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Dear Michelle Jakobi and Pat Becker:

On January 27, 2020 and January 29, 2020, the ministry received two section 16 order requests asking that the Township of Oro-Medonte and Horseshoe Craighurst Corridor Landowners Group Inc. (together the proponent) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for two projects proposed in the Horseshoe Craighurst Water, Wastewater and Transportation Master Plan (Master Plan): a new wastewater treatment plant with surface water discharge; and new pumping station, forcemain, and outfall sewer to Coldwater River (the projects).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided not to make an order pursuant to section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act). The decision was made after giving careful consideration to the factors set out in section 16(5) of the Act, and the issues raised in the requests, the proponent's response; the Master Plan project documentation, and the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

The reasons for my decision are set out in the attached letters to the requesters. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on the Master Plan website.

With this decision having been made, you may now proceed with Phases 3 and 4 of the class environmental assessment process for the projects at your discretion. As a

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reminder, appropriate consultation opportunities must be provided for the Indigenous communities identified by the ministry with respect to the projects during Phases 3 and 4 of the class environmental assessment process. As you have identified in your responses to the Section 16 order requests, as the detailed planning for the projects proceeds and the potential impacts are more specifically identified, updated and more detailed information on the potential impacts should be shared with the identified Indigenous communities.

I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Master Plan projects are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Piccini', written over a horizontal line.

David Piccini
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Attachment

c. Requesters

EA File No. 20007 Horseshoe Craighurst Water, Wastewater, and Transportation
Master Plan