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Mr. Erwin Dreessen
c/o Ms. Carol Gudz
Carp River Coalition
1337 Morley Boulevard
Ottawa ON K2C 1R1

Dear Mr. Dreessen:

Thank you for your interest in the City of Ottawa (City) and Kanata West Owners Group's (KWOG) proposed projects for the Kanata West development area. Several members of the public, including the Carp River Coalition, have requested that the City and KWOG be required to prepare an individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Carp River, Poole Creek and Feedmill Creek Restoration Class EA Project (Carp River Restoration Project), and several projects under the Kanata West Master Servicing Study and Kanata West Road Network Transportation Master Plan (Projects), located in the City. I welcome your comments on these Projects.

On July 20, 2006, you requested that the City and KWOG be required to prepare an individual EA for the Projects. I am taking this opportunity to inform you that a decision has been made to impose an Order under section 16(3) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA), requiring the City and KWOG to conduct additional work and consultation prior to completing the Class EA process. This is to ensure that the impacts of the modeling errors are fully evaluated. The conditions of the Order I have issued are set out in the attached letter to the City and KWOG.

In making this decision, I have given careful consideration to the Projects' documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), the issues raised in your request, and relevant matters to be considered under section 16 of the EAA.



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As part of the requirements of the imposed conditions, the City and KWOG will be required to conduct additional public consultation and re-issue Notices of Completion for the updated Class EA documents. As per the provisions of the Class EA process, there will be another opportunity for the public to raise any concerns about the Projects during the 30-day public comment period.

The ministry has also outlined additional information that should accompany any applications for Certificates of Approval within the Kanata West development area under the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, as outlined in the Director's letter to the City, also attached to this letter.

Again, I would like to thank you for participating in the Class EA process and for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,



John Gerretsen
Minister of the Environment

Attachments

- c: Mr. Rob Mackay, Director, Planning, Transit and the Environment, City Of Ottawa
- Mr. Mike Green, Senior Project Manager, Kanata West Owners Group
- Ms. Kelly Roberts, Planner, Delcan
- His Worship Larry O'Brien, Mayor, City of Ottawa
- EA File No. EA03-03-03 Kanata West Developments