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Ms. Linda Heron, Chair
Ontario Rivers Alliance
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Dear Ms. Heron:

Thank you for your interest in the Class Environmental Assessment for the proposed Hillsburgh Dam and Bridge (Project) as proposed by the Town of Erin (Town). I welcome your comments on this Project.

On February 1, 2017, you requested that the Town be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the Project. I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required.

I am, pursuant to my authority under subsection 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, imposing the following conditions on the Project:

1. The Town shall continue to consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Credit Valley Conservation Authority during detailed design regarding:
 - a. Stormwater conveyance specifications for the reconstructed Station Street Bridge to ensure that the new bridge crossing accommodates a Regional Storm Event;
 - b. Consideration of and contingency plans for extreme weather events; and,
 - c. Any mitigation measures proposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to decrease potential impacts to terrestrial and aquatic wildlife passage and natural heritage features are considered and documented by the Town.
2. The Town shall monitor and document potential impacts on groundwater quality of the water table aquifer and/or potential connections to existing private well systems during construction, including dug wells; and develop appropriate mitigation measures in consultation with Credit Valley Conservation Authority, as required.

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3. The Town shall post detailed documentation on the agreed mitigation measures with the County of Wellington on a publicly accessible website, and shall notify the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, prior to Project implementation.

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

The Town has demonstrated that it has planned and developed this Project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. I am therefore satisfied 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.

The concerns raised, 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 Town, or will be addressed in future work that is required to be carried out.

With this decision having been made, the Town can now proceed with the Project, subject to the conditions I have imposed. The Town must ensure that it implements the Project in the manner that it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

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

Sincerely,



Chris Ballard
Minister

Attachment

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