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Nick Colucci Director of Infrastructure Services Town of Erin 5684 Trafalgar Road Hillsburg ON N0B 1Z0

Dear Mr. Colucci:

I am writing with regard to the Part II Order request received by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the Erin Urban Centre Water Servicing Project (project) proposed by the Town of Erin.

As part of our government's efforts to boost Ontario's economic recovery after COVID-19, we have passed the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, including amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act (the Act).

The changes to the Act will allow us to build a strong environmental assessment program that effectively considers the input of local communities and focuses on projects that have the highest impact to the environment. The Act will continue to consider "the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment." A key change made to the Act was to limit Part II Order requests to potential adverse impacts of projects on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights. All Part II Order requests that were under review which do not pertain to potential adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights have been terminated by the amendments.

As such, I am writing to advise you of the status of the outstanding Part II Order request respecting the project. As the Part II Order request was not related to a potentially adverse impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights, the request has been terminated. If the Town of Erin proceeds with the project, it must ensure that the project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the

project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein. The Town of Erin will also need to consider any other permits or approvals required under other legislation in order to proceed.

I would like to ensure that the Town of Erin understands that failure to comply with the Act, and the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, including failure to implement the project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that the Town of Erin recognizes the importance and value of the Act. The Town of Erin will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Should you have any questions about the information provided in this letter, please contact Jordan Hughes directly at 437-770-6953 and Jordan.Hughes@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: Requester

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