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# CA Act Update

To Halton Hills Council

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## Purpose, Objects and Powers

- **20** (1) The objects of an authority are to provide, in the area over which it has jurisdiction, programs and services designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals.

**All unchanged – watershed focus, natural systems focus, water management focus**

## Bill 108 CA Act

**21.1 (1)** An authority **shall provide the following programs or services** within its area of jurisdiction:

1. A program or service that meets any of the following descriptions and that has **been prescribed by regulations**:
  - i. Programs and services related to the risk of **natural hazards**.
  - ii. Programs and services related to the **conservation and management of lands** owned or controlled by the authority, including any interests in land registered on title.
  - iii. Programs and services related to the authority's duties, functions and responsibilities as a **source protection authority** under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.
  - iv. Programs and services related to the authority's duties, functions and responsibilities under an Act prescribed by the regulations.

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2. A **program or service, other** than a program or service described in paragraph 1, that has been prescribed by the regulations on or before the first anniversary of the day prescribed under clause 40 (3) (h).

**21.1.1** (1) An authority **may provide** within its area of jurisdiction **municipal programs and services** that the authority agrees to provide **on behalf of** a municipality situated in whole or in part within its area of jurisdiction **under a memorandum of understanding** or such other agreement as may be entered into with the municipality in respect of the programs and services.

# CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

## PURPOSE, OBJECTS, POWERS

### **Mandatory**

Prescribed in  
regulation

Natural Hazards,  
Source Protection,  
Conservation Lands,  
Lake Simcoe  
Protection Plan,  
Other Legislation  
(TBD)

**Provincially  
Mandated**

### **Municipal**

Individual  
municipality  
/ CA MOU  
or  
agreement

**Municipally  
Mandated**

### **Other**

CA Board  
advises

**CA Board  
Mandated**

**Locally Mandated**

## **Act to Implementation**

- Act passed in early June 2019
- Act largely implemented by regulations
- CAs met with ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks October- December for one on one meetings
- Draft regulations have not been released
- Promised consultation in January

## **Provincial Engagement Sessions on CA Act**

- Province held Engagement Sessions Jan 31, Feb 7 and Feb 14 across southern Ontario
- Heard from a number of stakeholders including Conservation Ontario, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Homebuilders Association, Ducks Unlimited, Ontario Landowners Association, Enpointe Development Corporation; AMO on the last day
- Other than the Ontario Land Owner Association, most spoke about the value of the work that CAs provide to them
- Given a platform all spoke about what they would like to see changed in how we operate

## What's Next?

- On-line survey on the consultation sessions to provide Province with direct feedback – open till March 13

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/survey-ontario-conservation-authorities>

- Draft regulations are anticipated in April
- Final regulations expected in June before summer break
- Transition period



## **What Can You Do?**

- Influence the content of the regulations to ensure we can continue watershed programs
- Tell the province what you want from this legislative change
- Complete the online survey
- Speak with MPPs and Ministers about the process and outcomes desired
- Pass a resolution in support of your CAs – CVC, Halton Conservation and Grand River Conservation

**questions?**

