



The Municipal Corporation of the  
Town of Fort Erie

**Special Council Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, December 7, 2020 - 6:00 PM  
(Immediately Prior to Council-in-Committee)**

**Council Chambers via Video Teleconference**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Announcements/Addenda**
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**
5. **Motion**

(a) Councillor McDermott

Re: Request the Province of Ontario to Repeal Schedule 6 of  
the *Budget Measures Act* (Bill 229) - *Conservation Authorities  
Act*

Resolution:

**Whereas** the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support  
and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 - *Conservation  
Authorities Act*, and

**Whereas** the Legislation introduces a number of changes and  
new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the  
conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit  
appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning  
applications, and

**Whereas** we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*, and

**Whereas** the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise, and

**Whereas** the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs, and

**Whereas** municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected, and

**Whereas** the changes to the "Duty of Members" contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed, and

**Whereas** conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative, and

**Whereas** changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process, and

**Whereas** municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Province of Ontario withdraws Schedule 6 of the *Budget Measure Act* (Bill 229), and further

**That:** The Province continues to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth, and further

**That:** The Province respects the current conservation authority/municipal relationships, and further

**That:** The Province embraces their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provides them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, the Auditor General, partner municipalities, Region of Niagara, Conservation Ontario and Graydon Smith, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

## 6. Consideration of By-law

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**119-2020**

To Confirm the Actions of Council at its Special Meeting held on December 7, 2020  
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## 7. Adjournment



# The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

## By-law No. 119-2020

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### Being a By-law to Confirm the Actions of Council at its Special Meeting held on December 7, 2020

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**Whereas** it is desirable to have the actions and proceedings of Council adopted, ratified and confirmed by by-law;

**Now therefore** the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** the actions of Council at its Special Meeting held on December 7, 2020 including all motions, resolutions and other actions are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if they were expressly embodied in this by-law, except where the law requires the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other authority.
2. **That** where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council, then this by-law is deemed for all purposes to be the by-law required for such authorization or exercise of any powers.
3. **That** the Mayor and officers of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to such actions or to obtain approvals where required.
4. **That** except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents arising from such actions.
5. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to effect any minor modifications, corrections or omissions, solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.**

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Mayor

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Clerk

I, Carol Schofield, the Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie certifies the foregoing to be a true copy of By-law No. 119-2020 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 .