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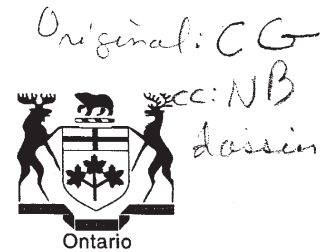
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Her Worship Jeanne Charlebois
Mayor
The Town of Hawkesbury
600 Higginson Street
Hawkesbury ON K6A 1H1

Dear Mayor Charlebois:

Thank you for your letter regarding remediation of the wet lagoon in Hawkesbury. I appreciate your kind words of congratulations on my appointment as Minister of Natural Resources. I'm looking forward to this challenging and rewarding assignment.

I am pleased to hear of the positive working relationship that exists between ministry staff and the Town of Hawkesbury. The ministry remains committed to providing leadership to initiate the cleanup of the CIP Wet Lagoon in a cost-effective manner and continues to work towards the closure and naturalization of this site.

I understand that we have been able to successfully work with your municipality to secure funding for a Social-Economic Benefits Study, recognizing the potential increased development and tourism which the cleanup of this site may create.

The ministry plans to begin the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process early in the new year. Through this process, ministry projects are evaluated, public consultation sessions are held and potential environmental impacts are examined. A clear strategy for remediation of the land base will be developed from this process.

I encourage you to continue to work closely with ministry staff through these next steps. If you need any further information, please contact Alex Gardner, District Manager, Kemptville District, at (613) 258-8201.

I would be pleased to visit when I am in the area and I have asked that my scheduler, Rebecca Amyotte, make the necessary arrangement. In the meantime, my door is always open and I invite you to contact me if I can be of assistance. I can be reached at 416-314-2201, or by e-mail at donna.cansfield@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for writing and for your continued support and assistance on this project.

Sincerely,



Donna Cansfield
Minister

c: Rebecca Amyotte, Scheduler to the Minister
Alex Gardner, District Manager, Kemptville District

