

## What do you need for a written submission to the Standing Committee of Finance and Economic Affairs?

### 1. Access the link for written submission [here](#)

### 2. Choose a topic:

- Select the option, "Yes" for the bill title,
- Select "Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020"
- Click Next

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Do you know the bill title or business (e.g., pre-budget consultations) you'd like to speak or submit material about? \*

Yes  
 No

Choose the bill or other item of business you'd like to speak about. \*

Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

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### 3. Choose an application

- Select "Submit material only"
- Select "Written Submission Deadline: 7:00p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, December 2, 2020", and
- Click Next

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**This bill or item of business has been referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.**

Please choose an application type and hearing date.

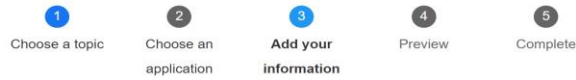
Which application would you like to submit? \*

Request to appear as a committee witness (with the option of submitting material)  
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#### 4. Add your information and preview

- a) Select "I am submitting material as an individual" if you are a private citizen or resident
- b) Select "I am an employee or member submitting material on behalf of an organization"

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#### Submit material to a committee

Use this form to submit material electronically to a committee at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

If you want to present your written brief to the committee in person, choose "request to appear as a committee witness," above.

Hard copy submissions are also accepted. For both digital and paper submissions, please read our [guidelines to submitting written material to committees](#).

Please note that all submissions or briefs (including contact information) submitted to committees of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario are considered public documents. They are made available to MPPs and the public for inspection or for copying.

Are you submitting material as an individual or on behalf of an organization? \*

- I am submitting material as an individual
- I am an employee or member submitting material on behalf of an organization

Please only choose the latter option if you are authorized to submit a request to appear on behalf of your organization.

- c) Fill in your information and upload a file or type your comments in the boxes provided. Please see below or the attachment for assistance on the issues to outline in your written submission.
- d) Click Preview to review your written submission, and
- e) Click Submit

Title  First name \*  Last name \*

- None - v

Contact phone number

Email address

Confirm email address

Document upload \*

No file chosen

Please upload your submission here or paste your submission into the box below. Remember to include your name and the name of the committee in each file and filename, and refer to our [guidelines for submitting written materials](#).

Unlimited number of files can be uploaded to this field.

20 MB limit.

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Or, paste your submission below.

Would you like to add any other information?

## Outline of issues to assist with your written submission:

Dear Members:

I/We am/are strongly opposed to the proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act through Schedule 6 of Bill 229 which seek to curtail or prohibit the mandate of conservation authorities within Ontario. Please repeal Schedule 6 in its entirety and allow for more public input.

These proposed changes seek to:

- curtail planning reviews of development applications,
- limit the scope of conservation authorities,
- allow the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to directly approve development applications with little or no technical review from conservation authorities, and
- mandate the appointment of board members to be municipal elected officials only, giving rise to conflict of interest and compromised fiduciary duties

We value conservation authorities and all the critical work they do through:

- i. planning reviews of development applications to ensure development does not occur in or along flood plains, watersheds, wetlands, or our Natural Heritage Systems
- ii. educational programs and festivals, especially with the youth, about natural habitats, safe drinking water, endangered species, and climate change
- iii. advocating for sustainable forest management and wildlife habitat improvements
- iv. managing parks and green spaces allowing us to commune holistically with nature, and
- v. facilitating stewardship programs to help us all contribute toward climate resiliency

## 5. Complete

a) Thank you! Your written submission is now complete and please note your application ID.

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**Thank you for your submission to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.**

Your application ID is [REDACTED]

You will receive an email at the address you provided confirming the information you submitted, along with a record of your application ID.

If you would like to make any changes to the information you have submitted or add any material, please [contact our Procedural Services office](#) and reference your application ID.