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Sent by email

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Dear Councillor Peter Rivers:

Subject: Next Steps in the Planning Phase for the Potential Federal Impact Assessment of the Proposed Waterloo Airport Runway Project

On behalf of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), I wish to thank Métis Nation of Ontario for providing comments on the proposed Waterloo Airport Runway Project (the Project). Based on the input received from Métis Nation of Ontario, other Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries, municipalities and the public, the Agency has developed a Summary of Issues related to the Project. The Summary of Issues has been provided to the proponent and posted to the Registry at the following link:
iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/138893.

The Agency expects to receive the proponent's Detailed Project Description by May 28, 2021. Once received, the Agency will consider the proponent's Detailed Project Description including how the proponent plans to address the issues raised in the Summary of Issues, and will then determine whether a federal impact assessment is required pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act*. The Agency will follow up with Métis Nation of Ontario to convey the outcome of this determination and share how any comments received from Métis Nation of Ontario were taken into account.

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Anticipated Timelines for the Planning Phase

In the table below, I have provided an overview of the anticipated timelines for the remaining steps in the planning phase of the Project. The timelines are in accordance with the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations*:

Activity	Anticipated Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proponent submits to the Agency, a Detailed Project Description and responds to the Summary of Issues.	May 28, 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agency reviews Detailed Project Description including proponent's response to the Summary of Issues, ensuring the proponent has provided all information required by the <i>Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations</i>.	June 7, 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agency considers comments received from Indigenous groups, among other factors, in deciding whether a federal impact assessment is required.• Agency posts its decision on whether a federal impact assessment is required to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry and provides reasons.• Agency sends letters notifying Indigenous groups of the federal impact assessment decision, how any comments received from Métis Nation of Ontario were considered, and any next steps (including potential request for comments and/or collaboration on the development of draft plans).	June 2021

More information on Indigenous participation opportunities can be found in the Practitioner's Guide to Federal Impact Assessments on the Agency's website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guidance-indigenous-participation-ia.html>. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-476-1186 or IAAC.Waterloo.AEIC@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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