



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: May 6, 2019
Councillor M. Johnson

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____

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WHEREAS Conservation Authorities (CAs) have a mandate to prevent, mitigate and forecast flooding within their respective watersheds;

AND WHEREAS Provincial funding (transfer payments) have traditionally been provided to assist CAs with addressing their core mandate, namely flood forecasting and hazard area management;

AND WHEREAS impacts (decreases) to CA budgets regarding flood forecasting would result in an increase risk to members of the public associated with property damage, personal injury and possibly, loss of life;

AND WHEREAS CAs sources of funding have been a combination of the Province and municipalities within their watersheds;

AND WHEREAS Provincial transfer payments have been reduced by 50% for 2019, after CA's budgets have already been approved;

AND WHEREAS Municipalities would be forced to assume the costs of replacing the money removed from provincial transfer payments to CAs;

AND WHEREAS municipal budgets have been impacted in the past from downloading provincial services onto the property tax base creating an additional burden to property taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Halton would see a loss of \$145,000 that would transfer to the Municipal (Regional) levy and result in a 1.5% increase in its budget request from its watershed funding Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Credit Valley Conservation Authority would see a loss of \$90,000 that would transfer to the Municipal (Regional) levy and result in a 0.5% increase in its budget request from its watershed funding Municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Rick Bonnette, write to the Minister of Natural Resources to express Council's concerns related to the loss of provincial funding, the downloading of additional burden onto the property taxpayer and request that this decision be reversed;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of his letter and this resolution be provided to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Honourable Rod Phillips, the Minister of the Environment, and to the Towns of Milton and Oakville, the City of Burlington and the Region of Halton and all Halton MPPs and MPs.

Mayor Rick Bonnette