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Mr. Lorran Cooney  
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Dear Mr. Cooney:

On December 22, 2017, I received one Part II Order request asking that the City of Barrie (City) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Sophia Creek Watershed and Mulcaster Drainage Area Environmental Assessment Update (Project).

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

The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached table. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this table available to the greater public on the City’s website.

Despite not requiring an individual environmental assessment be prepared, in reviewing the request, it was noted that one Indigenous community asked to be contacted regarding any future archaeological studies, and another community should be contacted if any relevant cultural artifacts are discovered during Project-related activities. In order to ensure these communities are engaged upon the discovery of archaeological artifacts that might be affiliated with them, I am imposing the following conditions on the Project:
1. The City shall contact the Huron-Wendat Nation if, during construction or any future archaeological assessments for the Project, any archaeological resources are discovered in the Project area that are affiliated with the Huron-Wendat Nation.
   a. Contact shall entail a minimum of three attempts (by telephone and/or email) to inform and engage the Indigenous community about the discovered artifacts.

2. The City shall contact the Hiawatha First Nation if, during construction or any future archaeological assessments for the Project, any archaeological resources are discovered in the Project area that are affiliated with the Hiawatha First Nation.
   a. Contact shall entail a minimum of three attempts (by telephone and/or email) to inform and engage the Indigenous community about the discovered artifacts.

3. The City shall share all future archaeological reports for the Project to Hiawatha First Nation.

4. During detailed design, the City shall have at least one meeting with the requester during the detailed design of stormwater management facility SP03 to discuss its implementation.

5. Prior to construction, the City shall report to the ministry's Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch on how Conditions 1 to 4 were met.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the Project, subject to the conditions I have imposed and any other permits or approvals required. The City must ensure 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, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that the 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,

Chris Ballard
Minister

Attachment

c: Requester
   EA File No. 18001 – Sophia Creek Watershed and Mulcaster Drainage Area
   Environmental Assessment Update