

The following questions have not been satisfactorily answered so I am requesting clarification

1. Is MHBC clear on where the source of the stream water is, in regards to water flow travelling under Brock Road from the east side of Brock Road just north of the Aberfoyle sign as one enters southbound into Aberfoyle?
2. What is the depth of the existing artesian well?
3. What is the distance from the ground surface to the water surface in the artesian well?
4. What is the depth of the water table in the proposed expansion site?
5. What will be the depth of the excavation for installation of the proposed expansion footings and foundation? Not the building slab.
6. Has testing been done to the depth of the proposed expansion footings to prove the site is suitable to build a 25,000 sq. ft. structure that will be storing tons of inventory?
7. When the site excavation encounters an aquifer or groundwater, how will this water be controlled?
8. Will this groundwater be pumped directly into the stream?
9. Were changes to the existing building foundation during previous construction, documented and approved by the building department?
10. If no one is claiming ownership of the culvert placed in the stream near the outflow of the STORM WATER MANAGEMENT POND, and it was installed without a permit, the culvert, which is an "Interference with a Watercourse" needs to be removed.
11. It had previously been recommended to council by a professional ecological firm that a 30 metre setback from the stream be applied to the warehouse expansion. Why is this advice, not being implemented?

## 12. Is this bylaw still in force??

### Puslinch bylaw 10/05

#### (26) SETBACKS FROM WATERCOURSES

**a) No buildings or structures shall be constructed closer than 30 m (98.4 ft.) from a cold water watercourse**

As recorded in the Township meeting of: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

#### 9. Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application #P4/12 - Ren's Pets Depot

(a) Correspondence from Greg Scheifele, GWS Ecological & Forestry Services Inc. dated September 21, 2012 commenting on the MHBC Planning Report and Functional Servicing Report submitted. Aerial photographs indicate that the land on the east side of the stream adjacent to the existing warehouse was forested but this is not the case today. The **land on the east side of the stream has been totally cleared of tree cover and the stumps have been removed by grubbing and/or grinding. The area appears to have been graded and the herbaceous groundcover has been recently mowed.** Greg is questioning whether the former owner or current owner obtained a Clearing Permit or confirmation from County staff that the treed area did not qualify as woodland under Bylaw 5115-09 or 3961-94. Greg also suggests a setback of 30 metres from the stream and that the buffer zone be reforested with an appropriate species mix of native trees and shrubs. Also, Greg recommends that the stormwater be infiltrated to the full extent possible while any residual stormwater that is not infiltrated should be **cooled to 20°C or lower prior to discharge to the stream.**

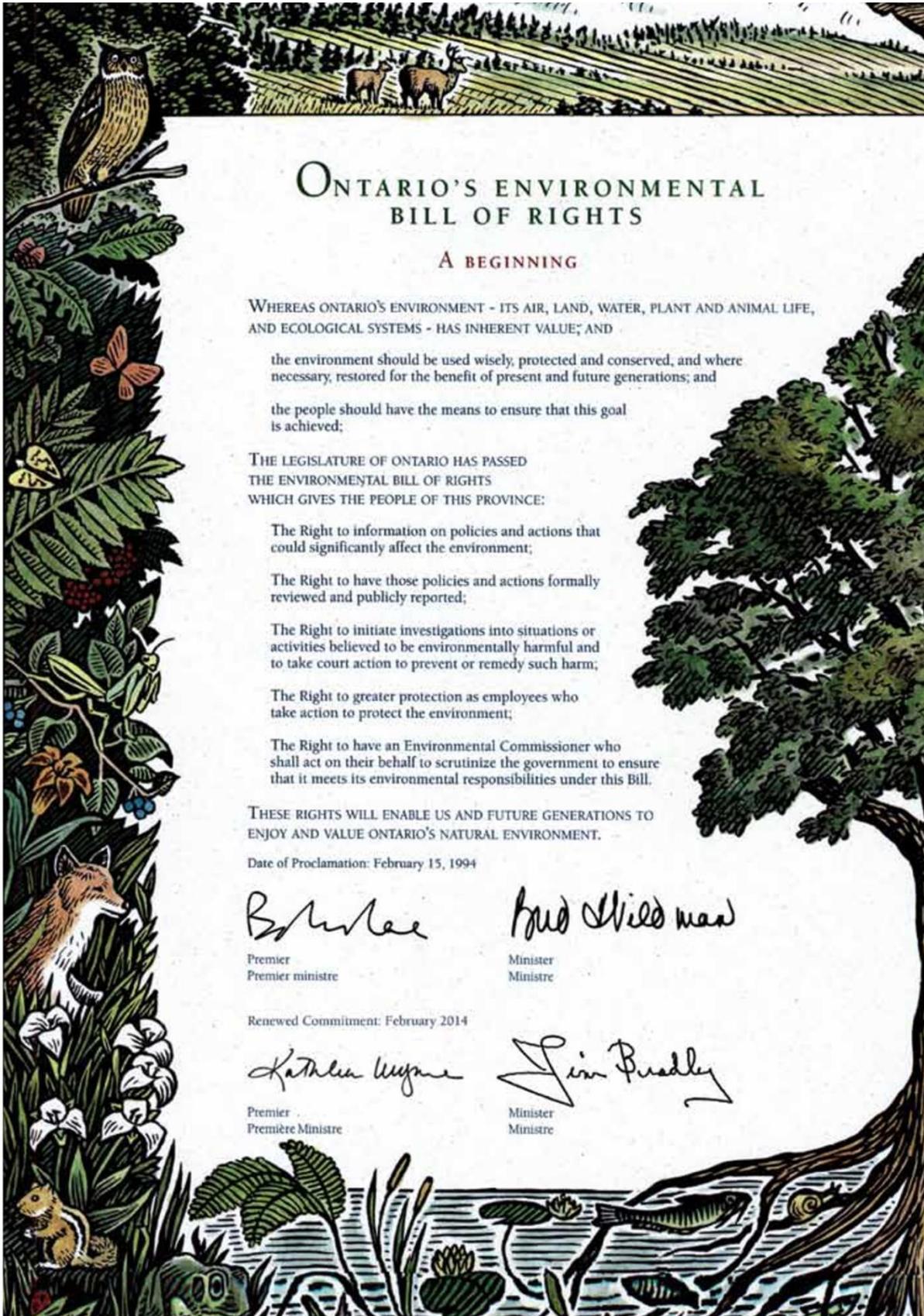
It appears the only criteria missing to deem the surrounding stream edges and valleyland, WETLANDS, is the absence of wetland plants. This absence is most likely a result of the plant and vegetation cutting and removal that has taken place on the property along the stream.

My recollection from a previous meeting was that Colin Job admitted to using the culvert that is "**Not in the Stream Corridor**) to cross the stream with equipment to cut the vegetation on the property.

Based on the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights, it appears the Ministry of Natural Resources can be requested to intervene on behalf of the residents, to determine if, the concerns regarding long term environmental damage and habitat loss is valid. This issue, has for some time, and continues to be a source of significant stress and emotional trauma to the local residents of the Hamlet of Aberfoyle whom have taken pride in their environment and natural surroundings.

As stated in the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights

***The Right to have an Environmental Commissioner who shall act on their behalf to scrutinize the government to ensure that it meets its environmental responsibilities under this bill.***



# ONTARIO'S ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

## A BEGINNING

WHEREAS ONTARIO'S ENVIRONMENT - ITS AIR, LAND, WATER, PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE,  
AND ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS - HAS INHERENT VALUE; AND

the environment should be used wisely, protected and conserved, and where  
necessary, restored for the benefit of present and future generations; and

the people should have the means to ensure that this goal  
is achieved;

THE LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO HAS PASSED  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS  
WHICH GIVES THE PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE:

The Right to information on policies and actions that  
could significantly affect the environment;

The Right to have those policies and actions formally  
reviewed and publicly reported;

The Right to initiate investigations into situations or  
activities believed to be environmentally harmful and  
to take court action to prevent or remedy such harm;

The Right to greater protection as employees who  
take action to protect the environment;

The Right to have an Environmental Commissioner who  
shall act on their behalf to scrutinize the government to ensure  
that it meets its environmental responsibilities under this Bill.

THESE RIGHTS WILL ENABLE US AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO  
ENJOY AND VALUE ONTARIO'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Date of Proclamation: February 15, 1994

*Bob Rae*

Premier  
Premier ministre

*Bob McLeod*

Minister  
Ministre

Renewed Commitment: February 2014

*Kathleen Wynne*

Premier  
Première Ministre

*Jim Bradley*

Minister  
Ministre

Additional before and after aerial photos of the Ren's site with indications of the movement of the excavated soil from the building site to the other portion of the property. Is this the infill that has been the concern of other residents?





