



LONDON DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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Ministry Natural Resources and Forestry
Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch
300 Water Street, 6th Floor. South Tower
Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 8M5
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Dear Ministry Staff,

The London Development Institute (LDI) is a member-based organization representing most land developers in the London area. LDI has been the leading voice on development issues in London Ontario for more than 40 years. Our goal, working with our partners in local government and the community, is to build a better London.

Our membership has had direct involvement with Conservation Authorities (CA) throughout the Province of Ontario and most often with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority in London. Our comments are based on the day-to-day interface our members have and continue to experience with Conservation Authorities.

LDI wants to thank the Provincial Government for their commitment in supporting housing supply in Ontario. Your efforts will provide housing availability and affordability for all.

LDI is supportive of the proposed policy changes to clarify and streamline the Conservation Authority permitting process. Clear definitions focused permitting legislation on a CA's area of responsibility and streamlining the approval process would all be helpful in the delivery of new homes in London.

In addition, we also support greater transparency and accountability in reporting of information regarding outstanding permit applications for the CA Board and the public. At present, permits issued within prescribed timeframes are reported monthly but outstanding permit applications need also to be reported to allow the CA Board and public a clearer picture of outstanding CA permit issues.

Finally, mapping of natural hazard areas needs to be kept current, accurate and public to allow for the timely and appropriate planning of developments involving these hazards. Our local development industry is willing to work with the Conservation Authority on improving the permitting process that will meet the needs of both the CA and the industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wallace', is written over a white background.

Mike Wallace
Executive Director