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**Subject:** E-Mail Message to the Minister

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**From:** MIN Feedback (MNR) (minister.mnr@ontario.ca)

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**To:** butterflybluelu@rogers.com;

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January 10, 2008

Ms. Louise Lanteigne  
[butterflybluelu@rogers.com]

Dear Ms. Lanteigne:

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the protection of wildlife and their habitat in relation to the Waterloo Moraine.

I appreciate your concerns about the wildlife on the moraine and other environmental issues that affect Ontarians. The protection of wetlands and recharge areas is important in protecting the quantity and quality of water and the provision of wildlife habitat. Natural heritage features and areas such as provincially significant wetlands, significant wildlife habitat, and the habitat of threatened and endangered species, are protected under the *Planning Act* through the Provincial Policy Statement. Wetlands are also protected through the Grand River Conservation Authority's powers under regulation 150/06 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. In addition, the new provincial *Endangered Species Act*, which provides protection of species and their habitats, has received Royal Assent and will come into effect no later than June 2008.

The Ministry of the Environment is leading Source Water Protection planning under the *Clean Water Act*. This planning is currently underway and the land use planning implications from that process will be apparent once the Assessment Reports have been completed. These are the final reports which are anticipated to have impacts on land use planning, particularly where land use planning may affect the quantity or quality of municipal drinking water supplies (such as wellhead protection zones, and recharge areas, including moraines).

If you require further information on this matter, please contact Ken Cornelisse, Water Resources Coordinator, Guelph District, at (519) 826-6849.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Donna Cansfield  
Minister of Natural Resources

c: Ken Cornelisse, Water Resources Coordinator, Guelph District