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His Worship Scott McFadden  
Mayor, Township of Cavan Monaghan  
Email: [mayor@cavanmonaghan.net](mailto:mayor@cavanmonaghan.net)

Dear Mayor McFadden:

To provide a forum to help the government implement recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, including the development of upcoming regulatory proposals, the Ontario government created the Conservation Authorities Working Group (the "working group"). I am pleased to invite you to join the working group, which would benefit from your expertise and insights.

As a working group participant, you would be joined by representatives from conservation authorities and other experts, as well as the Chair, Hassaan Basit, President and CEO of Halton Region Conservation Authority. The working group will be supported by staff from my ministry, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), as well as representatives selected by myself in consultation with Chair Basit to provide further perspectives on related issues, including the MNRF's proposed Section 28 natural hazards regulation.

The first working group meeting is scheduled to take place in a virtual format on January 20, 2021, with meetings occurring at least once every two weeks.

Please confirm your participation in the working group by 9 a.m. on January 11, 2021, via email to Keley Katona, Director of the ministry's Conservation and Source Protection Branch, at [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca). Please note that by agreeing to participate, your name may be included in an upcoming announcement by the ministry. Further details regarding times, format and expectations of the working group would then be sent to you.

I look forward to working with you to support and strengthen the important role of conservation authorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Yurek".

Jeff Yurek  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks