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Mr. Steven Sage
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Dear Mr. Sage:

On May 22, 2019, the ministry received one Part II Order request asking that Clearview Township be required to prepare a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the proposed reconstruction of Sideroad 26/27. I am taking this opportunity to inform you of the results of a thorough ministry review of the matter.

The Sideroad 26/27 reconstruction was classified by the Township as a pre-approved Schedule A+ undertaking under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Schedule A+ projects are limited in scale, have minimal adverse environmental effects, and do not have any study requirements under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

On June 6, 2019, the More Homes, More Choice Act, was passed and the Environmental Assessment Act was amended. As a result, Schedule A and A+ undertakings under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act. As such, any Part II Order requests for projects, such as the Sideroad 26/27 reconstruction, received before or after June 6, 2019 cannot be considered.

While I cannot consider a Part II Order request for a Schedule A+ project, ministry staff have reviewed the documentation and confirmed that the Township classified the project correctly under Appendix 1 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The ministry also reviewed the concerns related to the alternative assessment and environmental impacts as a result of the project. I understand that the alternative option to keep County Road 91 open was considered during a number of hearings for the quarry expansion. In addition, ministry staff have advised me that the Township will be

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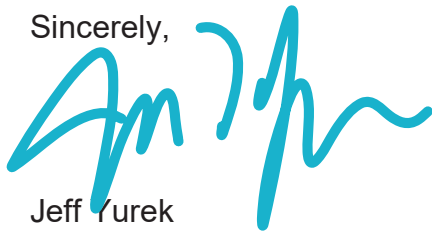
required to obtain a permit from the Conservation Authorities to identify potential impacts to natural heritage features (e.g. wetlands, streams and springs, wildlife and wildlife habitat) and mitigation measures.

In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on Clearview Township's website.

Clearview Township can continue proceeding with its planning of the project. I understand that further permits or approvals are required from the Niagara Escarpment Commission as well as the Nottawasaga Valley and Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities, and there may be additional proceedings at the Environmental Review Tribunal. Clearview Township must ensure the project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in these approval / decision documents, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein.

I am confident that Clearview Township recognizes the importance and value of continued consultation with the public, stakeholders, and Indigenous communities, and will ensure that the requirements of any other applicable legislation are satisfied.

Sincerely,



Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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