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July 31, 2009

Mr. Steve Strong
Environmental Assessment Contact
Aurora District Ministry of natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Strong,

RE: Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension
Juglans cinerea find on Highway 407 Station Site

Thank you for your quick response on the Butternut Tree (Juglans cinerea) find at our Highway 407 Station site. As we discussed, I include a map identifying the location of the two trees.

- 1. We have confirmed the two trees are pure strain or hybrid and whether it is retainable or not AECOM's Butternut Health Assessor (BHA) has completed this step and confirmed they are pure strain and retainable. We understand that MNR will need to do this as well.
- 2. TYSSE will work with MNR and establish the permission to enter for Mr. Bohdan Kowalyk of MNR to conduct an agency field review of the find. We are required to provide tenants on this ORC site with 48 hours notice and have a specific form we will fill out in advance. We are happy to have the AECOM individual who made the assessment meet at the site for the field review if appropriate.
- 3. We would like to request MNR list the information on the ESA website (requires a posting of 45 days) as promptly as possible.
- 4. We will prepare supporting documentation in support of an MNR permit to remove the trees. We understand the permit will require Minister Approval and which we understand can take up to 3 weeks after posting.
- 5. We further understand that mitigation is based on the health of the trees and that this can be at a replacement ratio of 10:1.

As I mentioned, we are preparing an amendment to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) approved York Region EA in this area to account for tunnel and station relocation. We are preparing this amendment in coordination with the Ontario Realty Corporation to meet their Class EA requirements in support of the sale or lease of land by ORC to us. If there are additional items that would serve MNR's needs in filing documentation, please ask us to



include these things as we prepare our documentation.

You and or Mr. Kowalyk are welcome to contact me at 416-397-8625 to coordinate the field review and subsequent permit information needs. The earliest I believe we can fulfil the permission to enter requirements will be Thursday, August 6, 2009 but we need to confirm a date and time for the field visit to initiate the permission. TYSSE's Permit Coordinator, Ms. Katharine Jurcic, will complete the permit application filing on our behalf.

I look forward to speaking with you early next week to set up the field visit. Again, thank you for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Witzig, B.Sc.

Environmental Coordinator

Attachment: Map - general location of the identified trees

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CC: Mr. Leslie Martin and Mr. Richard Booth, AECOM

Ms. Solange Desautels, Ministry of the Environment

Ms. Sarah O'Keefe, Transport Canada

Mr. Bohdan Kowalyk, Ministry of Natural Resources

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