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Mr. Brian King
President
Lafleche Environmental Inc.
17125 Lafleche Road
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Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for submitting the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of Lafleche Environmental Inc.'s expansion of the Eastern Ontario Waste Handling Facility, dated July 2, 2015. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I have approved the Terms of Reference.

After undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the Terms of Reference and carefully considering the issues raised by the public and government reviewers; the responses provided by Lafleche Environmental Inc.; and, a detailed technical review by ministry staff, I have approved the Terms of Reference. I am satisfied that an Environmental Assessment prepared in accordance with this Terms of Reference will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest.

As required by subsection 6.1(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act, your Environmental Assessment must now be prepared in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference. While this approval provides additional certainty to your Environmental Assessment decision-making process, it does not secure approval of an undertaking. Lafleche Environmental Inc. is responsible for fulfilling the commitments outlined in the Terms of Reference and providing the appropriate level of quality in the Environmental Assessment.

I shall also note that since the submission of the Terms of Reference, the Province of Ontario released its final Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy in February 2017 as required by the Waste-Free Ontario Act, 2016, which lays out Ontario's vision for a circular economy and goals of a zero-waste Ontario with zero greenhouse gas emissions from the waste sector. By way of this decision, I expect Lafleche Environmental Inc. to continue to focus on the importance of the Circular Economy as it moves forward with its EA planning.

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Should you wish to vary significantly from your approved Terms of Reference, in preparing your environmental assessment, you will need to submit a new/amended Terms of Reference for my approval. In the event of any uncertainty, you should consult with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's Environmental Approvals Branch.

Should you require further assistance please contact Adam Sanzo, Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-8360 or by email at adam.sanzo@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment: Notice of Approval

TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SUBSECTION 6(4)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: Lafleche Environmental Inc.

Terms of Reference: Eastern Ontario Waste Handling Facility Capacity Expansion

EA File No.: Q3-08-02

As provided for by subsection 6(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act, the Terms of Reference, as submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change on April 25, 2014 to govern the preparation of an environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, is hereby approved.

Pursuant to subsection 6.1(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act, any environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change pursuant to subsection 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act, must be prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference as hereby approved.

Reasons:

I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The Terms of Reference ensures that the environmental assessment will be completed using a public, Aboriginal and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The Terms of Reference ensures that the completed environmental assessment will contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of a reasonable range of alternatives and the proposed undertaking;

3. The Terms of Reference sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed environmental assessment will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest; and,
4. All issues and concerns raised have adequately been addressed in the Terms of Reference, or can be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Dated the 11th day of May, 2017 at TORONTO.



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