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Mr. Richard Holli, P. Eng.
Project Manager
Toronto Transit Commission
1900 Yonge Street
Toronto ON M4S 1Z2

Dear Mr. Holli:

Thank you for submitting your Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report (EPR) on March 23, 2010 for the Etobicoke-Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT) project which is following the transit project assessment process under *Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings* (Transit Regulation).

The ministry received two objections to the transit project related to: traffic congestion, ability to turn left, route selection, dust and noise impacts from construction, air quality concerns, expropriation, transit crowding, and preference for subway service. You were given an opportunity to comment on the objections and the ministry considered your response. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I am of the opinion that the project will not have a negative impact on matters of provincial importance related to the natural environment or to a cultural heritage value or interest or have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right. As such, you may now issue a Statement of Completion to complete the transit project assessment process.

Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Proceed with the Transit Project issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation. You are responsible for implementing the project in accordance with the EPR, and as such, I would like to remind you of the commitments made in the EPR to address concerns raised by government agencies.

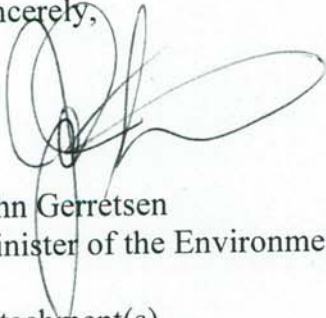
Lastly, I would like to ensure that you understand that failure to comply with the provisions of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the EAA. I am confident that you

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recognize the importance and value of the EAA and will ensure that the requirements of the EAA and the Transit Regulation are met.

Should you require further assistance please contact Michelle Fromme-Marcellin, Project Officer, of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7225 or by email at michelle.fromme-marcellin@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gerretsen". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Gerretsen
Minister of the Environment

Attachment(s)

c: Sam Brindis, Senior Project Engineer, Toronto Transit Commission
EA 07-03-02

**MINISTER'S NOTICE TO
PROCEED WITH TRANSIT PROJECT**

Ontario Regulation 231/08

SUBSECTION 12(1)(a)

RE: Proponent: Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto

Project Description: Light rail transit route on Finch Avenue West from Finch subway station at Yonge Street on the Yonge-University-Spadina Subway line westward to Humber College (North Campus) at Highway 27.

In accordance with subsection 12(1)(a) of Ontario Regulation 231/08, I hereby give notice allowing the Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto to proceed with the Etobicoke-Finch West Light Rail Transit project in accordance with the applicable environmental project report.

The Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto are now permitted to issue a Statement of Completion of the transit project assessment process. A Statement of Completion is the final part of the transit project assessment process. The process must be completed prior to the start of the construction phase of the project.

Dated the _____ day of MAY 20 2010, 2010 at TORONTO.



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