



Dear CELA Supporter -

It's not often we reach out to you in between our monthly Bulletins. We know you're busy, so we only interrupt your inbox for really urgent issues - and this is one of them.

Ontario's Conservation Authorities are at risk. The provincial government recently tabled omnibus budget measures Bill 229, Schedule 6 of which **proposes fundamental changes** to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and to conservation authorities role in land use planning.

As currently proposed, the [changes to the legislative framework](#) will impede Ontario's crucially important goal of building climate resilience for our communities. To the contrary, the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem based approach by decades.

CELA recommends that Schedule 6 be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229.

CELA is co-hosting a [webinar](#) with Environmental Defence and Ontario Nature on Tuesday, November 17th at 7pm ET. We [encourage you to register](#) and learn more about these alarming proposed changes, and the implications they could have for our communities.

We have created an [action alert page](#) on our website that contains our preliminary analysis of Bill 229, and other resources about the value of Conservation Authorities. Watch this page in the coming days for more information about how to protect our Conservation Authorities.

Sincerely,

Theresa McClenaghan,
Executive Director
