The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

NO. 07-20-370.

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Whereas by way of Regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act enacted in May of 2006 the Province of Ontario has put in place legislation that prohibits development under certain situations and conditions; and

Whereas the impact of this Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses regulation has not been mapped out to make it clear which properties or portions of properties are affected by the Regulation and therefore subject to a permit from the local Conservation Authority; and

Whereas these Regulations have had the effect of greatly increasing the work load on staff of the local Conservation Authority to the point of creating delays of several weeks or months in obtaining permits from the Conservation Authority to allow new development; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has made significant cuts in funding to local Conservation Authorities which were initiated in 1995 and have continued to the point where staffing levels are now severely affected; and

Whereas the combination of funding cuts to Conservation Authorities and the implementation of new Regulations have put an increased workload on the staff of Conservation Authorities to the point where the review of development proposals are delayed for unnecessarily long periods of time thereby frustrating new development proposals for communities affected by these regulations;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

• That the Province of Ontario revisit the funding formula currently used for Conservation Authorities with the intent to increase the funding provided to Conservation Authorities to allow them to enhance their staffing levels and thereby respond to development proposals in a more timely manner.

• That in the absence of additional funding the Province of Ontario revisit the mandate of the Conservation Authorities to ensure that said mandate is refined and streamlined so that Conservation Authorities across the Province are able to provide timely professional service levels within a restricted mandate; and furthermore the Province of Ontario should investigate currently available engineering, planning, development and environmental expertise to determine a more cost effective method of delivering services, which Conservation Authorities are now unable to provide in a timely and effective manner. And that in the absence of such an investigation Municipalities should be given the ability to opt out of funding of Conservation Authorities where the local Conservation Authority is unable to provide the required services in a timely manner.

• That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario for their support.

• That a copy of all resolutions and letters in support of this request be sent to
  i) Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources
  ii) Conservation Ontario, Attention Chair Dick Hibma; and
  iii) The Municipality of Brockton.

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