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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
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Email: mayor@hamilton.ca

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Ms. Stephanie Paparella recently provided me with copies of your April 27, 2017 letter about the Terrapure Stoney Creek Regional Facility Environmental Assessment, and your November 20, 2017 letter about the Cootes-to-Escarpment EcoPark System.

Terrapure Environmental submitted a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Stoney Creek Regional Facility Landfill Expansion to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on August 31, 2018 for review and comment. Terrapure Environmental is seeking approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to increase the capacity of the landfill by 3,680,000 cubic metres (m³) which will extend the life of the landfill by an estimated 15 years. Comments on the draft EA were due by October 24, 2108.

It is anticipated that an EA will be formally submitted in the spring of 2019. In accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 616/98, the Deadlines Regulation, a seven week formal review and comment period is initiated with the submission of an EA. During this time, all interested government agencies, Indigenous communities and members of the public will be able to review the EA documentation and submit comments to the ministry. All comments received about the proposed expansion to the Stoney Creek Regional Facility will be considered in the decision about the proposed undertaking.

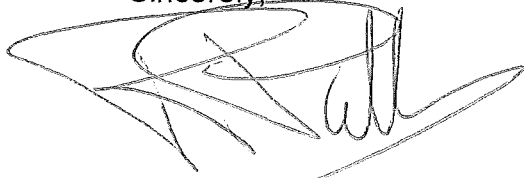
I have been advised that Ms. Paparella also wrote to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry in regard to the Cootes-to-Escarpment EcoPark System. I understand that the Minister recently responded and outlined our government's engagement on this file.

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Thank you for bringing Council's concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Phillips', written over a large, light-colored scribble or stamp.

Rod Phillips
Minister

c: Ms. Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator, City of Hamilton
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry