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**Sent by email**

Linda Heron  
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Dear Linda Heron,

**SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Your Request to Designate the Proposed Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant Project under the *Impact Assessment Act***

Thank you for your letter dated February 25, 2021, on behalf of the Coalition for the West Credit River, concerning the Erin Wastewater Treatment Plant (the Project) proposed by the Town of Erin. You have requested that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) designate the Project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA).

Under subsection 9(1) of the IAA, the Minister may, by order, designate a physical activity that is not prescribed in the *Physical Activities Regulations*. The Minister may do this, if, in the Minister's opinion, the physical activity may cause adverse effects within federal jurisdiction or adverse direct or incidental effects (resulting from federal decisions), or public concerns related to those effects warrant the designation. In accordance with subsection 9(4) of the IAA, the Minister is expected to respond to your request with reasons for their decision by May 26, 2021.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) will review information about the Project; any concerns expressed from the public (that the Agency is aware of) and Indigenous groups; and expert advice from federal authorities, provincial ministries, and municipalities in order to inform the Minister on whether the Project should be designated. If designated, to proceed with the Project, the Town of Erin would be required to submit an Initial Project Description, thereby commencing the planning phase of the IAA. In that case, the planning phase would include the Agency determining whether a federal impact assessment is required.

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Additional information regarding the process for designation requests can be found at the following link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/designating-project-impact-assessment-act.html>.

In the coming days, a Registry page for the Project will be available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations>. Please use the *submit a comment* feature on the Project's Registry page if you wish to provide further information to the Agency regarding this file. Letters can be uploaded using this feature. If you have difficulties using this feature, please immediately contact Jeff Balsdon at (902) 219-4228 or [Jeffrey.Balsdon@canada.ca](mailto:Jeffrey.Balsdon@canada.ca).

**Important Note:** All records produced, collected or received in relation to the designation request process – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* or *Privacy Act* – are considered public and may be released. The Agency's Submission Policy<sup>1</sup> determines which submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice<sup>2</sup>.

If you have provided any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency as soon as possible. The Agency does not accept information marked as confidential without prior contact.

Further questions regarding the Project and this analysis can be directed to Jeff Balsdon by telephone or email.

Sincerely,

Anjala Puvananathan  
Director, Ontario Region

c.c.: Judy Mabee, Belfountain Community Organization  
David Williams, Izaak Walton Fly Fishing Club  
Doug Forder, Ontario Streams  
John Monczka, Trout Unlimited Canada – Greg Clark Chapter  
Ann Seymour, West Credit River Watch

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<sup>1</sup> <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection>