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Mayor Allan Ails and Council  
Town of Erin  
5684 Trafalgar Road  
Hillsburgh, ON  
N0B 1Z0

By email: Allan.Ails@Erin.ca and Council@Erin.ca

Re: Proposed Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Correspondence from Aaron Detlor, Haudenosaunee

Dear Mayor Ails and Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Coalition for the West Credit River regarding Aaron Detlor's 9 April 2021 email in which he asserts that the proposed Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant infringes on Haudenosaunee treaty rights, and that *"To date there has been no engagement by the Crown which would justify the infringements"*.

The purpose of Aaron Detlor's communication was to *"advise that the Haudenosaunee hold treaty rights over the area contemplated by this Project, and that the Project will interfere with those rights and interests... At the same time we are hereby asking Minister Wilkinson and the Crown generally to withhold any pending approvals subject to the commencement of a good faith process to uphold the honour of the Crown."*

Please confirm the following:

1. Did you receive Aaron Detlor's 9 April 2021 email addressed to Mayor Allan Ails and Council and your lawyer, Quinto Annibale?
2. If so, is it your intention to respond to Mr. Detlor's exertion of Haudenosaunee treaty rights over the area contemplated for the Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant, and his claim that to date there has been no engagement by the Crown which would justify the infringement.
3. Has the Town of Erin and/or its representatives contacted either the elected Band Council of Six Nations of the Grand River, or the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council, or the Mississaugas of the New Credit with regard to this proposed development?

**Background:** On 8 April 2021, the Coalition for the West Credit River sent a [letter to Mayor Allan Ails and Council and the Town's solicitor, Quinto Annibale](#), regarding the proposed Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant. Aaron Detlor of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy was copied on that letter and on 9 April 2021 he responded to the 8 April letter with an email (Addendum 1) to Judy Mabee, Mayor Allan Ails and Council and your lawyer, Quinto Annibale, with copies to Minister Wilkinson, the Impact Assessment Agency, and several other Ministers and regulatory staff.

On 27 April 2021, you were contacted by Dave Mawle, a Caledon resident, by email (Addendum 2), enquiring whether “*the Mayor responded to the recent letter from the First Nations and is there a meeting time set yet*”. That same day the response came back from the Town of Erin through Lavina Dixit, Senior Communications Officer for the Town of Erin (Addendum 2), relaying the information that “*The Mayor hasn’t received any letter from the First Nations*”. Underline is for emphasis only.

We look forward to your response to our questions.

Respectfully,



Judy Mabee  
President, Belfountain Community Organization  
Chair, Coalition for the West Credit River

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**Subject:** FW: Response to March 10 correspondence

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:18:27 AM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Linda Heron <lindah@ontarioriversalliance.ca>

**BCC:** Linda Heron <lindah@ontarioriversalliance.ca>

From: **Aaron Detlor** <aarondetlor@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 11:12 AM

Subject: Re: Response to March 10 correspondence

To: <judy.mabee@gmail.com>, <QAnnibale@loonix.com>, [Allan.Alls@erin.ca](mailto:Allan.Alls@erin.ca) <Allan.Alls@erin.ca>, [Council@erin.ca](mailto:Council@erin.ca) <Council@erin.ca>

Cc: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>, Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>, [williams.todde@gmail.com](mailto:williams.todde@gmail.com) <williams.todde@gmail.com>, Wayne Hill <tworowarchaeology@gmail.com>, Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com>, [EC.Ministre-Minister.EC@canada.ca](mailto:EC.Ministre-Minister.EC@canada.ca) <EC.Ministre-Minister.EC@canada.ca>, [CEAA.information.acee@canada.ca](mailto:CEAA.information.acee@canada.ca) <CEAA.information.acee@canada.ca>, [Allan.Thompson@caledon.ca](mailto:Allan.Thompson@caledon.ca) <Allan.Thompson@caledon.ca>, <Minister.mnrf@ontario.ca>, <Ministre.Infc@canada.ca>, <Min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>, [Minister.MECP@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MECP@ontario.ca) <Minister.MECP@ontario.ca>, [Aziz.Ahmed@ontario.ca](mailto:Aziz.Ahmed@ontario.ca) <Aziz.Ahmed@ontario.ca>, [Barbara.Slattery@ontario.ca](mailto:Barbara.Slattery@ontario.ca) <Barbara.Slattery@ontario.ca>, [Ian.Thornton@ontario.ca](mailto:Ian.Thornton@ontario.ca) <Ian.Thornton@ontario.ca>, <William.Glass@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>, [Tyler.Slaght@cvc.ca](mailto:Tyler.Slaght@cvc.ca) <Tyler.Slaght@cvc.ca>

Dear Ms. Mabee:

Thank you for your letter. I can advise that the Haudenosaunee hold treaty rights over the area contemplated by this Project and that the Project will interfere with those rights and interests.

To date there has been no engagement by the Crown which would justify the infringements. From my internal review of correspondence we have not been notified of this Project.

Can you please advise at what stage this Project is in terms of the process particularly what approvals, if any, are required for this Project to proceed.

At the same time we are hereby asking Minister Wilkinson and the Crown generally to withhold any pending approvals subject to the commencement of a good faith process to uphold the honour of the Crown.

Regards,

Aaron Detlor

> On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:17 PM, [hdi2@bellnet.ca](mailto:hdi2@bellnet.ca) wrote:

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> <2021-04-08-Coalition-WCR to Town Solicitor-Final.pdf>

**Subject:** FW: First Nations Letter to the Mayor  
**Date:** Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:42:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Linda Heron <lindah@ontarioriversalliance.ca>  
**BCC:** Linda Heron <lindah@ontarioriversalliance.ca>  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Communications <[communications@erin.ca](mailto:communications@erin.ca)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2021 at 12:50:33 PM EDT  
**To:** [davemawle@rogers.com](mailto:davemawle@rogers.com)  
**Subject:** RE: First Nations Letter to the Mayor

Hello Dave

Thank you for your email. We are not sure what you are referring to. The Mayor hasn't received any letter from the First Nations.

Regards  
Lavina

**Lavina Dixit**  
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**From:** [davemawle@rogers.com](mailto:davemawle@rogers.com) [<mailto:davemawle@rogers.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** Communications <[communications@erin.ca](mailto:communications@erin.ca)>  
**Subject:** First Nations Letter to the Mayor

Good Morning, Has the Mayor responded to the recent letter from the First Nations and is there a meeting time set yet? Thank you Dave