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## VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Vance Czerwinski, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Municipality of West Grey 402813 Grey Road #4, R. R. 2 Durham, ON NOG 1R0

Dear Vance

## Re: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Lantz Bridge

Please be advised that we are nearing the end of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process for the replacement of Lantz Bridge. The process has followed the procedural requirements set out in the MCEA for Schedule 'B' projects. In this regard, the study identified the following problem: There are significant deficiencies with Structure 28 (Lantz Bridge) spanning the Saugeen River along Concession 2 WGR. The deficiencies include the condition, alignment, and width of the structure. The deterioration of the condition of the structure recently resulted in its closure to vehicle traffic. As part of the MCEA process, we identified a limited number of feasible alternative solutions to address the problem. Each alternative was then evaluated to determine its potential impact upon the natural, economic, social, cultural, and technical environments. Input from the public, First Nation and Métis communities and various government agencies was also considered during the evaluation process.

Through the assessment of alternatives, it was determined that the preferred solution is replacement of the existing Lantz bridge with a two-lane structure. There are a number of attributes associated with this alternative, that justifies its consideration as the preferred option, for addressing the deficiencies associated with Lantz Bridge. These attributes include:

- Addresses existing deterioration in the condition of Lantz Bridge that has resulted in its recent closure.
- Is the most appropriate alternative to address concerns regarding the substandard width and alignment of the current crossing.
- Meets the requirements of the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code with respect to the traffic levels, designated speed and use of the roadway. We note a single lane bridge would be considered functionally deficient given traffic levels, the designated speed and potential use of the crossing by larger vehicles such as agricultural equipment.

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• Will allow for the crossing to be utilized by wider vehicles (e.g. agricultural equipment) and should need arise, as a detour route for emergency or maintenance purpose.

A Notice of Completion outlining the preferred solution will be issued shortly. This notice will be placed it the local papers and circulated to adjacent property owners and interested parties. The Notice of Completion starts a 30-day public review period of the Environmental Screening Report. During this time, the report will also be made available for agency review.

Following the completion of the 30-day public review period, I will provide a summary of any comments received, whether from agencies or the public, and notify you of the completion of the MCEA process.

Yours very truly

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