October 21, 2013

Ms. Rose Caterini
City Clerk
City of Hamilton
Office of the City Clerk
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5

Dear Ms. Caterini:

Re: Highway 403 Desjardins Canal Bridges
Preliminary Design and Detail Design
G.W.P. No.: 2357-09-00

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to conduct a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study, followed by a Detail Design for the Desjardins Canal eastbound and westbound structures on Highway 403, in the City of Hamilton. A key plan has been included with this correspondence.

The project is following the approved planning process for a Group ‘B’ project in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). A Transportation Environmental Study Report will be prepared and will be available for review and comment upon completion of the study.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) for this study is currently scheduled for the spring/summer of 2014. The PIC will provide the public and other stakeholders with the opportunity to discuss the project with the Project Team and provide comments. Notices advising the specific timing and location of the PIC will be sent to interested parties and will be published in local newspapers closer to the proposed date. A project website has been set up for this study, and will be updated as information becomes available and the study progresses. The website can be accessed at the following address: www.403DesjardinsCanal.ca.

The purpose of this letter is to inform project stakeholders and agencies of the study. Project updates will be mailed out to agencies and individuals on the project mailing list. Attached to this correspondence is a Contact Information Form. Please indicate whether your organization has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time. A reply by October 31, 2013 is appreciated.

Should you require further information regarding this project, please feel free to contact us at the information listed below.
Yours truly,

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Key Plan

Hwy 403 Desjardins Canal Twin Overpass
Ontario
Highway 403 Desjardins Canal Bridges
Preliminary Design and Detail Design
GWP 2357-09-00

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY NOVEMBER 31, 2013 TO:

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1) Please indicate whether your organization has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?

Yes ☐ No ☐

2) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: ___________________________
Title: ___________________________
Department: ______________________
Organization: _____________________
Mailing Address: __________________
Phone: ___________________________
Fax: _____________________________
Email: ___________________________

3) In the space below, please provide any comments you may have regarding the studies.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.