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Mr. David Shelsted
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Dear Mr. Shelsted:

Between February 16 and April 8, 2017, I received six Part II order requests asking that the City of Greater Sudbury be required to prepare individual environmental assessments for the proposed Schedule C projects within the City of Greater Sudbury Transportation Study Report (Master Plan).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that individual environmental assessments are not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the requests, the documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act.

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

Despite my not requiring individual environmental assessments to be prepared, in reviewing the requests, it was noted that there were concerns regarding the Schedule C projects within the Master Plan. As the Part II order requests are for all Schedule C projects within the Master Plan, they will require additional work and therefore I am imposing the following conditions to ensure that the concerns are addressed in Phases 3 and 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment planning process:

1. The City shall ensure that all notices for the Schedule C projects identified in the Master Plan are sent directly to the Part II order requesters once they have been issued.
2. The City must examine and document in its Environmental Study Reports for the Schedule C projects identified within the Master Plan additional mitigation and best management practices to reduce the potential impacts of these projects to vulnerable areas as identified in the Greater Sudbury Source protection Plan.


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3. The City shall complete a detailed examination of the impacts of road construction on sodium and chloride levels in Ramsey Lake and document the results in its Environmental Study Reports for the Ramsey Lake Road widening, Howey Drive widening from Elgin St. to Bancroft Drive and the Silver Hills Drive projects.
4. The City shall continue to consult interested Indigenous communities throughout the additional environmental assessment planning work that is required and document all consultation efforts.
5. The City shall hold at least one meeting with the individuals who requested a Part II order on the Montrose Avenue North Extension to ensure that traffic and pedestrian safety are considered in the detailed design of this project.
6. Once conditions 1 to 5 have been satisfied, the City shall notify the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch in writing.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the Master Plan, subject to the conditions I have imposed and any other permits or approvals required. The City must ensure the Master Plan is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein. In addition, I recommend that the City contacts the Greater Sudbury Source Protection Authority for additional information on any policies that may be associated with the construction and/or operation of these projects.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that City understands that failure to comply with the act, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and 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 City recognizes the importance and value of the act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,



Rod Phillips
Minister

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