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The Honourable David Oraziatti
Minister of Natural Resources
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Dear Minister Oraziatti:


**Re: Conservation Ontario – White Paper
Watershed Management Futures for Ontario**

For some time, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has articulated concerns regarding the roles and responsibilities of Conservation Authorities vis-a-vis those of your Ministry and those of municipalities. At the June 23, 2013 meeting of the AMO Board, it was moved to request that you constitute a committee to address these matters as raised in the *Watershed Management Futures for Ontario* authored by Conservation Ontario.

For this committee to achieve success, ministries, municipalities, non-government organizations and conservation authorities must work collaboratively to find the strategic balance for roles, responsibilities, sustainable funding and appropriate governance where protection of the environment and human activity intersect.

We understand that these discussions have been broached by others. AMO would be pleased to work with you to bring this initiative to fruition.

Yours truly,



R.F. (Russ) Powers
President