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Mr. Erwin Dreessen
Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital
Co-Chair
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Dear Mr. Erwin Dreessen:

Thank you for your interest in the City of Ottawa's (City) proposed Hope Side Road/Old Richmond Road Corridor (Terry Fox Drive to Highway 416) Class Environmental Assessment (Project). I welcome your comments on this Project.

On March 2, 2014, you requested that the City be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the Project related to your concerns about consultation, alternatives and wetlands. I am taking this opportunity to inform you that based on my review of the Environmental Study Report, and the issues you raised, an individual environmental assessment is not required.

I am, pursuant to my authority under subsection 16(3) of the Environmental Assessment Act, imposing, by order, conditions on the Project in order to ensure protection of the environment. These conditions will ensure that impacts to the Stony Swamp wetland are mitigated and that the requirements of the Endangered Species Act are met. These conditions are outlined in the attached letter to the City.

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

Mr. Erwin Dreessen
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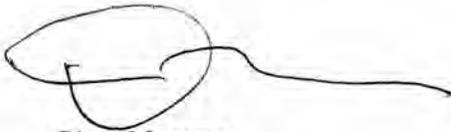
The City has demonstrated that it has planned and developed this Project in accordance with the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment. I am satisfied therefore that the purpose of the Act, "the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment," has been met for this Project.

Your concerns together with the reasons for my decision are set out in the attached table. I am satisfied that the issues and concerns have been addressed by the work done to date by the City, or will be addressed in future work that is required to be carried out.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the Project, subject to any other permits or approvals required. The City must implement the Project in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the project Environmental Study Report, and inclusive of all commitments made during the review of the Part II Order requests, mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Glen Murray', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment

c: Angela Taylor, P.Eng., Senior Project Engineer
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