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June 20, 2008

Ms. Gayla Campney  
Regional Director  
Eastern Region  
Ministry of the Environment  
P.O. Box 22032  
Kingston, ON K7M 8S5

Dear Ms. Campney:

**Re: Third Party Terms of Reference  
Carp River Restoration Plan  
City of Ottawa (Kanata)**

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The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVC) has received the comments submitted to the City of Ottawa regarding the draft Terms of Reference for the third-party review of the technical analysis for the Carp River restoration project. We note that included in the letter from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) dated June 13, 2008 is a comment referring to the application of the one-zone and two-zone flood plain policies:

4. The review should assess the impacts of the current inconsistencies in the application of one and two-zone floodplain policies along the reach of the Carp River in the Kanata West Development area.

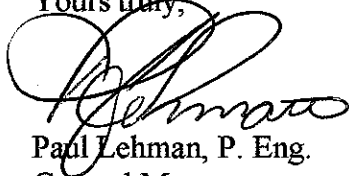
Conservation authorities in Ontario have been delegated responsibility to represent the "Provincial Interest" in planning exercises related to natural hazards, including flood plain management, hazardous slopes, Great Lakes shorelines, unstable soils and erosion which are now encompassed by Section 3.1 "Natural Hazards" of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Under this delegation, conservation authorities have been advising municipalities and administering regulations under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* in a manner consistent with Provincial flood plain management objectives while considering local watershed conditions for the past 25 years.

*Member of Conservation Ontario*

Your reference to "*inconsistencies in the application of one and two-zone floodplain policies along the Carp River*", suggests that the MOE has concluded that application of flood plain policy along the Carp River has been inconsistent. As the agency with the delegated responsibility to advise the City of Ottawa on these matters, please be advised that the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority does not support this conclusion. As such I would request that you provide clarification on the specific circumstances being referred to as well as the basis on which this determination has been made.

If it is the intention of MOE to comment on local floodplain management matters in the future, I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this matter together with you and the Ministry of Natural Resources in more detail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lehman", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Paul Lehman, P. Eng.  
General Manager

c.c. Mr. Rob Mackay, City of Ottawa  
Mr. John Cottrill, Ministry of Natural Resources