Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Further to the joint announcement made on March 12, 2010, regarding the Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant project, I am pleased to formally advise you that the federal government has identified this project as a priority for funding consideration under the Green Infrastructure Fund.

Under the Green Infrastructure Fund, the Government of Canada will consider an investment of up to one-third (33.33 percent) of total eligible costs of the project, to a maximum federal contribution of $100 million.

While the Government of Canada is pleased to consider this project a priority for funding, I must impress upon you that this letter does not signify funding approval. More specifically, any potential federal funding of this project will be conditional upon:

- The completion of a federal project review that results in a determination that the project meets the Green Infrastructure Fund requirements. To this end, you are responsible for providing all of the information necessary for federal officials to undertake this project review;
- Fulfilling, where applicable, the requirements of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and the requirements for aboriginal consultations under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982;
- The City of Hamilton ensuring that, upon the start of construction activities and/or other appropriate project milestones, signage is erected which clearly displays current Government of Canada and Economic Action Plan branding in prominent locations at the project site. The federal government will further confirm and communicate additional requirements and expectations from time to time in this respect; and
The signing of a contribution agreement that will detail the project elements, schedule, costs, and funding parameters.

I must also inform you that any project costs incurred before federal approval-in-principle are ineligible for federal reimbursement. Further, any construction that begins before federal approval-in-principle could jeopardize the proposed funding. Should you choose to move forward with a Request for Proposals ahead of the project's approval-in-principle, the document should clearly state that final awarding of tender is subject to federal funding being secured. Awarding of the tender should only take place after you have been informed of federal approval in principle of funding for the project. The Government of Canada will have no obligation to enter into a contribution agreement or to reimburse any costs associated with a project for which tender has been awarded ahead of federal approval-in-principle, as signalled through a letter from me. You should also be aware that the program terms and conditions for the Green Infrastructure Fund close as of March 31, 2014. As a result, any costs incurred beyond that date will also be ineligible for reimbursement.

Thank you for your collaboration to date and I look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

John Baird, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Brad Duguid