June 5, 2012

Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
2216 County Road 28
PO Box 328
Port Hope, ON, L1A 3W4

RE: REGULATIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL FILL
FILE NO.: E05.GE

At a meeting held on June 4, 2012, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington considered correspondence from The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment and directed the correspondence be forwarded to the Conservation Authorities and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Accordingly, please find the subject correspondence attached.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Patti L. Barrie, CMO
Municipal Clerk

cc: Kawartha Conservation Authority
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
All municipalities in Ontario
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Ms. C. Anne Greentree, B.A., CMO
Deputy Clerk
The Municipality of Clarington
40 Temperance Street
Bowmanville ON L1C 3A6

Dear Ms. Greentree:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, 2011 informing me about the Council of the Municipality of Clarington’s Resolution (#GPA-720-11) regarding regulations for the movement of commercial fill. I apologize for not replying sooner.

Over the past year, ministry staff have met with various stakeholders, including municipalities, roads associations, waste associations, professional institutions, and other provincial partners to discuss the current regulatory interpretation regarding soil movement and to discuss future soil management options.

Based on these discussions and the feedback we have received, the ministry is in the process of developing guidance related to soil management activities which focuses on commercial fill operations. The proposed guidance intends to detail the ministry’s expectations for those who manage excess soils to help ensure a consistent approach across the province. The proposed guidance also encourages reuse for beneficial purposes to prevent excess soil from being unnecessarily disposed of in landfills.

Creating opportunities to renew infrastructure and promote redevelopment opportunities benefits Ontario’s economy. Cost-effective, sustainable soil management practices are important to maintaining a healthy economy and a healthy environment.

Ministry staff will continue to develop guidance related to soil management activities in the province. Any further comments your municipality would like to provide would be welcome. If your office requires additional information about the work that is underway in your area, please contact Ms. Kathleen Anderson, Assistant Director of the ministry’s Central Region Office, at 416-326-3466.

Thank you, again, for bringing Council’s resolution to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Bradley
Minister

C: Ms. Julia Munroe, MPP
York-Simcoe