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Dear Ms. Hill:

I am writing with regard to the Part II Order requests received by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for specific projects proposed as part of the Horseshoe Craighurst Corridor Water, Wastewater and Transportation Master Plan (Master Plan) proposed by the Township of Oro-Medonte (the Township), in partnership with the Horseshoe Craighurst Corridor Landowners Group Inc. (HCCLG).

As part of our government's effort to boost Ontario's economic recovery after COVID-19, we have passed the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, including amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act).

The changes to the Act will allow us to build a strong environmental assessment program that effectively considers the input of local communities and focuses on projects that have the highest impact to the environment. The Act will continue to consider "the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment." A key change made to the Act was to limit Part II Order requests to potential adverse impacts of projects on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights. All Part II Order requests that were under review which do not pertain to potential adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights have been terminated.

As such, I am writing to advise you of the status of the outstanding Part II Order requests on projects identified in the Master Plan. As the Part II Order requests were not related to a potentially adverse impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights, the requests have been terminated. If the Township and HCCLG decide to proceed with the projects set out in the Master Plan, it must ensure that any further applicable requirements under the Act and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are met before proceeding and that projects set out in the Master Plan are implemented in the manner they were developed and designed, as set out in the project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein. Any other applicable permits or approvals required under other legislation must be obtained in order to proceed.

I would like to ensure that the Township and HCCLG understand that failure to comply with the Act, and the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, including failure to implement the projects set out in the Master Plan in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that the Township and HCCLG recognize the importance and value of the Act. The Township and HCCLG will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Should you have any questions about the information provided in this letter, please contact Jordan Hughes directly at 437-770-6953 and Jordan.Hughes@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: Requesters
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