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and

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Dear Mr. Manahan and Mr. Knowles:

RE: **EBRO File No.: 17EBRO01.R**

Application for Review of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Regulation 334 (General), Ontario Regulations 681/94 and 73/94 under *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993* and all MECP policies and guidance related to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

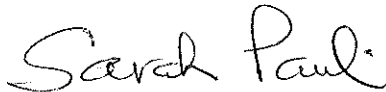
Thank you again for the time and effort you have invested in your Application for Review submitted under Part IV of the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*. Applications for review are taken seriously by the government and your application and supporting documentation have been carefully assessed. In a preliminary decision conveyed to you on April 13, 2017, the ministry concluded that public interest warrants the review you have requested and committed to complete the review by December 31, 2018.

After careful consideration of the information available, and in accordance with section 67(1) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, the ministry has concluded the review of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Regulation 334 (General), Ontario Regulations 681/94 and 73/94 under *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*, and all ministry policies and guidance related to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. A review summary has been prepared and is attached to this correspondence in accordance with the provisions of Section 70 to provide further details on the outcome of the ministry's review.

During the course of the review, the ministry implemented several measures to address a number of issues identified in your request, particularly around the Part II order process. In order to build on these improvements, the government announced a plan to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment process in its recently released "A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan." The ministry is set to release a discussion paper this spring on revitalizing the environmental assessment program. We look forward to continue working closely with you and other stakeholders on this initiative.

We appreciate the time and effort that you have invested in this matter and thank you for your application. If you have questions regarding the outcome of the review, please contact Eugene Macchione, Director of Client Services and Permissions Branch at 416-314-8171 or by email at eugene.macchione@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Paul
Assistant Deputy Minister
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Attachment

- c: Tyler Schulz, Environmental Commissioner's Office (File No. R2016008)
- Scott Shaw, MECP Environmental Bill of Rights Office (File No. 17EBR001.R)