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Mr. Bruce Macgregor
Commissioner, Transportation and Works
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Macgregor,

On October 1, 2004 the Minister of the Environment issued an Order under the Environmental Assessment Act denying a bump-up request for the proposed 19th Avenue Interceptor York Durham Sewage System (YDSS) expansion project, but requiring York Region to meet 11 conditions prior to proceeding with the project. On October 17, 2005 York Region submitted a report to the Ministry containing the findings of its new comparison of alternative route alignments, review of design and construction techniques, a background (baseline) report and additional technical appendices that included a record of the public consultation process used in the comparison of route alignments. The cover letter attached to the report, from Adrian Coombs, Project Manager, York Region to Anne Neary, Manager, Technical Support Section of this office stated that the report was submitted to fulfill the requirements of Conditions 8 and 10 and to partially fulfill the requirements of conditions 5, 7 and 9 of the Minister's October 1, 2004 Order for this project.

The ministry has reviewed the submitted report, the public consultation process used, the comments made by the independent peer review team, as also required by the Minister's Order, the final report received by EnviroScape Consulting Services commenting on this project, the *Final Review Assessment* received by Morton and Partners and York Region's March 10, 2006 letter responding to the *Final Review Assessment* by Morton and Partners Limited.

The Ministry is satisfied that the work completed by York Region is sufficient and provided a basis for the Region to make an environmentally-sound decision as to the most appropriate route, sewer design and sewer construction techniques for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith West".

Keith West
Director, Central Region