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August 13, 2014

Mr. Neil Taylor
1016 Wilson Avenue
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your August 12, 2014 correspondence to the Minister of the Environment in which you confirm that you are requesting that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (Region) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment (EA) under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) for the proposed extension of River Road (Project). I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Minister.

It is the understanding of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) that the Project is being planned as a Schedule C project under the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). Staff at the MOECC will review the issues and concerns you have cited as reasons for which this Project should be elevated to an individual EA. Your request will be forwarded to the Region. The Region will be directed to review your request and to provide any Project documentation and other information necessary to assist the MOECC in its review of your request. This information will be considered by the Minister when making a decision about the request.

On the basis of this review and other matters required to be considered by the Minister under the EAA, the Minister will make a final decision whether or not to require that an individual EA be prepared by the Region. You will be notified in writing of the Minister's decision once it has been made.

I would like to note that, as with all Part II Order requests, Environmental Approvals Branch maintains a public file that is available for viewing by any member of the public upon request. Personal and other information in your letter such as name, address, and

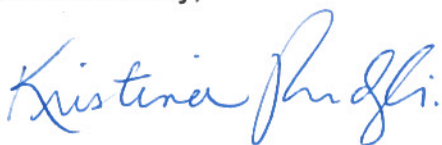
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telephone number and your concerns with this Project will form a part of the public record on this matter required to be maintained pursuant to section 30 of the EAA. If you wish this information to be excluded from the public file, this Branch must be advised. Notwithstanding the above, this information may still be obtained by members of the public if the ministry is required to disclose it under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with the Project.

If you have any questions about the ministry's review of your request, please contact Trevor Heywood, Project Evaluator for this Project, directly at 416-314-7754 or at trevor.heywood@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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c: Wayne Cheater, Project Manager
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EA File No. 14037
River Road Extension (Waterloo)