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October 31, 2013

Ms. Dana Valentyne
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Town of Deseronto
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Dear Ms. Valentyne:

The Ministry of the Environment has received your October 25, 2013 letter, on behalf of the Town of Deseronto, notifying the Ministry that the Town intends to withdraw its Terms of Reference for a Proposed Waterfront Development.

I understand from your letter that there has been a significant change in how the Town of Deseronto proposes to prepare its Environmental Assessment. In particular, the Town has determined that it may not be appropriate to prepare an Environmental Assessment under subsection 6.1(2) of the Environmental Assessment Act, and that the preparation of an Environmental Assessment under subsection 6.1(3) of the Act would be more suitable. In order to make the required revisions to the Terms of Reference the Town has requested that it be permitted to withdraw the Terms of Reference.

On behalf of the Ministry, I would like to formally acknowledge the withdrawal of the Town's Terms of Reference currently before the Minister of the Environment for a decision. The Town may now proceed to make the necessary changes to the Terms of Reference. Please be advised that there are no timelines associated with making changes to a Terms of Reference once it has been formally withdrawn. It is the responsibility of the Town to take the time necessary to make to the required changes to the Terms of Reference, and undertake the necessary consultation activities, before submitting it formally a decision.

In closing, I would like to extend an invitation to the Town to meet with Ministry staff to discuss the next steps in the Environmental Assessment process. To arrange a meeting or should you have any questions please contact Mr. Gavin Battarino, Project Officer of this Branch at telephone 416-212-4279 or by e-mail at gavin.battarino@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Agatha Garcia-Wright".

Agatha Garcia-Wright
Director
Environmental Approvals Branch