To: Planning and Environment Committee

Dear Members:

Re: Review of Bill 108 as it relates to Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds.

Conservation Authorities are committed to protecting people and property and support safe development.

The Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operation of Conservation Authorities

The Province will be reaching out to stakeholders in the London area on February 14<sup>th</sup> reviewing the mandate and operation of Conservation Authorities. Council may not have an opportunity to attend this session as budget sessions are scheduled.

Therefore to assist and support staff I would like to bring forward the following motion for your consideration:

THAT COUNCIL supports the protection of people, property and safe development with a watershed approach to the programs offered by all Conservation Authorities in the London Area.

Respectfully submitted,

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