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Mr. Mike Rabeau  
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Dear Mr. Rabeau:

Thank you for your March 15, 2024, submission of the reports required pursuant to sections 4 (the "Project Report") and 5 (the "Consultation Report") of the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2021* (the "Act") in respect of the York Region Sewage Works Project (the "Project").

I understand that the report proposes three categories of improvements to the York Durham Sewage System – those required by the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*, improvements that are in keeping with the Regions' long term capital plans for the system, and those that are required to meet future projected population growth. I also understand that the costs have been estimated using the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering approved methodology, which results in an expected cost accuracy range between -50 and +100%.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the "Ministry") has completed its review of these project and consultation reports. I have carefully considered the concerns raised by Indigenous communities and the advice provided by ministry reviewers. Pursuant to section 6 of the Act, I am writing to inform you that I am satisfied with all of the reports subject to the following requirements:

- A. The Regions will continue the ongoing dialogue with the Ministry throughout the implementation of the Project.
- B. The Regions shall provide the following to the Ministry:
  - Annual reports on the progress of the Project ('Progress Reports'). Progress Reports submitted annually, beginning on March 31, 2025. Each report shall contain information about the following:
    - The status of the Project.

- Any changes from the information provided in the Project Report or a report required in this letter, including changes to the design, route, capacity, schedule, and projected or actual cost of the Project.
  - Interim reports on the progress of the Project within 10 days of a significant change in the Project's projected or actual design, route, capacity, schedule, and projected or actual cost.
- C. In keeping with the Regions' commitments to continue to engage with impacted and interested Indigenous communities, the Regions shall provide the following to the Ministry:
- A twice-annual Indigenous Community Engagement Progress Report detailing the ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, including details of any progress on the commitments made by the Regions to Indigenous communities as outlined in the Consultation Report. The reports shall be submitted to the Minister every six months beginning on September 30, 2024.

Should it be necessary, I may exercise my authority under the Act to require additional reports on the Project and any related consultation.

While this letter expresses my satisfaction with the reports, as per the mentioned requirements, it does not provide any commitment to provincial funding for the project nor for any required provincial approvals. Also, my expectation is that the regions will implement the project in the most cost-effective way possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Trevisan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division, at (416) 230-3161 or [lisa.trevisan@ontario.ca](mailto:lisa.trevisan@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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