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**VIA E-MAIL: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)**

Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park 17th Flr,  
777 Bay St, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Attention: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister

Dear Sir:

**Re: City of Peterborough Official Plan – November 29, 2021 Adoption  
Provincially Significant Wetlands  
Natural Heritage Areas and Strategies – City of Peterborough Official Plan**

This letter constitutes a request to the Ministry and Minister not to approve of those parts of the City of Peterborough's Official Plan dealing with the designation of Natural Heritage Areas, Natural Areas, and Floodplains. Furthermore, this request is specifically made in relation to the changes that have been reflected in the City of Peterborough's Official Plan, recently adopted, which removes the mapping for Provincially Significant Wetlands within the City of Peterborough.

Enclosed is my submission with attachments under date of November 1, 2021. It expresses significant concern with the specific removal of mapped Provincially Significant Wetlands from the Schedules in the City's Official Plan. This is inappropriate, and not in accordance with Provincial Policy.

The role and function of Provincially Significant Wetlands is well identified in your Provincial Policy Statement. The consequences of having property designated as Provincially Significant Wetlands is also noted in your Provincial Policy Statement. There are clearly different consequences arising from the designation of property as Provincially Significant Wetlands, in contrast with other Natural Heritage Areas. That consequence and difference has not been reflected in the City's Official Plan, as adopted by City Council on November 29, 2021.

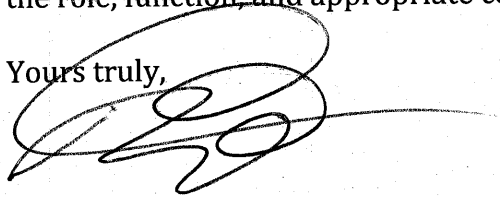
Furthermore, the specific removal of mapped Provincially Significant Wetlands creates uncertainty in reference to the Land Use process. Clarity should be achieved. The deletion

of such mapping is inappropriate and represents bad Planning and is also not in conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement.

My submission of November 1, 2021 quite clearly articulated the concerns associated with the actions to remove such Provincially Significant Wetlands from their Land Use Schedules, and also failure to identify the role, function, and consequence of Provincially Significant Wetlands, pursuant to Provincial Policy. This submission is made by me as an individual and ratepayer within the City of Peterborough.

Hopefully, your Ministry staff will recognize that the Policy scheme being advanced by the City, and reflected in its new Official Plan, is inappropriate within the context of addressing the role, function, and appropriate consequences of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard J. Taylor', written over a circular scribble.

Richard J. Taylor  
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Encl.

1. *November 1, 2021 submission to City Council, including map*