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MAYOR

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Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

On behalf of the members of City Council, we are writing to you to convey the opposition our St. Catharines residents have expressed to the proposed hunting of deer in Short Hills Provincial Park by the Haudenosaunee First Nations this November 2013.

Residents identified a number of public safety concerns prior to and following the January 2013 hunt. Among the concerns raised is the inability to secure the park during these sanctioned hunts. The provincial park is located in an urban area surrounded by 100 homes with many unofficial entrances which creates the potential for visitors to unknowingly enter the area. Recognizing the Haudenosaunee First Nations' treaty rights, we recommend other sites be considered for deer hunting in Niagara, or Ontario, with proven safety protocols in place and community support.

Our residents request the hunt and any future hunts at Short Hills Provincial Park be stopped as it poses a public safety risk and there is strong community support for the park to remain a sanctuary for wildlife and a place for our residents and Niagara's visitors to enjoy.

We respectfully request that you work with Natural Resources Minister David Oraziotti to ensure this hunt does not recur in Short Hills Provincial Park.

Sincerely,

Brian McMullan
Mayor

Cc: Honourable David Oraziotti, Minister of Natural Resources
Honourable Jim Bradley, St. Catharines MPP
Cindy Forster, Welland MPP