Thank you for your interest in the Dundalk Industrial Access Road as proposed by the Township of Southgate. I welcome your comments on this project.

On October 12, 2018, you requested that the Township be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the project. I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that elevating the project to an individual environmental assessment is not required.

In making this decision, I have given careful consideration to the project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the issues raised in your request, and relevant matters to be considered under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is a process by which proponents plan and develop projects of this type, including evaluating alternatives, assessing environmental effects, developing mitigation measures, and consulting with the public, without having to obtain approval from me and the Lieutenant Governor in Council for each individual project.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment has itself been subject to review and approval under the Act, which determined, in part, that the application of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process would enable proponents to meet the intent and purpose of the Act. The Township has demonstrated that it has planned and developed this project in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. I am satisfied therefore that the purpose of the Act, "the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment," has been met for this project.
Despite my not requiring an individual environmental assessment be prepared, in reviewing the request, it was noted that the project may impact provincially significant wetlands. In order to minimize potential impacts, I am imposing the following conditions on the project:

1. The Township shall consult with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during detailed design to discuss how and when to delineate the Melancthon Wetland Complex #1 boundary, and to consider all possible mitigation and remedial measures to enhance provincially significant wetland features and minimize impacts.

2. The Township shall submit a written report to the Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, on how it has fulfilled condition 1.

The concerns raised, together with the reasons for my decision, are set out in the attached table. I am satisfied that the issues and concerns have been addressed by the work done to date by the Township, or will be addressed in future work that is required to be carried out.

With this decision having been made, the Township can now proceed with the project, subject to the conditions I have imposed and any other permits or approvals required. The Township must ensure they implement the project in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

Again, I would like to thank you for participating in the Class Environmental Assessment process and for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek
Minister

Attachment

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