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Mr. Chris Clark  
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Dear Mr. Clark:

Between December 14, 2016 and February 1, 2017, I received nine Part II Order requests asking that the Town of Erin (Town) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Hillsburgh Dam and Bridge (Project).

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 (Municipal 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 table.

I was advised that in order to address outstanding concerns on the Project, the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch brought together the Town, the County of Wellington, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. I was pleased to learn that at this meeting a consensus was reached amongst all parties with regard to appropriate mitigation for the preferred alternative. I encourage continued dialogue and as such; am 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,

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- 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.
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.

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 the Project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that the Town understands that failure to comply with the act, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement the Project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the act.

I am confident that the Town recognizes the importance and value of the act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,



Chris Ballard  
Minister

Attachment

c: Requesters

Mr. Paul Ziegler, Triton Engineering Services Limited  
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Mr. Nathan Hyde, Town of Erin  
Mr. Doug Thomson, County of Wellington  
Mr. Scott Wilson, County of Wellington  
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