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Subject: Consultation on Two Proposed Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act

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Greetings,

We are writing to notify you of a proposal notice posting regarding two proposed regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), available for comment on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry](#), and the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) at posting #026-0740 for 45 days, closing September 12, 2026.

These proposals include:

1. **Proposed regulation setting out the method for determining the number of members appointed to regional conservation authorities:**
 - The ministry is proposing a Tiered Allocation Formula to determine how many members each participating municipality appoints to their regional conservation authority (CA) based on its share of the regional CA's total population.
 - In April 2026, the *Conservation Authorities Act* was amended to provide for the regional consolidation of conservation authorities. To support implementation, the Act sets out that the number of members each participating municipality appoints to the regional conservation authorities are to be determined by a method prescribed in regulation ([s. 1.5](#) and [s. 14](#)).
 - For a more detailed and visual depiction of the application of the Tiered Allocation Formula for each of the planned nine regional CAs, please review the proposal notice posting and the supplemental document attached to the proposal notice posting.
2. **Proposed regulation for Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency board member ineligibility:**
 - The ministry is also proposing additional ineligibility criteria for appointments to the board of directors of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).
 - In November 2025, the *Conservation Authorities Act* was amended to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency; the Act sets out that members of Parliament or the Assembly are not eligible to be appointed to the board of directors of the Agency and that a person who satisfies any other criteria prescribed in regulation would also be ineligible to be appointed ([s. 35.6 \(2\)](#)).
 - The ministry is proposing that a regulation be made to prescribe that if an individual is a registered lobbyist under Ontario's *Lobbyists Registration Act*, a current member of the CA, or an individual currently employed as a CA officer or senior staff member of the CA, the individual would be ineligible to be

appointed to the board of directors of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency.

These regulatory proposals are part of broader action that Ontario is taking to improve the conservation authority system to reduce duplicative costs, free-up resources, and better align the work of conservation authorities with provincial priorities on housing, infrastructure, the economy and climate resilience.

For more information on these proposals, **the ministry will be holding virtual Information Sessions on August 5 and August 12, please click on the links below to register:**

- August 5th session 1:30pm – 3:00pm: [Info Session Registration - August 5, 2026](#)
- August 12th session 10:30am – 12:00pm: [Info Session Registration – August 12, 2026](#)

We look forward to receiving any feedback you may have on the proposals by submitting comments on the RR or ERO posting, or by email to ca.office@ontario.ca

Best regards,

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