts. 5). Although unfortunately no legislative power will be derived from your vote, it will serve as a powerful signal that enough is enough. We have to stand united to defend what's left of our pristine wetlands and waterways!

Thank you.

Jan W. Jansen

Dundas ON

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Dear HCA Board:  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 1:04:07 PM

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say NO to Doug Ford's new wetland-wrecking regulations.  
after causing so much trouble, we should also say NO to Doug Ford next  
chance we get.  
cheers,  
michel.

**From:** [Richard Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [Clark, Brad](#); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** [Rick Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Doug Ford's "ask"  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:44:01 PM

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Hello HCA Board Members:

I am writing to you to ask you to give a resounding NO to Doug Ford's "ask" to sign off on his government's new wetland wrecking regulations that will go into effect on April 1, 2024. I am asking you to oppose this "ask" and this set of damaging regulations without reservation and I would go so far as to insist that you resist supporting anything and everything that comes from this Ford government. It is a government that acts in a clearly duplicitous manner for it's own selfish ends and will go above and beyond to serve itself and it's rich supporters before it will even consider the subject of serving the people of Ontario. Everyday, we hear about a new plan from the Ford government to further their grip on this province and ignore those of us who make this province a wonderful place to live; whatever you can do to resist the Ford government's involvement in our lives is what you have to do! Committed action by Ontarians forced the government to back down on the Greenbelt issue and we need to continue our opposition to Ford's stranglehold on all Conservation Authorities across our province to force Ford to backtrack once again; the Ford government makes money their god and we have to oppose them with as much resolve as they do with us! The work that the HCA does and has done has been highly admirable in trying to preserve what little environmental advantage that we do have locally and are under great threat at this very moment. PLEASE SAY NO TO THE FORD GOVERNMENT ASK and the people will back you up! Thanks for your kind attention!

Sincerely,

Rick Johnson  
  
Mount Hope, Ontario  
L0R 1W0

**From:** [Richard Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Cc:** [Clark, Brad](#); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [Ward 12 Office](#); [ward13@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward13@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [ward1@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward1@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Doug Ford's "ask"  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 12:46:23 PM

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## **Subject: Doug Ford's "ask"**

Hello Board members. I am resending this message to HCA Board members as I am getting delivery bounce backs for some of the councillor email addresses. Some councillors seem to use their personal names while others seem to prefer to use their ward designation.

## **Subject: Doug Ford's "ask"**

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Sincerely.

Rick Johnson



Mount Hope, Ontario  
L0R 1W0

**From:** [Jacqueline Williams](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Subject:** Ford's new regulations  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 5:23:23 PM

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The HCA board must protest the destruction of our wetlands and the loss of power of our conservation authorities by voting NO to accepting Ford's new regulations.

Jackie Williams

**From:** [P.Grove](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Give a Hoot! Say NO to regulation changes to HCA  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 1:00:46 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for taking a moment to hear from a regular Hamiltonian: I am furious to hear about the disrespectful way that the Ford government continues to undermine democratic process and the precious natural features of the golden horseshoe.

We must protect them!

Please say no to changes to regulations including development boundaries and the redefinition of waterways. Our children's futures depend on it.

Thank you for taking a courageous stance against Doug Ford - He is a bully! We must say NO!

Regards,

Paula Grove

Hamilton



**From:** [Miriam Sager](#)  
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**Subject:** HCA board: NO to new provincial regulations  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 8:39:47 AM

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Hello HCA Board members,

Please vote “no” to the disastrous new regulations imposed by the Provincial government.  
The government needs to know that their decisions are harmful to people and the environment, unwanted, and undemocratic.

Thank you,  
Miriam Sager  
Ward 1 resident

**From:** [Peter Appleton](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](#); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](#); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](#); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](#); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](#); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](#)  
**Subject:** HCA please protest Ford's new regulations  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 2:53:58 PM

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Hello

I hope everyone is well. I am asking that each and everyone of you, including the Hamilton conservation authority, protest, and reject Ford's new regulations surrounding wetlands and their definitions. This is a complete assault against all flora, fauna and biomes. We have stood up to him regarding Greenbelt and sprawl, and we will do the same here with your help.  
Thank you.

Peter Appleton

[Redacted signature block]

**From:** [Pat Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Pat Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Just say NO!  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:36:09 PM

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Please push back against Doug Ford's latest attempts to remove protection from our wetlands. It is bad enough that the Conservative government has dedicated 28 BILLION dollars to building highways while people live on the streets. Please don't allow this motion to pass without at least a symbolic NO in response to his request regarding wetland regulations.

Patricia (Pat) Wilson CFP  
The Wilson Financial Group



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**From:** [Harriet Woodside](#)  
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**Date:** March 5, 2024 12:26:43 PM

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Please stand firm and do everything you can to symbolically reject Premier Ford's proposed regulations to further destroy our wetlands.

I appreciate all your hard work.

Harriet Woodside

**From:** [Annette Paiement](#)  
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**Subject:** New municipalities Regulations and Request to Vote No.  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 12:27:50 PM

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I am writing to Urge the HCA Board to protest the new regulations by voting NO to Ford and other municipalities that we do not agree with the following new Greenbelt regulations:

- The definition of a watercourse has been amended to require that a watercourse be a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides. Formerly a watercourse was an identifiable depression in the ground. This change will eliminate hundreds, maybe thousands of intermittent and ephemeral streams from the protection of the HCA's regulated areas and pave the way for development.
- The definition of pollution is removed. This means housing developments, schools, libraries, etc. can be built immediately adjacent to known sources of pollution.
- The regulated area (development buffer) adjacent to a wetland is changed to only 30m for ALL wetlands. Formerly the buffer was 120m for provincially significant wetlands.
- New powers for the Minister to issue permits and/or direct an authority not to issue a permit.
- Development applicants may request a Minister's review if the HCA refuses to issue a permit, or imposes conditions on a permit to which an applicant objects.

Sincerely,

Annette Paiement



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**Subject:** NO to Ford's new regulations  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 4:12:41 PM

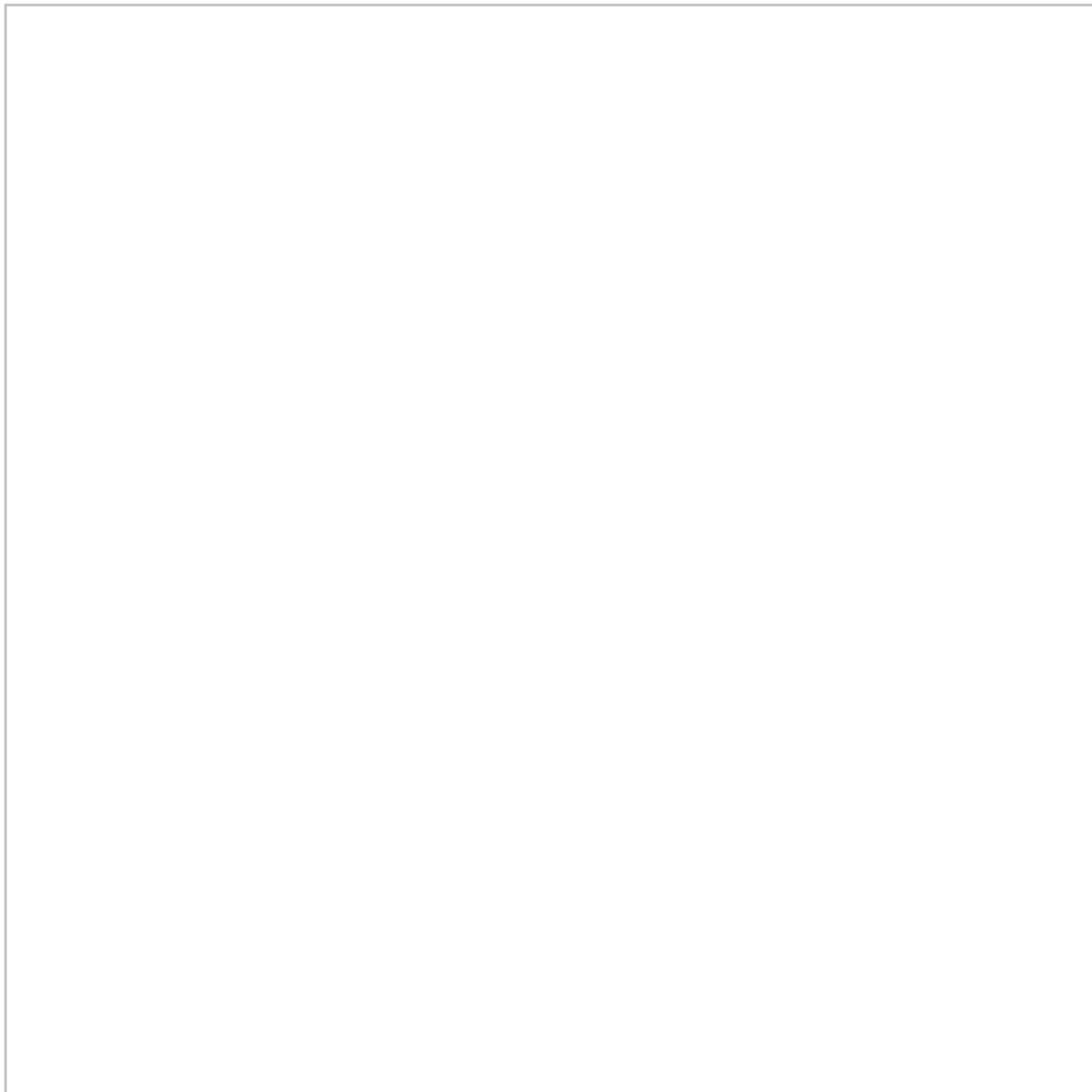
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Please vote “no” even if Ford does not listen, our children and grandchildren deserve a better chance with a healthier environment, not just focussing on the almighty dollar.  
Jen Saunders

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Save our Streams Hamilton via [ActionNetwork.org](https://ActionNetwork.org)" <info+sustainable-steel-town-info@email.actionnetwork.org>  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 at 12:07:40 PM EST  
**To:** lfg123@aol.com  
**Subject:** **NO to Ford's new regulations**  
**Reply-To:** SaveOurStreamsHamilton@gmail.com

**HCA asked to sign off on wetland destruction**



(Apologies if this is a duplicate or if you have been re-subscribed. We are having tech issues)

Ford is once again asking the impossible.

The Hamilton Conservation Authority Board is being "asked" by the Province to sign off on Doug Ford's new wetland-wrecking regulations which will take effect April 1, 2024.

How about if the HCA Board protests the new regulations with a symbolic NO vote?

Hamilton said NO to urban expansion and NO to the Greenbelt Grab. Now let's urge the HCA Board to say a symbolic NO to further destruction of our wetlands by the Ford government. If the Board votes no, it will be a protest vote only because the new Provincial regulations will be adopted in April regardless. But let's not go down silently. Let's tell Ford and other municipalities that we do not agree with these new regulations!

Just a few of Ford's changes to legislation are:

- The definition of a watercourse has been amended to require that a watercourse be a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides. Formerly a watercourse was an identifiable depression in the ground. This change will eliminate hundreds, maybe thousands of intermittent and ephemeral streams from the protection of the HCA's regulated areas and pave the way for development.
- The definition of pollution is removed. This means housing developments, schools, libraries, etc. can be built immediately adjacent to known sources of pollution.
- The regulated area (development buffer) adjacent to a wetland is changed to only 30m for ALL wetlands. Formerly the buffer was 120m for provincially significant wetlands.
- New powers for the Minister to issue permits and/or direct an authority not to issue a permit.
- Development applicants may request a Minister's review if the HCA refuses to issue a permit, or imposes conditions on a permit which an applicant objects to.

The Minister's decision is FINAL. This signifies the end of the power of all Conservation Authorities. They will no longer have the ability to protect us from flooding, erosion, pollution etc. So much for democracy.

Urge the HCA Board to protest against these terrible new regulations by voting NO and sending that message to Ford. Deadline to send your message is Thursday, March 7.

Send an email to the HCA Board [at this link](#).

Send a letter to the Spec in support of wetland protection [at this link](#).

Read the whole sad story starting on page 81 of the HCA March agenda [at this link](#).

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## **Nature in the balance, or on the Balance Sheet?**



A very valuable resource from the University of Waterloo [INTACT CENTRE on Climate Adaptation](#) which is a potential pathway for the protection of Hamilton's natural assets.

"The services that nature provides are not routinely accounted for in investment decisions, asset management or accounting. As a result, decisions may not be economically-sound and may lead to continued degradation of the services. ['Getting Nature on the Balance Sheet'](#) outlines (1) actions that are being taken to manage natural assets in Canada, (2) established methods of valuing the services nature provides, and (3) steps that can be taken to recognize and value the services in public and private sector accounting and decision-making."

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Thank you as always to everyone for writing to decision makers, advocating for nature and taking a stand. Please share this newsletter with anyone in the Hamilton area who you think may be interested. Subscribe to Save our Streams Hamilton [at this link](#). Let us know if

you'd like to volunteer with us.

Save our Streams Hamilton team

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**Subject:** Please reject Ford's new legislative changes  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 9:44:17 AM

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A few of Ford's changes to legislation are:

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If just accept these changes, you might as well shut down your door and close down and any pretense of protecting conservation...

I have had a membership since I moved back to Dundas... Even though I don't use it much.. It is important to support your organization.

John O'Connor



Dundas, ON

**From:** [Loretta Jaunzarins](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Please say NO to Doug Ford  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:16:50 PM

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Please vote NO to any further destruction of the wetlands covered by the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

Thank you!

Loretta Jaunzarins



Hamilton, ON L8M 1Z7

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**Subject:** Please Say NO  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 12:21:50 PM

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Dear Members of the Hamilton Conservation Authority Board,

Please say NO to the ask by the Province to sign off on the new wetland regulations which will take effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you.

Sister Nancy Sullivan

**From:** [Kim Reid](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO to wetland destruction  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 8:33:56 PM

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To: Hamilton Conservation Authority Board

We are continually amazed and deeply saddened by how ignorant and out of touch Doug Ford is when it comes to the environment. He seems to be living in a time warp; totally unaware of the climate crisis and nature's valuable role in helping to solve it.

Why else would he be intent on disbanding Conservation Boards' authority and ignoring expert advice from scientists and researchers? We're appalled at the latest changes to legislation including the definition of a watercourse, the definition of pollution removed, the reduction in regulated area, and the new powers for the Minister regarding permits.

Please protest against these terrible new regulations by voting NO and sending the message to Doug Ford. We can only hope that he wakes up and hears the message before it is too late.

Sincerely,  
Kim and Peter Reid

**From:** [cynthia.meyer](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Subject:** Protect our wetlands  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 7:51:45 PM

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Please do not let Ford and his cronies destroy our wetlands.  
Do not sign permission or agreement to the provincial government's determination to pave over these natural habitats.  
Thank you for your guardianship of our environment.  
Cynthia Meyer

**From:** [Joanne](#)  
**To:** [Annette Paiement](#)  
**Cc:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Re: New municipalities Regulations and Request to Vote No.  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 1:17:42 PM

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THUMBS UP!!!!

On Mar 5, 2024, at 12:27, Annette Paiement [REDACTED] wrote:

I am writing to Urge the HCA Board to protest the new regulations by voting NO to Ford and other municipalities that we do not agree with the following new Greenbelt regulations:

- The definition of a watercourse has been amended to require that a watercourse be a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides. Formerly a watercourse was an identifiable depression in the ground. This change will eliminate hundreds, maybe thousands of intermittent and ephemeral streams from the protection of the HCA's regulated areas and pave the way for development.
- The definition of pollution is removed. This means housing developments, schools, libraries, etc. can be built immediately adjacent to known sources of pollution.
- The regulated area (development buffer) adjacent to a wetland is changed to only 30m for ALL wetlands. Formerly the buffer was 120m for provincially significant wetlands.
- New powers for the Minister to issue permits and/or direct an authority not to issue a permit.
- Development applicants may request a Minister's review if the HCA refuses to issue a permit, or imposes conditions on a permit to which an applicant objects.

Sincerely,

Annette Paiement

*Producer, Curator*  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [derek.elliott.gm@gmail.com](mailto:derek.elliott.gm@gmail.com)  
**To:** "[Bill Farkas](#)"; [Sandra Wwinner](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** RE: Wetland regulations sign off  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:47:12 PM

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I'd like to add my voice to that of Bill's. I don't think there's anything more to add to what he's said

Derek Elliott  
Hamilton



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**From:** Bill Farkas   
**Sent:** March 5, 2024 3:06 PM  
**To:** [Sandra.Wwinner@conservationhamilton.ca](mailto:Sandra.Wwinner@conservationhamilton.ca); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Derek Elliott <[derek.elliott.gm@gmail.com](mailto:derek.elliott.gm@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Wetland regulations sign off

Greetings HCA Board,

Thank you for the work that you do to preserve the natural beauty and biological vitality of Hamilton.

I shake my head in awe of the number of people in our society, many of them very influential, who cannot or will not appreciate the importance of nature to our mental health, our prosperity and now to our survival.

I am writing to urge you to not sign off on the Ford government's wetland regulations changes. These new regulations without exception weaken existing regulations which are already insufficient to fully insure key biosystems.

Though only symbolic at this stage your refusal will help turn the arc of history ever so slightly further upward. It will stand as a significant repudiation of the madness of our times – the insatiable destruction of nature.

Respectfully Yours,

William Farkas

Hamilton



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**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Cc:** [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](#); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](#); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](#); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](#);  
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**Subject:** Say NO to Ford  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 2:11:43 PM

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PLEASE say 'NO' to Mr Ford's latest request for wetlands!

Southwestern Ontario has already lost too much of its wetlands!

The ecological cost to humanity both now & in the future is alarming and will be devastating!

We are already seeing the results of the wetlands that have already been destroyed.

Warmly,  
Bernice McRae, Hamilton, On.

<http://www.bahai.org/>

"The desire to serve and contribute meaningfully to society does not fade with age." -Rachel Bayani

"The purpose we have here on Earth lives within us."  
-Chief Robert Joseph

**From:** [donna deneault](mailto:donna.deneault)  
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**Cc:** [donna deneault](mailto:donna.deneault)  
**Subject:** Say NO to Ford's New Regulations  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 6:01:09 PM

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Dear Hamilton Conservation Authority,

The Auditor General has already stated how "out of control" the aggregate mining industry is today. And how the company's do not follow regulations as it is.

As I read the points in your list of the Ford Government "changes" that he wants you to "sign off" on, I so am deeply saddened, frustrated and deeply concerned as well.

All surface mining for any purpose should only be permitted (along with water) based on the site from which the resource will be extracted. There cannot be one simple set of criteria for all resource extraction. We need a multiple tiered set of criteria based on categories that identify resource extraction impacts. And, as we all know, we need to look more carefully at the use and utility of the resource; why is so much needed, and why from a given location. It is out of control.

The fact that individual environmental assessments and impact assessments are not being done for each and every individual potential pit location is distressing and very, very wrong.

If we don't put a stop to this, we are going to regret it; for the sake of our kids and their kids.

Many thanks for reading my letter. Thank you for all that you do.

Best Regards,  
Donna Deneault

**From:** [Heather Vaughan](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Send a message - NO!!!  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 1:10:08 PM

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Dear Councillor

Is it true that changes to provincial regulations taking effect April 1/24 will change the definition of a watercourse and essentially remove the protection of HCA regulated areas from development?

Is it true that changes to provincial regulations taking effect April 1/24 will remove the definition of pollution so that structure that house our precious population can be built immediately adjacent to known sources of pollution?

Is it true that changes to provincial regulations taking effect April 1/24 will change the development buffer adjacent to a wetland to just 30 m?

Is it true that changes to provincial regulations taking effect April 1/24 will allow Doug Ford to issue permits and/or direct an authority not to issue a permit?

Etc etc etc?

Please please please vote a symbolic NO to all of these changes!!! I understand that it's going through no matter what but PLEASE be the voice of your constituents and act in the best interest of our precious waterways!!!

Sincerely  
Heather Vaughan

**From:** [Irene Schieb](#)  
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**Subject:** Thursday's vote  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 4:09:25 PM

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Ford is at it again! Please vote no on Thursday. Perhaps we need more demonstrations.

*Irene Schiebert*

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**From:** [Joanne Ernest](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Subject:** To the board  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 9:04:44 AM

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Please vote no to the new regulations affecting wetlands which the province is proposing.

Thank you,

Joanne Ernest



Carlisle ON

**From:** [Wilson, Jean](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winner](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** upcoming vote regarding provincial wetlands regulations  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:39:30 PM

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Dear HCA Board Members,

I am writing to encourage you to vote “no” to the Province of Ontario’s new regulations regarding wetlands. While it is shocking that this would only be a symbolic “no,” it’s still meaningful.

Thank you,  
Jean Wilson

 Hamilton, ON, L8S 3Z4

**From:** [Peter Banting](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO to Doug Ford's New Wetland Legislation  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 2:38:59 PM

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Dear Sandra,

The Hamilton Conservation Authority Board is being "asked" by the Province to sign off on Doug Ford's new wetland-wrecking regulations which will take effect April 1, 2024.

Hamilton said NO to urban expansion and NO to the Greenbelt Grab.

I urge the HCA Board to say a symbolic NO to further destruction of our wetlands by the Ford government.

Let's not go down silently. Tell Ford and other municipalities that we do not agree with these new regulations!

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Banting  
[REDACTED],  
Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4V4  
Canada

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Erica Hall](#)  
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**Subject:** Vote no to Ford's HCA changes  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:07:43 PM

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Hi everyone!

I'm asking you to vote no to Doug Ford's changes to the Conservation Act. I feel like you won't need this email to influence your vote because as board members of the Hamilton CONSERVATION Authority there is no other option! However just in case here is my email.

As you all know the powers of the Conservation AUTHORITIES have been greatly reduced and voting no to the changes will not change the implementation of them. Communities all over the world are looking for ways to become more environmentally friendly and Hamilton is one of them. Introducing a plan that declassifies areas of Natural Heritage to prime building locations is insane! Please, even though your vote won't count, please send a message to Doug Ford that you do not agree with his changes.

Again, I know you don't need to be told this but there's not much else I can do to protect not just the environment but the poor people who will buy property on an area that was never meant for habitation by humans.

Thanks,

Erica Hall

Proud Hamilton resident!

**From:** [Susan Joanis](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winner](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Vote no to Ford's terrible new wetland regulations  
**Date:** March 3, 2024 8:29:13 PM

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I just learned about this latest attack on democracy in Ontario and our precious wetlands. Although you no longer have the power to stop it, I urge you to please do all in your power to protest it and to slow it down!

We are counting on you to vote no please.

Susan Joanis  
Dundas resident

**From:** [Ryan William](#)  
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**Subject:** Vote NO  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 12:32:32 PM

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Not sure why I even need to tell people in your position to vote against this terrible action by this Government. I'm sure some of you on this list are actual for this proposal and maybe you should consider another line of work.

Have some guts and fight for our environment

An longtime HCA member

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Ryan

**From:** [Bill Farkas](#)  
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**Cc:** [Derek Elliott](#)  
**Subject:** Wetland regulations sign off  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 3:06:43 PM

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Respectfully Yours,

William Farkas

Hamilton



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**Subject:** WETland wrecking regulations  
**Date:** March 3, 2024 3:19:59 PM

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Please fight for our wetlands as the conservatory....Stand up and say NO to Doug Ford's new regulations that will take affect April 1, 2024.

Karen Grover

**From:** [Karijn de Jong](#)  
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**Subject:** Wetlands legislation  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 4:53:21 PM

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Hello,

Writing to echo sentiments of Save Our Steams, and express the need to band together in protest of the changes to protections and authority of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, being implemented by the current provincial government. I am saddened and enraged at these new developments that will ultimately hurt us all, and support the need for the HCA board to refuse signing off on these changes.

As stated in the UN of Waterloo's release,  
<https://www.intactcentreclimateadaptation.ca/making-nature-count-for-adaptation/>:

"The services that nature provides are not routinely accounted for in investment decisions, asset management or accounting. As a result, decisions may not be economically-sound and may lead to continued degradation of the services. '[Getting Nature on the Balance Sheet](#)' outlines (1) actions that are being taken to manage natural assets in Canada, (2) established methods of valuing the services nature provides, and (3) steps that can be taken to recognize and value the services in public and private sector accounting and decision-making."

Our collective culture needs to catch up with the science and environmentally progressive economics that account for our collective reliance on nature and sustainable practices across all sectors! Let's send a clear message to the Ontario government that their approaches are backwards and obsolete.

In solidarity, Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Eric Robertson](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Wwinner](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Wetlands Regulation  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 10:03:45 PM

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To HCA board members,

I urge the Board of the HCA to send a clear message to Ford and vote no to agenda item 10.4. I do not condone the HCA Board supporting the Province's directive that Conservation Authorities simply rubber stamp wetland destruction.

Sincerely,

J. Eric Robertson



Ancaster, ON L9G 2L4

**From:** [Leanne Cecil \[Staff\]](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** You are in good company; please protest the new regulations with a NO vote.  
**Date:** March 5, 2024 1:28:17 PM

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Please say NO and not sign off on Doug Ford's new wetland-wrecking regulations which will cause irreversible environmental destruction and which will ultimately cost in both \$ and lives.

Please protest the new regulations with a symbolic NO vote?

You are in good company and have support from many. Hamilton said NO to urban expansion and NO to the Greenbelt Grab. Please say NO to further destruction of our wetlands by the Ford government. If the Board votes no, it will be a strong protest vote. Let's tell Ford and other municipalities that we do not agree with these new regulations.

Thank you for making the right decision as I know these are often the hardest.

Leanne and her hopeful Students.

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Leanne Cecil OCT (*She/Her*)  
Full-Day Kindergarten

"Our students will not care what we know unless they know that we care."

T. Sergiovanni

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**From:** [David Lloyd](#)  
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**Subject:** Hamilton Conservation Authority  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 12:45:01 PM

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Dear Ms. Winninger,

Kindly add my letter to the [Thursday March 7 HCA agenda with respect to item 10.4](#)

Good day members of the HCA Board,

This is a request to the Board of the HCA to send a clear message to Premier Ford by voting to not endorse the staff recommendation to support the Province's directive that Conservation Authorities simply rubber stamp wetland destruction.

Please remember, it is CA Staff's duty to recommend approval, but it is your job as elected representatives to do what is fundamentally right for our watershed.

You represent the HCA which is "dedicated to the conservation and enjoyment of watershed lands and water resources." You were appointed to this Board because you promised to do everything in your power to conserve watersheds. The province is asking you to break that promise.

Say no.

Hamilton city council, initially against the recommendation of staff, said no to urban borders expanding and no to the theft of the Greenbelt.

Please do so again. Just say no, and let's see if other CAs are emboldened by your protest vote and join you in rejecting new Bill 23 regulations from being forced upon us.

Thank you,  
D. Lloyd

Hamilton

**From:** [Ronald Fulton](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winner](#); [brad.clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:brad.clark@hamilton.ca); [jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca](mailto:jeff.beattie@hamilton.ca); [craig.cassar@hamilton.ca](mailto:craig.cassar@hamilton.ca); [alex.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:alex.wilson@hamilton.ca); [mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca](mailto:mike.spadafora@hamilton.ca); [matt.francis@hamilton.ca](mailto:matt.francis@hamilton.ca); [maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:maureen.wilson@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 3:26:21 PM

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To the Members of Conservation Hamilton Board

Please accept my earnest request that you vote NO to the proposed changes to the Wetlands Protection legislation proposed by the Ford government and set to take effect April 1, 2024.

Your mandate is to protect the environment, as you have done so well for so many decades. Don't let an ideologically driven agenda destroy years of protection.

Please vote NO.

Respectfully

Ronald Fulton

  
DUNDAS, ON L9H 7M7

**From:** [Jaime Tellier](#)  
**To:** [Sandra Winninger](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Message to HCA board  
**Date:** March 6, 2024 8:28:12 PM

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Jaime Tellier  
Records & Digital Initiatives Project Manager  
Hamilton Conservation Authority  
Phone: 905-525-2181 Ext. 112

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-----Original Message-----

From: Don Mclean <[donmurraymclean@gmail.com](mailto:donmurraymclean@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 8:27 PM  
To: Jaime Tellier <[Jaime.Tellier@conservationhamilton.ca](mailto:Jaime.Tellier@conservationhamilton.ca)>  
Subject: Message to HCA board

Hi Jaime,

I hope you can share this with the HCA board by the time of their meeting tomorrow evening. Thanks.

Don

Dear HCA Board:

I have recently become aware of changes to Conservation Authority regulations recently imposed by the provincial government. I understand that these will force wetland buffer zones to be no more than 30 metres when previously some CAs have required 120 metres. I understand that the definitions of a stream are being narrowed so many waterways will no longer enjoy buffer zones. And other changes are being imposed. It appears to me that these changes continue a consistent pattern from the current provincial government to increase as much as possible the profit levels of land speculators - allow them to do LESS to protect waterways and other natural features, etc. As usual these changes are also being imposed without the option of modifications or rejection. However, I suggest that the HCA Board should not quietly accept them. At minimum the Board should express its concern and its determination to inform the affected public of the imposed changes, and the position(s) of the Board in response.

Sincerely,

Don McLean

# 5.5 am

**From:** [Elizabeth Knight](#)  
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Referencing Board meeting on March 7, 2024

Dear HCA Board members,

I urge you all to unite and send a clear message to Premier Ford regarding new regulations outlined in agenda item 10.4.

The HCA Board should not support the Province's directive that Conservation Authorities go along with degradation to wetland and watershed protection. This puts us at risk of flooding and environmental losses. Please vote to not adopt the new regulations. Even if the vote is merely in protest, it sends a strong message.

At worst Ford will cut off the minimal funding the HCA receives. At best the media will pick up this story and run with it leading to change for the better.

Thank you.  
Elizabeth Knight  
Hamilton

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Dear HCA,

Please protest the new Ford regulations with a symbolic NO vote.

Thank you.  
Dave in Hamilton.

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Please just say “No” to the Ford Government changes to the regulations. The citizens of Ontario have to continue to show their opposition to the destruction of our streams and wetlands. We cannot allow housing developments, schools, libraries etc. to be built adjacent to known sources of pollution. Who will protect us from flooding and erosion ?

The legislation will still be passed, but your opposition will be on the record.

Marilyn Ortwein  
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