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Mr. Dan Piescic, P. Eng.
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**Re: Notice of Study Commencement, Town of Tecumseh
Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update**

Dear Mr. Piescic:

This letter is the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) response to the Notice of Study Commencement for the above noted project. It is understood that the Town has initiated an update to its Water and Wastewater Master Plan to confirm and update the preferred water and wastewater servicing strategies. This response acknowledges that this study is being completed following the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process for Master Plans. The following comments are submitted for your consideration.

As you know, the Class EA planning process includes consultation with interested stakeholders, evaluation of alternatives, assessment of the effects of the proposed works and identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts. In addition to public agencies and the general public, consultation with First Nations and Metis is required.

Consultation with First Nation and Métis Communities

The Crown has a duty to consult First Nation and Métis communities if there is a potential impact to Aboriginal or treaty rights. The proponent of this project, the Town of Tecumseh, has a responsibility to conduct adequate consultation with First Nation and Métis communities as part of the environmental assessment process. The Crown is therefore, delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to the proponent, as outlined in the attached document. As a note, the attached document refers the proponent to contact the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA) to help identify First Nations and Metis communities to be contacted. The MOECC advises that the proponent may need to follow up with MAA after its initial request for assistance.

The proponent must contact the Director of the MOECC's Environmental Approvals Branch if this project may adversely affect an Aboriginal or treaty right. The MOECC will then determine whether the Crown has a duty to consult. Information and resources to assist the Town of Tecumseh and CIMA Canada Inc. in fulfilling this requirement are provided as an attachment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please keep this office fully informed of the status of this project as it proceeds through the Class EA process. Thank you in advance.

Yours truly,



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Attachment (1)

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