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Mr. Ian K. Upjohn
Environmental Lead
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Dear Mr. Upjohn:

Thank you for submitting the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report for the Cities of Brampton Mississauga's Hurontario-Main Light Rail Transit Project on June 18, 2014, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (Transit Regulation).

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change received six objections to the transit project, that included concerns related to inadequate consideration of alternatives to the undertaking; opposition to use of property and impacts on development; potential impacts to traffic; potential impacts related to construction and operation; potential impacts to the natural environment; potential impacts to cultural heritage; and, project need. You were given an opportunity to comment on the objections on July 19, 2014, and the ministry has considered your responses.

Please be advised that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has completed its review of the Environmental Project Report, and I wish to inform you that I am of the opinion that the project will not have a negative impact on matters of provincial importance related to the natural environment or to a cultural heritage value or interest or have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right. As such, you may now issue a statement of completion to complete the transit project assessment process.

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Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Proceed with the Transit Project issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation. The Cities of Brampton and Mississauga are responsible for implementing the project in accordance with the Environmental Project Report. In the Environmental Project Report, the Cities committed to work with potentially affected parties during the subsequent design phases of the project to attempt to address any outstanding concerns. It is the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's expectation that the Cities will continue to consult with all affected parties as planning for the project proceeds, in order to identify specific impacts and apply appropriate and feasible mitigation measures as required.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that you understand that failure to comply with the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act. I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that the requirements of the Act and the Transit Regulation are satisfied.

Should you require further assistance please contact Mr. Gavin Battarino, Special Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-212-4279 or by e-mail at gavin.battarino@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Glen Murray
Minister

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