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:  Detail Design of Six Structures on Highway 403 & QEW
Cities of Hamilton and Burlington
G.W.P. No.: 2357-09-00

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation to conduct a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the rehabilitation of six (6) structures along Highway 403 and the QEW, in the Cities of Hamilton and Burlington. A key plan has been included with this correspondence.

The project will address long term rehabilitation needs and extend the life span of the following structures:

1. York Boulevard underpass at Highway 403 Northbound On-Ramp;
2. Highway 403 CNR underpass;
3. Highway 403 CPR underpass;
4. Highway 403/Highway 6 W-N ramp underpass;
5. Highway 403 Plains Road underpass; and
6. QEW Centennial Parkway underpass

Vertical clearance issues will be addressed at the Highway 403/Highway 6 W-N Ramp Underpass and Highway 403 Plains Road Underpass.

The project will also make recommendations regarding the rockfall hazard on Highway 403 along the Niagara Escarpment.

The project is following the approved planning process for a Group ‘C’ project in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Group ‘C’ projects are considered to be approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, subject to compliance with the Class EA and the application of mitigation measures where necessary. An Environmental Screening Document (ESD) will be prepared documenting the existing biophysical and socio-economic environment, summary of design features, potential impacts of the undertaking, required mitigation procedures and commitments to future work.

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 or would like to provide comments, please feel free to contact us at the information listed below.

Yours truly,

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Key Plan

Rehabilitation of Six Structures on Highway 403, QEW and Niagara Escarpment Rockfall Area
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.