Dear Mr. Dunford:

As you are aware, I received 88 requests asking that the City of Peterborough (City) be required to prepare an individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Parkway Corridor Class Environmental Assessment (Project).

It is the understanding of this ministry that the Project is being planned as a Schedule C project under the Municipal Engineers Association's 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 Environmental Assessment Act (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 I require the proponent of the project to prepare an individual EA. This requirement to prepare an individual EA is referred to by the Class EA as a Part II Order.

Following the submission of the requests, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (ministry) staff have thoroughly reviewed the issues raised in the requests, reviewed project documentation and consulted with technical experts. Given that significant time has lapsed since the filing of the Notice of Completion I have determined that further study by the City is required before I make a decision on the Part II Order requests to ensure that the preferred alternative and environmental mitigation measures proposed are still valid in the current planning context.

Pursuant to subsection 16(3) of the Environmental Assessment Act, I am issuing an Order imposing the following condition further to the requirements set out in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment:
1. Within 60 days of this order, the City shall submit a report to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch that:
   a. reviews the planning and design alternatives,
   b. describes and evaluates the decision-making process that was used to select the most appropriate alternative design and
   c. identifies the advantages and disadvantages of the preferred design, all in relation to the preferred alternative for the section of roadway that traverses Jackson Park.

Should you have any questions about the information provided in this letter, please contact Ms. Kathleen Hedley, Director, Environmental Approvals Branch at 416-314-7288.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

c: Requesters
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