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Mr. Inderjit Hans  
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City of Brampton  
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Dear Mr. Hans:

Between September 26 and 28, 2017, I received two Part II Order requests asking that the City of Brampton (City) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Downtown Brampton Streetscaping Improvements (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 (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.

Despite my not requiring an individual environmental assessment be prepared, in reviewing the Project documentation, it was noted that the City provided a preliminary sketch of a potential on-street loading zone that may be implemented as part of the Project. While I appreciate the City's efforts to explore additional options to accommodate affected businesses, I am concerned that this potential on-street loading zone was illustrated to potentially occupy and obstruct the designated cycle track. If the loading zone is in use, this may force cyclists to exit their designated space and merge with general traffic. This may present a safety risk to cyclists.

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In order to ensure the safety of cyclists, I am imposing the following condition on the Project:

1. The City shall consider implementing loading zones and accessible parking as part of the Project, in areas where feasible. Any such loading zones and accessible parking shall avoid impacts to cycling infrastructure.

If it is determined that additional loading zones and accessible parking can be added in areas that were not previously identified in the Project documentation, please feel free to contact ministry staff for additional guidance. Supporting cycling is an important part of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan. Good cycling infrastructure gets people out of their cars and onto bikes and transit for their daily commute, effectively reducing greenhouse gas pollution while also improving public health.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the Project, subject to the condition I have imposed. 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 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 Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Ballard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Ballard  
Minister

Attachment

c: Requesters

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Downtown Brampton Streetscaping Improvements