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Subject: Notification of Environmental Registry Posting of the Conservation Authorities Act Review Consultation Document
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Hello,

Last year, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry initiated a review of the Conservation Authorities Act by posting a discussion paper to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry.

In response to the comments received, the Ministry has identified five priorities for updating the Act:

1. Strengthen oversight and accountability in decision-making.
2. Increase clarity and consistency in roles and responsibilities, processes and requirements.
3. Improve collaboration and engagement among all parties involved in resource management.
4. Modernize funding mechanisms to support conservation authority operations.
5. Enhance flexibility for the Province to update the Conservation Authorities Act in the future.

This memo is to inform you that a new consultation document has been posted to the Environmental Registry. The document represents the next stage of the review and was created to help generate additional discussion related to the priorities. The new document can be accessed at www.ebr.gov.on.ca by searching for posting number 012-7583. The posting will be open for comment for 120 days until September 9, 2016.

In addition to the posting, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will host five facilitated regional multi-stakeholder engagement sessions on this document. Below is a listing of tentative dates and locations for these regional multi-stakeholder sessions:

1. Friday June 3, 2016 Eastern Ontario - Ottawa
2. Tuesday June 7, 2016 Northwestern Ontario - Thunder Bay
3. Thursday June 9, 2016 Southwestern Ontario - London
4. Monday June 13, 2016 Central Ontario - Newmarket
5. Wednesday June 15, 2016 Northeastern Ontario - Sudbury

If you or your organization are interested in attending one of these sessions, please send an RSVP to mnrwaterpolicy@ontario.ca to register for the session you would like to attend. The location and time of each session will be confirmed for those that RSVP. Please note that these sessions will take place during the day, generally from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this Environmental Registry posting, please contact the Water Resources Section at mnrwaterpolicy@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for your interest and participation in the review.

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