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Dear Euan Swan:

Thank you for your July 4, 2016 letter to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change in which you request that the City of Ottawa be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment (EA) under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) for the proposed Ottawa Road 174/Prescott-Russell County Road 17 Improvements (Project). I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Minister.

It is the understanding of this ministry that the Project is being planned as a Schedule C project under the 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 EAA. 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 this 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 of Ottawa. The City of Ottawa 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 decision about the request. Where required, ministry technical staff and staff at other agencies may also review the matter. All information that may be provided by the proponent, review agencies and this ministry's technical staff form part of the public record on the matter of your request to the Minister.

On the basis of this review and other matters required to be considered by the Minister under the EAA, the Minister will make a final decision whether or not to require that an

individual EA be prepared by the City of Ottawa. You will be notified in writing of the Minister's decision once it has been made.

I would like to note that, as with all Part II Order requests, Environmental Approvals Branch maintains a public file that is available for viewing by any member of the public upon request. Personal and other information in your letter such as name, address, and telephone number and your concerns with this Project will form a part of the public record on this matter required to be maintained pursuant to section 30 of the EAA. If you wish this information to be excluded from the public file, this Branch must be advised. Notwithstanding the above, this information may still be obtained by members of the public if the ministry is required to disclose it under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

In your letter, you also raised concerns regarding the proposed Confederation Line East Light Rail Transit Extension from Blair Station to Trim Road (LRT Extension) transit project. This is following the Transit Project Assessment Process under Ontario Regulation 231/08- Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (Transit Regulation). A Notice to Proceed was issued by the Minister on May 25, 2016. The City is able to proceed with the LRT extension in accordance with the applicable Environmental Project Report.

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 call Shannon Gauthier of this Branch at 416-314-0897 and at Shannon.Gauthier@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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