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Chandra Sharma
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Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
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Dear Chandra Sharma:

Thank you for your application on behalf of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) seeking an extension of time beyond the January 1, 2024 transition date for the purposes of subsections 25 (1.3) and 27 (1.3) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), to meet the transition requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 687/21: Transition Plans and Agreements under the CAA (O. Reg. 687/21).

After careful consideration, I am satisfied that your application demonstrates that additional time is required to conclude a cost apportioning agreement for a program or service that will be provided beyond January 1, 2024 pursuant to subparagraph 10 (1) 2 (i) of O. Reg. 687/21. I am therefore granting the NPCA an extension until March 31, 2024 to meet its transition requirements.

If there are questions about this extension, please feel welcome to reach out to the Conservation Authorities Unit at ca.office@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Conservation Authority Office (via ca.office@ontario.ca)