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Mr. Scott MacDonald
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Between September 16 and 28, 2018, I received five Part II Order requests asking that the City of Cambridge be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Riverside Dam replacement.

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 requests, the project 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.

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

I also understand that the City has committed to providing operable gates, as well as fish ladders or alternative fish passage methods as part of the design of the dam, on condition that it is approved and permitted as part of the final design by all permitting agencies. These commitments are integral to improving ongoing natural environment impacts of the dam and headpond. In addition, the City has made commitments to additional investigations for species at risk habitat, and consulting with Indigenous communities during detailed design. I would like to remind the City that commitments made during the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process are binding under the Act.

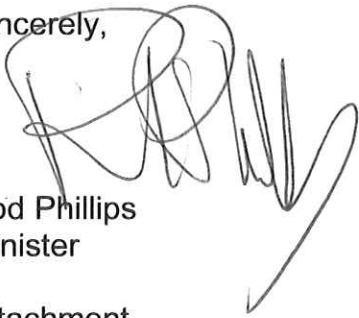
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With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the project. The City must ensure the project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Phillips', with a large, stylized flourish extending downwards and to the right.

Rod Phillips
Minister

Attachment

c: Requesters
Ron Scheckenberger, Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions
EA File No. 18035 – Riverside Dam (Cambridge)