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Ms. Linda Heron
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Dear Ms. Heron:

Thank you for your interest in the Riverside Dam Replacement as proposed by the City of Cambridge. I welcome your comments on this project.

On September 28, 2018, you requested, on behalf of the Ontario Rivers Alliance and other partners, that the City be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the replacement of Riverside Dam. I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that elevating the project to an individual environmental assessment is not required.

In making this decision, I have given careful consideration to the project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the issues raised in the requests, and relevant matters to be considered under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is a process by which proponents plan and develop projects of this type, including evaluating alternatives, assessing environmental effects, developing mitigation measures, and consulting with the public, without having to obtain approval from me and the Lieutenant Governor in Council for each individual project.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment has itself been subject to review and approval under the Act, which determined, in part, that the application of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process would enable proponents to meet the intent

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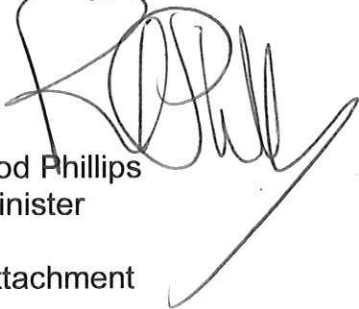
and purpose of the act. The City has demonstrated that it has planned and developed this project in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. I am satisfied therefore that the purpose of the Act, "the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by 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 City, or will be addressed in future work that is required to be carried out.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the project, subject to any other permits or approvals required. The City must ensure it implements the project 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.

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

Sincerely,



Rod Phillips
Minister

Attachment

c: Scott MacDonald, Project Engineer, City of Cambridge
EA File No. 18035 – Riverside Dam (Cambridge)