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**SUBMITTED VIA POLLUTION PROBE**

Ms. Christine Long  
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Dear Ms. Long:

**RE: EB-2021-0118 Framework for Energy Innovation:  
Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives**

The City of Ottawa is Canada's fourth largest municipality comprised of rural and urban areas. The City declared a climate emergency on April 26, 2019, and on October 28, 2020, Energy Evolution, the City's community energy transition plan, was passed unanimously by Ottawa City Council. Energy Evolution's report discusses the importance of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) in helping the City achieve zero emissions by 2050 on a timeline which respects Ottawa doing its part to avoid global heating in excess of 1.5°C.

The City of Ottawa has relied on Pollution Probe and the participation of **Michael Brophy** in the relevant OEB DER initiatives to help align and guide our efforts with the direction the OEB is taking. This has also provided the City of Ottawa and other municipalities to provide valuable input into the OEB processes for DER. This is a highly valued and important service to municipal stakeholders. The City of Ottawa has participated in some OEB activities but has found it challenging to navigate the OEB processes and keep informed on all the relevant issues underway.

The City of Ottawa supports Pollution Probe in nominating Michael Brophy to be a member of the Ontario Energy Board's Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (FEI WG). Michael's active participation in this Working Group will bring value for the City of Ottawa and all municipalities across Ontario.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Mike Fletcher**, Project Manager - Environmental Program, at [Mike.Fletcher@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Mike.Fletcher@Ottawa.ca).

Should you require any further endorsement, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 613.580.2424 Ext. 28311 or by email at [Don.Herweyer@ottawa.ca](mailto:Don.Herweyer@ottawa.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Don Herweyer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Herweyer  
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Cc: Mike Fletcher