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Subject: GTA West Corridor/Highway 413

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Chair, Mayors and Regional Councillors,

Please find attached a letter for your consideration regarding the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413.

If you have been paying attention to the news this weekend about Duffins Creek you may have noted that the current provincial government has demonstrated they are willing to re-write provincial laws to do as they please and also apply them retroactively so they can be absolved from contravening the planning act (ongoing Duffins Creek and Foundry Heritage Building court cases). This is a government that can't be trusted to build on such environmentally sensitive land and they have already [proposed to fast-track this project](#) in the name of economic recovery from COVID-19 to allow 'early works' construction prior to EA approval.

Thank you,
Irene Ford

Newspaper Quotes and Articles

"The focus here doesn't reside in my ministry; it resides in a local council chamber," Clark says. "It doesn't give me unfettered access to a planning tool — it gives municipalities the same powers they have today."

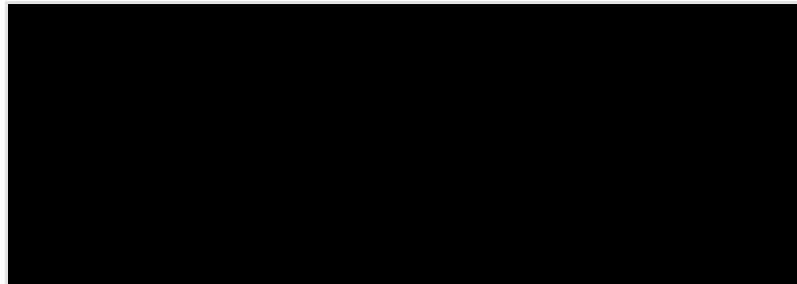
<https://www.tvo.org/article/how-steve-clark-is-tripling-down-on-his-controversial-planning-powers>

A provincial document assessing legal risks to the Duffins Creek project, obtained by CBC News, suggests the amendments would help shield the government against the lawsuit.

"In the absence of the proposed amendments — in particular the proposal for retroactive application — there is a moderately high risk that the MZO would be found to have contravened the Planning Act requirements for consistency with the [provincial policy statement]," says the government document.

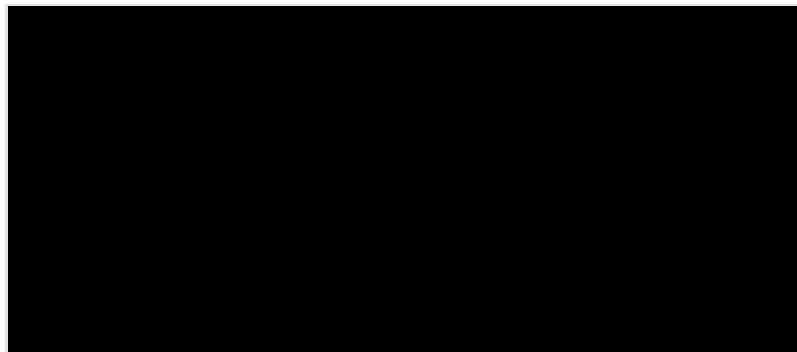
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