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Dear Ms. Taylor:

Between March 2, 2014 and March 3, 2014, I received two Part II Order requests, asking that the City of Ottawa (City) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Hope Side Road/Old Richmond Road Class Environmental Assessment (Project), located in the City of Ottawa.

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the requests, the Project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class Environmental Assessment), and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act. The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letters to the requesters.

Despite my not requiring an individual environmental assessment be prepared, I understand that concerns were raised in the Part II Order requests with respect to loss of wetlands and species at risk. Therefore, to ensure that the environment is protected, I am, pursuant to my authority under subsection 16(3) of the Environmental Assessment Act, imposing, by order, the following conditions on the Project.

Prior to construction of the Project, the City shall:

1. Minimize environmental impacts within the Stony Swamp Conservation Area by carrying out monitoring and mitigation for species at risk during all phases of construction as outlined in the project documentation and implement construction best practices to ensure that potential impact on species at risk are mitigated.
2. Consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the National Capital Commission and implement recommendations that ensure impacts are

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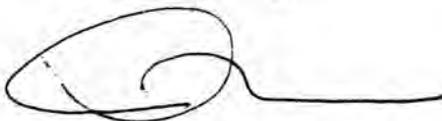
minimized wherever possible and that any unavoidable impacts to the Stony Swamp Conservation Area are mitigated. The City shall also explore opportunities to enhance the wetland.

3. Ensure that all activities requiring authorization under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*, will not commence until necessary authorizations are in place.

With this decision having been made, the City may 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 Environmental Study Report and inclusive of all mitigating measures and environmental and other provisions therein.

It is understood that, subsequent to the issuance of the Environmental Study Report for public and agency review, the City made a number of commitments with respect to protective measures to address environmental impacts, and specifically to address concerns raised in the Part II Order requests. In accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment, any commitments made to affected agencies or members of the public must be fulfilled and implemented as part of the proposed project. Lastly, I would like to ensure that the City understands that failure to comply with the Environmental Assessment Act, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement the Project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Environmental Assessment Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act. I am confident that the City recognizes the importance and value of the Environmental Assessment Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Yours sincerely,



Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment(s)

c: Requesters
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