



**Grand River Conservation Authority
Addendum - General Meeting**

Friday, August 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting of the General Membership

GRCA Administration Centre

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August 18, 2023



Chris White

Chair, Grand River Conservation Authority
400 Clyde Road, PO Box 729
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6

Dear Chairman Chris White:

Re: Development of Lots 37-42, Con 4 and Lots 37-42, Con 5, City of Hamilton

As Giima of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (“MCFN”), I am writing to advise of the potential impacts of development of former Greenbelt lands in the City of Hamilton on MCFN rights, and to request early and meaningful consultation on any steps taken related to development of Lots 37-42, Con 4, and Lots 37-42, Con 5. These lands are located in the City of Hamilton, south of Garner Road West, west of Fiddlers Green Road, east of Shaver Road in the vicinity of Book Road (the “former Greenbelt lands”).

MCFN are the descendants of the Mississauga people whose primary settlement was near the mouth of the present-day Credit River and whose Traditional and Treaty Territory covers much of what is now southern Ontario, including the lots identified above and surrounding lands. Our ancestors signed a number of treaties with the Crown between 1781 and 1820 with respect to various parts of our Traditional Territory. These agreements recognize Treaty rights held by MCFN over these lands. The former Greenbelt lands described in this letter are subject to the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792 (Treaty No. 3) between MCFN and the Crown. We are the stewards of our Traditional and Treaty Territory, and we have a right and responsibility to care for the lands and waters.

MCFN was not consulted on the changes to the Greenbelt effected by the Ontario government. We are currently considering all options to ensure that developments do not occur without our support and consent.

MCFN and the Grand River Conservation Authority (“GRCA”) have a history of cooperation when it comes to information-sharing and decision-making on economic development, land use, and environmental matters in the Grand River watershed. We understand that recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* may impact the GRCA’s established procedures and authorities relating to development applications and the issuance of permits in the watershed. We would like to meet with you to better understand these impacts and to find ways to work together to ensure MCFN’s rights and interests are protected, and that any potential impacts to our rights as the Treaty First Nation can be addressed through the appropriate channels. We ask that you make no decisions within your authority respecting the former Greenbelt lands until we have had an opportunity to meet and discuss our concerns.





Please have your office reach out to Caytlen Burning at caytlen.burning@mncfn.ca to begin these important discussions at your earliest convenience.

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