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November 12, 2014

Mr. Kent Barber
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Transportation – Transit
MMM Group Limited
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Dear Mr. Barber:

Thank you for submitting the notice of the environmental project report (EPR) addendum for the Yonge Subway Extension Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre transit project, on behalf of the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Regional Municipality of York, and the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (proponents), which is following the transit project assessment process for an addendum under Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (Transit Regulation), on September 4, 2014.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (ministry) received no objections to the EPR Addendum. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that it is the ministry's 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, the proponents may now proceed with the changes to the Yonge Street Subway Extension Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre transit project in accordance with the applicable EPR Addendum.

The proponents are responsible for implementing the changes to the transit project in accordance with the EPR Addendum, including the errata memo dated October 27, 2014. Given that the proponents have indicated that the EPR Addendum would be amended in specific places to address certain concerns, it is expected that revised individual pages of the EPR Addendum will be provided to all agencies, individuals and public viewing locations which were provided with copies of the EPR Addendum previously within 30 days of receipt of this letter and an updated version of the EPR Addendum will be posted on the project web site.

Lastly, 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 Lorna Zappone, Special Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7106 or by e-mail at lorna.zappone@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Agatha Garcia-Wright".

Agatha Garcia-Wright
Director
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