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Subject: Ontario Moves Forward with Consolidated Linear Infrastructure

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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

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Good afternoon,

I am happy to provide you with the news that my ministry is moving forward with the Consolidated Linear Approach for stormwater and sewage collection systems. The notice is available on the Environmental Registry, at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1080> (Number 019-1080).

Under this new consolidated process, you will no longer need to submit individual “pipe by pipe” applications for future alterations provided they meet the requirements and all other ministry approved conditions. Simple, routine changes including alterations, extensions, enlargements or replacement projects could be pre-authorized to begin construction without needing separate approvals for each project.

Projects that pose a significant risk to the environment will still receive the time and attention they are due.

These changes will allow my ministry and your municipal officials to focus efforts on higher-risk projects and get shovels in the ground sooner on critical infrastructure projects that so many of our towns and cities desperately need.

Ministry staff will be following up with you shortly with more details on how to apply for your Consolidated Linear Environmental Compliance Approval.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Christopher Manning, the ministry’s Licensing Program Coordinator, Client Services and Permissions Branch, at Christopher.Manning@ontario.ca or 647-982-8740.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks