



MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN
AGENDA
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Regular Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.1.1.
Resolution Number 2024-134
Title: Geneviève Lajoie - Autonomy of Conservation Authorities in Ontario
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Moved by: Genevieve Lajoie
Seconded by: Paul Groulx

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act, as detailed in posting #019-8320 on the Environment Registry of Ontario, which grant the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry unprecedented powers to i) prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and decide on a permit application in the place of the conservation authority, and ii) review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of an applicant, as notified by Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch;

AND WHEREAS these changes threaten to undermine the expertise, autonomy, and localized knowledge of conservation authorities, risking the effective stewardship of Ontario's natural resources, as articulated in the letter from Genevieve Lajoie, Mayor of Casselman and dedicated board member of the South Nation Conservation;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes may lead to developments that compromise water quality, public health, and biodiversity, and ignore the critical role of conservation authorities in climate adaptation strategies, indigenous rights and knowledge, and environmental and economic sustainability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman stands in solidarity, expressing deep concern and opposition to the proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman supports the call to uphold the principles of scientific integrity, local expertise, and community input in conservation efforts, advocating for the autonomy of conservation authorities to protect our environment from decisions that favor development at the expense of environmental integrity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipality of Casselman urges all Ontario municipalities to join in this call by supporting the letter addressed to the MNRF by Mayor Genevieve Lajoie, and to advocate for the MNRF to reconsider the proposed regulatory changes in favor of environmental stewardship, public trust, and the rights of future generations.

Sébastien Dion

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Sébastien Dion, Clerk