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Her Worship Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D  
Mayor, City of Mississauga  
Email: [mayor@mississauga.ca](mailto:mayor@mississauga.ca)

Dear Mayor Crombie:

Thank you for sharing your City Council's resolution about conservation authorities (CAs) from its meeting held on March 4, 2020.

Last year our government passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, which clarifies the core mandate of CAs. The legislative changes that were made will ensure CAs focus on delivering core services and programs to protect against natural hazards such as flooding, managing CA lands and drinking water source protection, while using taxpayer dollars efficiently and effectively.

Over the past year, my office has met with all 36 CAs and held in-person consultations with a variety of stakeholders, to get input into defining what should be part of a CAs' core mandate.

We completed pre-consultations with representatives from all 36 conservation authorities in the fall, and this winter we completed regional consultations sessions with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other interested parties including: stakeholders representing the agricultural and development sectors, landowners' associations, environmental and conservation organizations.

Our government is currently reviewing all relevant legislation and the views of municipalities are very important to me. I appreciate your council's support for the development of regulations under Bill 108 being completed with input from municipalities. We want to hear from all stakeholders interested in the stewardship of our lands before we move forward with further changes to the legislation and regulations.

I understand that three of your staff attended my ministry's February 14, 2020 multi-stakeholder engagement consultation on CAs held in London. I appreciate the City of Mississauga's participation in this process and your sharing the City's feedback with my ministry.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Yurek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent than the last name "Yurek".

Jeff Yurek  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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