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Mr. Dave Blake
Environmental Coordinator
The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys
408 James Street South, P.O. Box 998
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Dear Mr. Blake:

Thank you for submitting your amended Terms of Reference on January 13, 2014, and an errata letter on February 25, 2014 for the Town of St. Marys (Town) Future Solid Waste Disposal Needs Environmental Assessment (Project). The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (Ministry) has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I have approved your Terms of Reference and amended it to include the errata letter submitted to the Ministry. Please see the attached Notice of Approval.

As required by subsection 6.1(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act, your environmental assessment must now be prepared in accordance with the approved amended Terms of Reference. While this approval provides additional certainty to your environmental assessment decision-making process, it does not secure approval of an undertaking. The Town of St. Marys is responsible for fulfilling the commitments outlined in the amended Terms of Reference and for providing the appropriate level of quality in the environmental assessment.

As per the errata letter, the Ministry understands that Town will be undertaking a waste diversion study in parallel with the environmental assessment process for the Project. The Ministry is committed to working with all stakeholders, including municipalities, to develop a new waste framework to further increase diversion in the province. The Ministry will be very interested in the outcome of your waste diversion study. The Ministry recommends that you complete your waste diversion study before an environmental assessment decision is made, as the outcome of this study may impact the Project. Furthermore, it is the Ministry's expectation that you will consider how to apply best management practices related to waste management and diversion in your waste diversion study and environmental assessment.

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Should you wish to vary significantly from your approved amended Terms of Reference in preparing your environmental assessment, you will need to submit a new Terms of Reference for my decision. In the event of any uncertainty, you should consult with the Ministry through its Environmental Approvals Branch.

Should you require further assistance please contact Mr. Wesley Wright, Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-325-5500 or by e-mail at wesley.wright@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment

c: Debanjan Mookerjea, R.J. Burnside
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