
OFFICE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

June 28, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Suite 2700
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

This is a letter of public comment in support of the application filed June 17, 2016 (EB-2016-0196) to amend the leave to construct application (the "Amendment") initially approved by the Ontario Energy Board dated July 3, 2014 (the "Initial Decision").

The Township of West Lincoln (the "Township") is in full support of the Amendment. More specifically, the Township has provided its approval for the Smithville By-pass route as set out on the map at Schedule "E" of the Amendment, including approval for the use of the Township's road allowances (including the unopened road allowance) as shown on the map at Schedule "E" of the Amendment.

The Smithville By-pass will assist the Township of West Lincoln as it strives to be a complete community, providing essential services to our increasing population. Any variation to the approved Smithville By-Pass Plan would be detrimental to the Township of West Lincoln and the Region of Niagara.

The Township of West Lincoln is confident that the OEB will now consider this application on its merits. In doing so, the Township of West Lincoln respectfully requests that the OEB complete this determination in a timely manner so that the project can move ahead as soon as possible and not be prejudiced by any unnecessary delay.

If the Ontario Energy Board requires further information from the Township of West Lincoln, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Chris Carter, CAO

cc. Carolyn Langley, Clerk
Brian Treble, Director of Planning & Building
Brent Julian, Director of Public Works
Mayor & Members of Council