

May 10, 2019

Application Assessment Officer
Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 1
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

Re: Environmental Registry No. 013-0986
Minaki On The River, Inc.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Minaki Cottagers Association (the "MCA") writes this letter to join in and support all aspects of the letter of comments from Alex Rheault dated May 10, 2019, relating to the proposed amendment of Environmental Compliance Approval No. 7471-9LVPLH by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks ("MECP"). The MCA also endorses all aspects of the supporting correspondence from its planning expert Anthony Usher and its engineering expert R.J. Burnside & Associates, each jointly retained by Alex's group and the MCA.

The MCA and Alex and the group of year-round residents that he represents have worked together since 2013 on bringing to MECP's attention a range of concerns associated with use of the old Minaki Lodge sewage treatment plant to service new development on the Lodge site. We have made some progress. The existing Environmental Compliance Approval requires installation of phosphorus treatment technology, contains hard effluent limits instead of soft effluent targets, and contains updated testing and reporting protocols because of our joint efforts.

Strong concerns remain, however, as Alex's letter describes. MECP's own rules on communal sewage treatment in unorganized territory must be enforced. If the plant is allowed on some basis to operate, then we join Alex and the group of year-round residents in urging MECP to step forward finally and regulate this plant to the highest standards of protection in 2019, instead of merely passing along those from 1988.

In writing this letter, the MCA is acting on behalf of its members, numbering just under 400. Each of those members is an adult seasonal property owner in the Minaki area or an adult member of an owner's family, and each has paid dues to

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the MCA in or since 2012 to evidence concerns about development proposals for the Minaki Lodge site, with a primary focus on sewage treatment.

The MCA and its members favour redevelopment of the Lodge site, and hope that developers can reach a successful outcome. They have always insisted, however, that a redevelopment be respectful in scale and that it comply with all current regulatory requirements, including especially those within the jurisdiction of MECP.

Sincerely,

Minaki Cottagers Association Inc.

*Signed by Mark Engebretson
President*