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April 5, 2022

To All Ontario Municipalities:

Re: Correspondence Regarding the Municipality of Clarington's Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review Project, Zone Clarington

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on April 4, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-037-22:

That the correspondence arising from the following Resolution, #C-398-21, passed on December 13, 2021, be forwarded directly to all municipalities in Ontario.

"Whereas rural property owners and farmers in Clarington and across the Province are affected by the natural heritage system mapping;

And Whereas the mapping of natural heritage systems conflicts between the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, Conservation Authority mapping, official plan mapping, and zoning bylaw mapping;

And Whereas the over-reach of natural heritage system mapping often results in environmental protection designations which are not justified, and are not protecting natural heritage features, and which negatively affects thousands of rural property owners and farmers;

And Whereas municipalities which are engaged in official plan updates and zoning bylaw updates have no clear direction on natural heritage systems mapping from the Province;

And Whereas a thorough investigation into the designated natural heritage systems by the provincial ministries are desperately needed immediately to ensure appropriate mapping is done and the designations are indeed accurate;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Provincial Government be requested to issue a cease and desist order on all updates to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning bylaws, thereby pausing the updates until a review of same by the province can be completed.
2. Clarington not proceed further with any revisions to its natural heritage system in its zoning bylaw pending the provincial review.
3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - a) The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - b) The Minister of the Environment, Parks and Conservation;
 - c) All Durham MPP's;
 - d) The Region of Durham and all Durham municipalities; and
 - e) AMO for distribution to all rural municipalities."

Yours truly,



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