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Dear Chair Emmerson:

Thank you for our meeting on March 16, 2023, with members of your team to discuss the critical path forward for the York Region Sewage Works Project.

The ministry has reviewed your responses and appreciates York Region's responsiveness and ongoing commitment toward implementing the project.

In our March 16, 2023, discussion, I indicated that the ministry is not proposing to prescribe the specific location for the upgrades and improvements to the Yonge Street trunk sewer, between Bloomington Road and 19th Avenue. York Region is free to pursue the Leslie route for this component of the project. However, the Yonge Street sewer twinning must comply with the requirements of section 3, and specifically section 3 (2) (c).

As per our conversation, I have received expert third-party advice that the sewage works in the Yonge Street corridor could be completed on an accelerated timeline with the use of alternative project methods and different tunnelling technology. Based on this advice, and our conversation on March 16, I am requesting that York Region complete the Yonge Street sewer twinning no later than December 31, 2026.

The ministry has committed to implementing a working group between the ministry, EXP and York Region to continue discussing timelines and expectations to support this work and it is my expectation that York Region moves expeditiously on this vital infrastructure to support your growing region and our growing province.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to working with me and my ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Piccini". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters and a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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