

## Attachment 1: Notable TRCA Media Coverage: October – December 2020

During the fourth quarter of 2020, TRCA media coverage focused on the following (select examples of media coverage):

October 2020

**blogTO**

**blogTO, October 7, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/10/scarborough-bluffs-toronto-shoreline/>



This isn't the first time something like this has happened, and it certainly won't be the last. Plus, slumps aren't the only danger that the Bluffs pose to people, even though it's the people who are doing most of the posing.

According to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) you need to exercise extreme caution when on the trails, or edge of the Bluffs, as they are "unstable and prone to collapse at any point."

Even with ample signage and fencing, novelty-seekers will do anything for a thrill, and a photo, apparently.

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/go-fish-cheer-on-the-migrating-salmon-in-toronto-this-weekend-1.5763415>

Toronto

## **Go, fish! Cheer on the migrating salmon in Toronto this weekend**



Watching the Toronto salmon run is a great outdoor activity during the pandemic

Trevor Dunn · CBC News · Posted: Oct 16, 2020 5:00 AM ET | Last Updated: October 16, 2020



Children cheer on salmon trying to jump over a dam at Toronto's Etienne Brule Park. (Evan Mitsui/CBC)

As many indoor activities get shut down due to an increase in new COVID-19 cases, GTA residents looking for safe outdoor fun can take advantage of the impressive salmon migration now taking place. Every autumn, GTA rivers and streams swell with hundreds of thousands of salmon heading upstream to spawn. In shallow water, the backs of the big fish are visible from shore. At dams and other obstacles, salmon will jump as high as three metres, even though the big ones can weigh as much as 13 kilograms.

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mayor-tory-announcement-federal-investment-flooding-jane-street-bridge-1.5784227>

Toronto

## **Federal government to invest \$19M in push to prevent flooding in west-end Toronto neighbourhood**



City will invest \$28.5M in the project, Mayor John Tory says

[Sara Jabakhanji](#) · CBC News · Posted: Oct 30, 2020 6:50 PM ET | Last Updated: October 30, 2020



In July 2019, Ricardo Mota, whose home in York was flooded and contaminated by sewage, called on the city for help to prevent homes in the area from heavy rainfall. (Submitted by Ricardo Mota)

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The federal government announced it will invest \$19 million along with \$28.5 million from the City of Toronto to upgrade the Jane Street bridge and address flooding problems in the Rockcliffe-Smythe neighbourhood, Mayor John Tory said on Friday.

"Over the past few years, we have seen the devastating impacts flooding can have on residents and their homes," Tory said. "We are committed to finding ways to protect residents and their businesses during heavy rainfall and changing weather." In a news release Friday, the city noted it has been working in collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and has completed environmental studies of the neighbourhood "seeking options to reduce sewer system, overland and riverine flooding."

Full article: <https://blog.metrolinx.com/2020/10/30/metrolinx-partners-with-toronto-conservation-authority-and-parks-canada-to-plant-more-than-12000-trees-and-shrubs-at-rouge-national-urban-park/>



## Metrolinx partners with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Parks Canada to plant more than 12,000 trees and shrubs at Rouge National Urban Park

OCTOBER 30, 2020

This investment kicks off Metrolinx's extensive ecological compensation effort to offset the planned changes to rail corridors in preparation for GO Expansion infrastructure.

Metrolinx is growing transit across the region.

To make way for this substantial transit expansion project, Metrolinx is going to have to remove trees and shrubs from within the rail corridors in the coming years.

That's why Metrolinx is funding the planting of approximately 4,800 trees and 7,500 shrubs at Rouge National Urban Park by Parks Canada and the TRCA over the coming months.



November 2020



**Global News, November 3, 2020**

Full article: <https://globalnews.ca/news/7438427/zoning-order-wetlands-durham-region/>

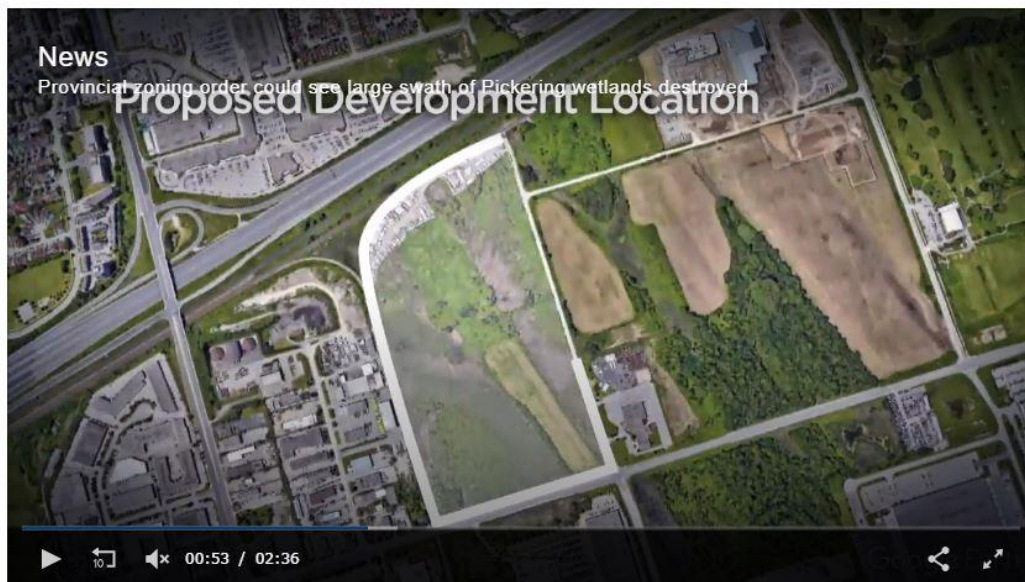
NEWS

## Minister's zoning order could impact large swath of provincially significant wetlands



By **Frazer Snowden** • Global News

Posted November 3, 2020 4:01 pm



More than 55 acres of provincially significant wetland could be affected by a new Pickering development that has now been fast-tracked by the provincial government. The project would see a 4-million square foot warehouse built on the site. Frazer Snowden has more – Nov 3, 2020

As it stands, construction could go ahead on the lands, pending approval from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), after a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) was announced late Friday afternoon by Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark.

It was put in place after the City of Pickering requested the idea to help fast-track two developments, including Lonestar, which would involve a state-of-the-art film studio and be part of the Durham Live entertainment spot.

The land in question spans more than 55 acres of provincially significant wetlands, located on the west side of Squires Beach Road and between the 401 and Bayly Street in Pickering. The project, dubbed Lonestar, will be in the same area as the Pickering Casino but the land is crucial to the ecosystem and an important habitat for animals as well.

Full Article: <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/11/11/news/ford-government-take-powers-away-conservation-authorities>



## **Ford government to take powers away from conservation authorities**

By [Emma McIntosh](#) | [News, Politics](#) | November 11th 2020



“The Doug Ford government is rewriting the rules for agencies that protect Ontario watersheds, undermining their powers and allowing developers to skip checks and balances, environmental advocates say.

In Ontario, 36 conservation authorities manage hazards like flood control and water quality, issue permits for construction in areas near crucial waterways and oversee conservation lands.

The changes to the rules governing them undermine the agencies’ ability to ensure development in flood-plains is done safely, said Conservation Ontario, a non-profit representing the 36 conservation authorities”

Full Article: [City of Brampton, federal government pledge \\$97.1M for Riverwalk Project \(bramptonguardian.com\)](https://bramptonguardian.com)



NEWS

## City of Brampton, federal government pledge \$97.1M for Riverwalk Project

Project aimed toward preventing flooding in downtown Brampton

By [Iain Colpitts](#)  Brampton Guardian  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020



The Downtown Brampton Flood Protection Project is receiving a major investment to move forward with flood mitigation measures in the city's downtown core.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the City of Brampton and the federal government announced a combined investment of \$97.1 million to go toward the initiative, also known as the Riverwalk Project.

“This has been one of the No. 1 asks of the City of Brampton,” said Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown.

Sixty per cent of the investment (more than \$58.2 million) is coming from the city while the federal government is contributing the rest (more than \$38.8 million) through its disaster mitigation and adaptation fund.



Full video: <http://www.bbc.com/storyworks/building-a-better-future/trca>.



Paid and presented by [TRCA](#)

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) aims to create a 'living city' where communities flourish in harmony with nature, and ensure safe drinking water and clean air for generations to come.

The authority works to make the city's homes and neighbourhoods more sustainable and protect 5 million residents from flooding and the erosion of Lake Ontario.

Over the course of the summer and fall, TRCA staff worked closely with the BBC StoryWorks production team to produce a short film that tells the story of the work that TRCA does within the watersheds of the GTA with a particular focus on how the new administration building will showcase the use of mass timber as a way of making the building more sustainable. The film was released in November 2020.



Full Article: Is this Durham wetland the place to take a stand against the Doug Ford government's blows against the environment? | The Star

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## Is this Durham wetland the place to take a stand against the Doug Ford government's blows against the environment?



By **Shawn Micallef** Contributing Columnist  
Sat., Nov. 21, 2020 | 4 min. read

Article was updated Nov. 20, 2020



“.... The city of Pickering supports the MZO while the town of Ajax, whose border is next to the casino project, objects. So do nearly 100 groups who signed a letter this week objecting to using an MZO to override “policy protections for Provincially Significant Wetlands,” one the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority says has the “potential presence of endangered and threatened species.” The conservation authority has requested more clarity and due process.

December 2020



The Star, December 7, 2020

Full article: [Ford government putting politics ahead of protecting conservation authorities](#) | The Star

(The article is also featured in Toronto.com: <https://www.toronto.com/opinion-story/10285052-changing-rules-governing-conservation-authorities-could-endanger-ontarians/> )

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OPINION

## Ford government putting politics ahead of protecting conservation authorities



By Jennifer Innis Contributor  
Mon., Dec. 7, 2020 | 3 min. read



"Conservation authorities are the first line of defense in preventing and reducing the impacts of flooding, which just so happens to be the leading cause of public emergency in Ontario. The most practical approach to avoiding the impacts of flooding is prevention, to which conservation authorities play a critical role in regulating land use to minimize flood risk within a watershed."

**Full article:** <https://globalnews.ca/news/7505677/ford-government-strip-powers-of-environmental-regulators/>

ENVIRONMENT

## Ford government to strip some powers of conservation authorities



By **Max Hartshorn** • Global News

Posted December 7, 2020 2:52 pm ▼



The Ontario legislature is moving ahead with a Ford government bill to remove powers that allow local environmental regulators to protect communities against flooding and erosion. This despite warnings from those local environmental authorities that the changes would give new powers to provincial cabinet ministers to make political decisions about construction and industry projects that are not based on scientific evidence.



# BUILD- ING

**Building.ca, December 7, 2020**

Full article: <https://building.ca/half-of-ontarios-greenbelt-council-quits-in-wake-of-chairs-protest-resignation/>

## Half of Ontario's Greenbelt Council quits in wake of chair's protest resignation

By The Canadian Press — Last updated Dec 7, 2020



Half of the remaining members of Ontario's Greenbelt Council have followed their former chairman's lead by stepping down in protest of pending environmental reforms.



Six members, all appointed under the previous Liberal government, resigned from the council on Sunday in the wake of a similar move by former Conservative federal cabinet minister and Toronto mayor David Crombie.

Crombie's resignation notice said he was leaving the chairmanship in response to measures contained in the Progressive Conservatives' omnibus budget bill that he argues would gut key environmental protections.



Full article: <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/12/14/people-could-lose-their-lives-conservation-authorities-fear-the-possible-effects-of-a-new-law-by-doug-fords-government-that-limits-their-powers.html>

GTA

## 'People could lose their lives': Conservation authorities fear the possible effects of a new law by Doug Ford's government that limits their powers

By **Noor Javed** Staff Reporter  
**David Rider** City Hall Bureau Chief  
Mon., Dec. 14, 2020 | 7 min. read

Article was updated Dec. 15, 2020



The chair of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) said the legislation pushed through by Doug Ford's provincial government last week with significant changes to the Conservation Authorities Act isn't just going to impact the province's 36 conservation authorities.

Full article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/metrolinx-smalls-creek-danforth-woodbine-1.5846454>

Toronto

## **Huge Metrolinx expansion spells big trouble for Small's Creek, local residents fear**



Metrolinx GO expansion will have big impact on ravine in Danforth-Woodbine area, some worry



Philip Lee-Shanok · CBC News ·

Posted: Dec 18, 2020 5:00 AM ET | Last Updated: December 18, 2020



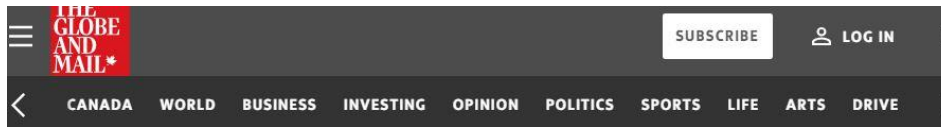
Small's Creek Ravine in the Woodbine and Danforth area is green space that's well used by the local community. Now residents worry hundreds of trees and walking trails will be lost once the rail corridor is widened to make way for a GO Train track expansion. (Philip Lee-Shanok/CBC)

Neighbours in the areas of Danforth and Woodbine avenues fear a tiny oasis of greenspace in the city will be lost when Metrolinx widens the rail corridor to expand its GO train service along Lakeshore East. Small's Creek flows through the community from the northeast through a steep ravine between the tracks and homes south through a culvert, and continues on southwest through the Williamson Park Ravine.



**Globe and Mail, December 27, 2020**

Full article: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-approval-in-sight-for-warehouse-on-ontario-wetlands/>



## Approval in sight for warehouse on Ontario wetlands

JEFF GRAY > QUEEN'S PARK REPORTER  
PUBLISHED DECEMBER 27, 2020  
UPDATED DECEMBER 30, 2020

112 COMMENTS SHARE **A+** TEXT SIZE BOOKMARK



“ Environmental groups and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), which is charged with flood prevention and protecting natural areas, oppose the warehouse plan, and say these protected wetlands in Pickering are a key part of the local watershed that feeds into nearby Duffins Creek.

But on Dec. 8, despite an outcry, the PC government also passed a suite of last-minute changes that limit the power of local conservation authorities. Among the changes is a provision that could force conservation authorities to issue permits for development if the government had issued an MZO – even if the proposal in question breaks environmental rules or worsens the risk of flooding.”