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**Subject:** Conservation Authorities Act

Dear Ms. Gavine,

As you know, responsibility for the *Conservation Authorities Act* has been transferred from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). I am writing you with further clarification on how responsibilities under the Act have been divided between the two ministries.

Order in Council 1149/2018 and 1158/2018 outline the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry respectively.

As outlined in Order in Council 1158/2018, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry shall continue to exercise the powers and perform the duties, functions and responsibilities under the *Conservation Authorities Act* associated with the management and control of natural hazards. This includes ensuring dissolution proposals include acceptable provisions for future flood control, directing or taking over conservation authority and municipally owned water control structures in times of emergency, and regulations relating to the management and control of natural hazards.

As outlined by Order in Council 1149/2018, all other powers, duties, functions and responsibilities under the *Conservation Authorities Act* shall be exercised by the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks. A new Land and Water Division has been established within the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to provide dedicated oversight and leadership for programs that have transitioned from the MNRF including conservation authorities, species at risk, provincial parks and conservation reserves as well as current MECP staff supporting protection of source water and the ecological health of the Great Lakes and inland waters.

We will now be turning our attention to the details of transferring work processes and confirming processes for manage the ongoing important relationships between MNRF and MECP with respect to the programs that are being transitioned. The two ministries will work together closely to ensure an orderly transition of these responsibilities from one ministry to the other. This process will take some time and, in the meantime, conservation authorities should continue to work with the existing contacts for these programs. More information will be shared with conservation authorities as it becomes available.

Sincerely,  
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