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Mr. Andrew Hope
Director of Hamilton Light Rail Transit, Metrolinx
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Dear Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hope:

Thank you for submitting the Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for the Hamilton B-Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project on May 29, 2017, which you amended on July 10, 2017, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings (Transit Regulation).

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (ministry) received 25 objections to the EPR Addendum. Concerns raised in the objections included air quality and noise impacts, the cost of the project; construction impacts; traffic congestion and safety; transit system network connectivity; and the capacity of roads and bridges to support LRT tracks and vehicles. You were given an opportunity to comment on the objections and the ministry considered your response. The ministry has completed its review of the amended EPR Addendum and I wish to inform you that I am of the opinion that the proposed changes to the transit project will not have a negative impact on matters of provincial importance related to the natural environment or to a cultural heritage value or interest, or have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right. As such, you may now proceed with changes to the Hamilton B-Line LRT project in accordance with the EPR Addendum, as amended July 10, 2017.

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Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Allow a Change to a Transit Project in Accordance with an Addendum issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation. You are responsible for implementing the changes to the project in accordance with the EPR Addendum, as amended.

I would like to ensure that you understand that failure to comply with the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under Section 38 of the EAA. I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the EAA and will ensure that the requirements of the EAA and the Transit Regulation are satisfied.

Should you require further assistance please contact Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-8221 or by e-mail at sasha.mcleod@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ballard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first letter "C" is large and loops around the start of the name. The "B" is also large and prominent. The rest of the name "Chris Ballard" is written in a more fluid, connected script.

Chris Ballard
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment