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His Worship Allan Thompson Mayor of Caledon 6311 Old Church Rd Caledon ON L7C 1J6 Allan.Thompson@caledon.ca

## Dear Mayor Allan Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 2021, expressing Town Council's support for the Coalition for the West Credit River's request to designate the Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (the Project) under subsection 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA).

On May 26, 2021, after careful consideration of the information provided by the Town of Erin, federal authorities, provincial ministries, the local conservation authority, the concerns expressed in your letter, other known public concerns, and advice from the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), I decided that the Project does not warrant designation pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the IAA.

In making my decision, I took into account that the potential for adverse effects, and public concerns related to those effects, were considered as part of a Class Environmental Assessment completed under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. Additional legislative and regulatory mechanisms would also manage the potential for effects, including processes related to, and compliance with, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, *Environmental Protection Act*, *Public Lands Act*, *Ontario Heritage Act*, *Endangered Species Act*, *Conservation Authorities Act*, *Fisheries Act*, *Species at Risk Act*, *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994, and the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act*.

My Response, with reasons, to the request, and the Agency's Analysis Report, have been posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (Reference number 81434): https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81434.

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Further questions can be directed to Sean Carriere, Acting Regional Director of the Agency's Ontario Region, by email at *iaac.designationontario.aeic@canada.ca.* 

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Kyle Seeback, M.P.



## Allan Thompson Mayor

May 26, 2021

Sent via E-Mail: ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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200 Sacré-Coeur Blvd
Gatineau QC K1A 0H3

Dear Minister Wilkinson,

RE: Support for the Coalition for the West Credit River's request for Federal Review of the Town of Erin's Proposed Communal Wastewater Treatment Plant under the Impact Assessment Act

I am writing to advise that at a Town Council meeting held on May 25, 2021, Council adopted a resolution supporting the Coalition for the West Credit River's request for a Federal Review of the Town of Erin's proposed communal wastewater treatment plant under the Impact Assessment Act.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas a communal wastewater treatment plant has been proposed to service substantial new population growth in the Town of Erin for the villages of Erin and Hillsburgh;

Whereas numerous residents of the Town of Caledon have expressed deep concerns over what they feel are possible negative impacts to the health and habitats of the West Credit River from the Town of Erin's communal wastewater treatment plant;

Whereas the Coalition for the West Credit River filed a Designation Request on February 25, 2021 for a Federal Review under the Impact Assessment Act (IAA) to identify and address adverse direct or incidental effects, or public concerns of federal jurisdiction based upon the cold water fishery, fish habitat, species at Risk, migratory birds and deleterious substances;

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon Council endorse and express support for the Coalition for the West Credit River's request for Federal Review under the Impact Assessment Act;

Further that the Mayor send a letter to the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change with a copy to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to <a href="mayor@caledon.ca">mayor@caledon.ca</a> or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson

Mayor

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