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Mr. Paul S. Knowles, P. Eng.
Chair, MEA Municipal Class EA
Monitoring Committee
C/O Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place
175 Bridge Street
Carleton Place ON K7C 2V8

Dear Mr. Knowles:

Further to your November 23, 2009 request for approval of three minor amendments to the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class Environmental Assessment (EA), the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has completed its review of the amendments requested. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Pursuant to section A.1.5.2 of the MEA Municipal Class EA, the MOE has reviewed your request and determined that the proposed minor amendments will not result in any significant environmental concerns. The MOE is also of the opinion that the environmental effects of municipal roadway projects can be appropriately assessed and evaluated under the existing Class EA and new cost limit thresholds established.

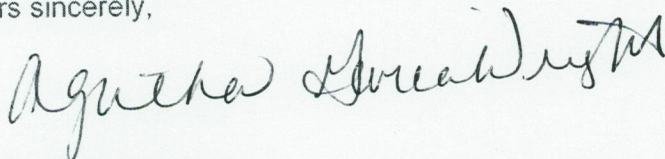
The remainder of the amendments are intended to bring consistency and clarity to the application of the lapse of time limit provisions to projects completed under the 2000 and 2007 versions of the Class EA, and as such, do not raise any concerns. The MOE also notes that no comments from members of the public or member municipalities of the MEA were received on the proposed amendments when the Notices of Proposed Amendments were posted on the MEA web site for 30-day review periods in October 2009 and January 2010.

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The MOE has attached for your reference a copy of the Notice of Minor Amendment and has also placed a copy of the Notice of Amendment in the MEAs Municipal Class EA public record file. I would appreciate MEA placing the Notice on the MEA web site and including the appropriate revisions to the text of the Municipal Class EA during the next five-year review.

The MOE would like to thank you for taking the initiative to plan and coordinate the above-noted amendments and look forward to working with you on the continued and successful use of the MEA Class EA. Please feel free to contact Mr. D. Jeffrey Dea at 416 314-7213 or by e-mail at jeffrey.dea@ontario.ca should you have any further questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Agatha Garcia-Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "A" and "G".

Agatha Garcia-Wright
Director
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Enclosure