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Ms. Linda Heron
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Dear Ms. Heron:

Thank you for your September 28, 2018 correspondence to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in which you request, on behalf of the Ontario Rivers Alliance and other partners, that the City of Cambridge (City) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act) for the proposed rebuilding of Riverside Dam (Project). I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Minister.

It is the understanding of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks that the Project is being planned under the Schedule C procedures of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The Class EA is an approved planning process that proponents must follow for projects of this type in order to obtain authorization to proceed with the project under the Act. Despite this process, the Class EA includes a provision whereby any member of the public who has unresolved concerns with a proposed project can request that the Minister require the proponent of the project to prepare an individual EA. The Minister's requirement to prepare an individual EA is referred to by the Class EA as a Part II Order.

Staff at the ministry will review the issues and concerns you have cited as reasons for which an individual EA should be prepared. Your request will be forwarded to the City. The City will be directed to review your request and to provide any Project documentation and other information necessary to assist the ministry in its review of your request. This information will be considered by the Minister when making a

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decision about the request. Where required, ministry technical staff and staff at other agencies may also review the matter.

On the basis of this review and other matters required to be considered by the Minister under the Act, the Minister will make a final decision whether or not to require that an individual EA be prepared by the City. You will be notified in writing of the Minister's decision once it has been made.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with this Project.

If you have any questions about the ministry's review of your request, please contact Trevor Heywood of this Branch, directly at 416-314-7754 or at trevor.heywood@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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