ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 1852-DUPP79
Issue Date: September 25, 2026

Paradise Retreat
3355 Golf Club Rd
Hamilton, ON L0R 1P0

Site Location: 3355 Golf Club Road
Hamilton, ON L0R 1P0

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

the establishment, use and operation of Works for the treatment of sanitary sewage and subsurface disposal of treated effluent from the agri-tourism facility located at the above site location, rated at a Maximum Daily Flow of 13,892 litres per day, consisting of the following:

PROPOSED WORKS

Proposed Agri-tourism Building System

System rated at 7,100 litres per day, serving a proposed 2-storey retreat building in the southwestern portion of the property. The building includes 12 guest rooms with ensuite restroom facilities, boarding rooms for employees, multipurpose rooms, office space, a classroom, exercise spaces and a central kitchen and dining room for guests.

- one (1) 3,000 litre oil/grease interceptor (regulated under OBC) to remove fats, oils and grease, taking effluent from the kitchen, discharging via gravity to the septic/sludge tank described below;
- one (1) 21,300 litre septic/sludge tank (identified as Anaerobic Digester), equipped with an innertube at the inlet and an effluent filter at the outlet, and discharging via gravity to a pump tank;
- one (1) chemical dosing system to inject alkalinity chemical to the inlet of the Anaerobic Digester tank;

- one (1) 10,900 litre pump tank, equipped with one (1) closed loop basket filled with a minimum of 4.5 cubic metres of Biofilter medium and two (2) submersible pumps operating on an alternating timer, with a portion of the effluent being pumped to the closed loop basket within the pump tank and the remaining effluent being pumped to the Basket Biofilter Tank described below;

- one (1) 36,000 L Basket Biofilter Tank equipped with two (2) baskets each filled with a minimum of 9.3 cubic metres of Biofilter medium, one (1) closed loop basket filled with a minimum of 4.2 cubic metres of Biofilter medium, two (2) simplex pumps and two (2) duplex pumps. First simplex pump doses effluent to the closed loop basket within the Basket Biofilter Tank, and the second simplex pump recirculates a portion of the effluent to the inlet of the Anaerobic Digester tank. The remaining treated effluent is pumped via the duplex pumps to the WaterNOx-LS tank described below;

- one (1) 20,000 L two-compartment WaterNOx-LS Tank, equipped with a minimum of 11 cubic metres of denitrification medium in the first compartment and a minimum of 4.9 cubic metres of denitrification medium in the second compartment, with effluent from the first compartment discharging via gravity to the Polishing Basket Biofilter Tank described below;

- one (1) 17,000 L Polishing Basket Biofilter Tank, equipped with one (1) basket filled with a minimum of 6.2 cubic metres of Biofilter medium, one (1) closed loop basket filled with a minimum of 6.7 cubic metres of Biofilter medium, two (2) simplex pumps and two (2) duplex pumps. First simplex pump doses effluent to the closed loop basket within the Polishing Basket Biofilter Tank. The second simplex pump doses effluent to the second compartment of the WaterNOx-LS tank and flows by gravity back over top of the gravity-fed basket within the Polishing Basket Biofilter Tank, with the remaining effluent being pumped from the duplex pumps through a flow meter located in an above ground control building and on to a Type A dispersal bed;

- one (1) Type A Dispersal Bed, having a total stone area of 180 square metres, with a thickness of 300 millimetres, protected with a permeable geotextile fabric, with ten (10) runs of 17 metre long 75 millimetre diameter distribution pipes, laid on 600 millimetre thick imported sand layer having a percolation T-time of 6-10 minutes per centimetre and no more than 5% passing the No. 200 sieve, and having less than 2% by weight of calcium and greater than 1% by weight of iron, with an area of 910 square metre, extending 21 metres beyond the last distribution pipe, with a minimum of 300 millimetre thick sand layer covered by 100 millimetre thick topsoil;

EXISTING WORKS

Marketplace Building System:

System rated for 1,842 L/day, serving a marketplace building at the northwestern portion of the property, consisting of the following Existing Works:

- one (1) Norweco Hydro Kinetic Model 1890 treatment unit, rated for 1,890 L/day, discharging to the pump chamber below;

- one (1) 4,700 litre pump chamber, equipped with a time dosed simplex pump and a high level alarm, discharging to the shallow buried trench described below;

- one (1) shallow buried trench disposal bed, consisting of four (4) runs of 16 metre long leaching chambers with pressure distribution pipes (total of 64 metres), with each leaching chamber being spaced a minimum of 2 metres apart;

Farmhouse Building System:

System rated for 4,950 L/day, serving a farmhouse building located in the central portion of the property, consisting of the following Existing Works:

- one (1) 10,000 litre two-compartment septic tank, equipped with an effluent filter at the outlet, and discharging via gravity to a pump chamber;

- one (1) 900 litre pump chamber with a simplex pump, pumping effluent to the filter bed described below;

- one (1) filter bed, having a total stone area of 100.8 square metres, with a thickness of 275 millimetres, divided into two (2) cells separated by 5 meters, each protected by untreated building paper or geotextile fabric, and consisting of six (6) runs of 6 metre long 75 millimetre diameter distribution pipes spaced at maximum 1.2 metres apart, centre to centre, overlying a minimum 500 millimetre thick filter sand layer directly underneath the stone layer, a minimum 250 millimetre thick filter sand layer with an extended area of 295 square metres, and minimum 250 millimetre thick sand base with an area of 1250 square metres;

all other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned Works;

all in accordance with the submitted supporting documents listed in **Schedule A**.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. "Approval" means this entire document and any schedules attached to it, and the application;

2. "BOD5" (also known as TBOD5) means five day biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample and includes carbonaceous and nitrogenous oxygen demand;

3. "$CBOD_5$" means five day carbonaceous (nitrification inhibited) biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample;

4. "Commissioned" means the construction is complete and the system has been tested, inspected, and is ready for operation consistent with the design intent;

5. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to Section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.I of the EPA;

6. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry where the Works is geographically located;

7. "EPA" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;

8. "Existing Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that have been constructed previously;

9. "Grab Sample" means an individual sample of at least 1000 millilitres collected in an appropriate container at a randomly selected time over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes;

10. “Licensed Engineering Practitioner” means a person who holds a licence, limited licence or temporary licence under the *Professional Engineers Act,* R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28;

11. "Maximum Daily Flow" means the largest volume of flow to be received during a one-day period for which the Works is designed to handle;

12. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;

13. "OBC" means the Ontario Building Code, Ontario Regulation 163/24 (Building Code) as amended to January 1, 2025, made under the *Building Code Act,* 1992 , S.O. 1992, c. 23;

14. "Operating Agency" means the Owner, person or the entity that is authorized by the Owner for the management, operation, maintenance, or alteration of the Works in accordance with this Approval;

15. "Owner" means Paradise Retreat and its successors and assignees;

16. "OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;

17. "Proposed Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that are under construction or to be constructed;

18. "Single Sample Result" means the test result of a parameter in the effluent discharged on any day, as measured by a probe, analyser or in a composite or grab sample, as required;

19. "Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Proposed Works and Existing Works.

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.

2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.

3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.

2. EXPIRY OF APPROVAL

1. This Approval will cease to apply to those parts of the Works which have not been constructed within **five (5) years** of the date of this Approval.

2. In the event that completion and commissioning of any portion of the Works is anticipated to be more than **five (5) years**, the Owner shall submit an application for extension at least **twelve (12) months** prior to the end of the **five (5) years** from the day of issuance of this Approval. The application shall include the reason(s) for the delay, whether there is any design change(s) and a review of whether the standards applicable at the time of Approval of the Works are still applicable at the time of request for extension, to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.

3. CHANGE OF OWNER AND OPERATING AGENCY

1. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes within **thirty (30) days** of the change occurring:

    a. change of address of Owner;

    b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;

    c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c.B17 shall be included in the notification;

    d. change of name of the corporation and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c. C39 shall be included in the notification.

2. The Owner shall notify the District Manager, in writing, of any of the following changes within **thirty (30) days** of the change occurring:

a. change of address of the Operating Agency;

b. change of the Operating Agency, including address of the new Operating Agency.

3. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, other than a change to a successor municipality, the Owner shall notify in writing the succeeding owner of the existence of this Approval, and a copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the District Manager and the Director.

4. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the number of this Approval.

4. CONSTRUCTION

1. The Owner shall ensure that the construction of the Works is supervised by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner.

2. The Owner shall ensure that the Works are constructed such that minimum horizontal clearance distances as specified in the OBC are satisfied.

3. The Owner shall ensure that the Waterloo Biofilter treatment system is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation manual.

4. The Owner shall ensure that an imported soil that is required for construction of any subsurface disposal bed as per this Approval is tested and verified by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner for the percolation time (T) prior to delivering to the site location and the written records are kept at the site.

5. Within **six (6) months** of the Works being Commissioned, the Owner shall prepare a statement, certified by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner, that the Works are constructed in accordance with this Approval, and upon request, shall make the written statement available for inspection by Ministry staff.

6. Within **six (6) months** of the Works being Commissioned, the Owner shall prepare a set of as-built drawings showing the Works “as constructed”. "As-built" drawings shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be retained at the site for the operational life of the Works and shall be made available for inspection by Ministry staff.

5. MONITORING AND RECORDING

The Owner shall, upon commencement of operation of the Works, carry out the following monitoring program:

1. All samples and measurements taken for the purpose of this Approval are to be taken at a time and in a location characteristic of the quality and quantity of the effluent stream over the time period being monitored.

2. Samples shall be collected at the sampling point(s), at the sampling frequencies and using the sample type specified for each parameter listed in the Influent Monitoring Table included in **Schedule B**.

3. Samples shall be collected at the sampling point(s), at the sampling frequencies and using the sample type specified for each parameter listed in the Effluent Monitoring Table included in **Schedule B**.

4. The Owner shall employ measurement devices to accurately measure quantity of effluent being discharged to each individual subsurface disposal bed, including but not limited to water/wastewater flow meters, event counters, running time clocks, or electronically controlled dosing, and shall record the daily volume of effluent being discharged to the subsurface disposal bed.

5. The Owner shall ensure that the flow of treated effluent discharged into the subsurface disposal bed does not exceed:

    a. 7,100 litres per day serving the agri-tourism retreat building

    b. 1,842 litres per day serving the marketplace building

    c. 4,950 litres per day serving the farmhouse building

6. The methods and protocols for sampling, analysis and recording shall conform, in order of precedence, to the methods and protocols specified in the following documents and all analysis shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited to the ISO/IEC:17025 standard or as directed by the District Manager:

    a. the Ministry's Procedure F-10-1, “Procedures for Sampling and Analysis Requirements for Municipal and Private Sewage Treatment Works (Liquid Waste Streams Only), as amended from time to time by more recently published editions;

    b. the Ministry's publication "Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Industrial/Municipal Wastewater Version 2.0" (January 2016), PIBS 2724e02, as amended; and

    c. the publication "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" (21st edition), as amended from time to time by more recently published editions.

7. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of **five (5) years** from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the monitoring activities required by this Approval.

6. EFFLUENT OBJECTIVES

1. The Owner shall design and undertake everything practicable to operate the Proposed Works in accordance with the final effluent parameters design objectives listed in the Effluent Objectives Table included in **Schedule B**.

7. EFFLUENT LIMITS

1. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Proposed Works such that the concentrations of the materials named as effluent parameters in the Effluent Limits Table in **Schedule B** are not exceeded in the effluent from the Proposed Works.

8. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

1. The Owner shall ensure that, at all times, the Works and the related equipment and appurtenances used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained. Proper operation and maintenance shall include effective performance, adequate funding, adequate staffing and training, including training in all procedures and other requirements of this Approval and the OWRA and regulations, process controls and alarms and the use of process chemicals and other substances used in the Works.

2. The Owner shall prepare an operations manual within **six (6) months** of the introduction of sewage to the Works, that includes, but not necessarily limited to, the following information:

    a. operating procedures for routine operation of all the Works;

    b. inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for all the Works and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;

    c. repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for all the Works; copies of maintenance contracts for any routine inspections and pump-outs should be included for all the tanks and treatment units;

    d. procedures for the inspection and calibration of monitoring equipment;

    e. a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan, consisting of contingency plans and procedures for dealing with equipment breakdowns, potential spills and any other abnormal situations, including notification of the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and District Manager; and

    f. procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any follow-up actions taken.

3. The Owner shall maintain an up to date operations manual and make the manual readily accessible for reference at the Works for the operational life of the Works. Upon request, the Owner shall make the manual available to Ministry staff.

4. The Owner shall, upon completion of construction, prepare and make available for inspection by Ministry staff, a maintenance agreement with the manufacturer for the treatment process/technology or its authorized agent. The maintenance agreement must be retained at the site and kept current for the operational life of the Works.

5. The Owner shall ensure that all septic tanks are pumped out every 3-5 years or when the tank is 1/3 full of solids and the effluent filters are cleaned out at minimum once a year or more often if required.

6. The Owner shall ensure that the oil/grease interceptor is inspected and maintained on regular basis as required, and grease is disposed off site by a licensed hauler (e.g. at approved recycling sites).

7. The Owner shall ensure that grass-cutting is maintained regularly over the subsurface disposal bed(s), and that adequate steps are taken to ensure that the area of the underground Works is protected from vehicle traffic.

8. The Owner shall visually inspect the general area where Works are located for break-out once every month during the operating season.

9. In the event a break-out is observed from a subsurface disposal bed, the Owner shall do the following:

    a. sewage discharge to that subsurface disposal system shall be discontinued;

    b. the incident shall be **immediately** reported verbally to the Spills Action Centre (SAC) at (416) 325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060;

    c. submit a written report to the District Manager within **one (1) week** of the break-out;

    d. access to the break-out area shall be restricted until remedial actions are complete;

    e. during the time remedial actions are taking place the sewage generated at the site shall not be allowed to discharge to the environment; and

    f. sewage generated at the site shall be safely collected and disposed of through a licensed waste hauler to an approved sewage disposal site.

10. The Owner shall employ for the overall operation of the Works a person who possesses the level of training and experience sufficient to allow safe and environmentally sound operation of the Works.

11. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of **five (5) years** from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the operations and maintenance activities required by this Approval.

9. REPORTING

1. **One (1) week** prior to the start up of the operation of the Proposed Works, the Owner shall notify the District Manager (in writing) of the pending start up date.

2. The Owner shall report to the District Manager orally **as soon as possible** any non-compliance with the compliance limits specified in subsection 2 of Condition 7, and in writing within **seven (7) days** of non-compliance.

3. In addition to the obligations under Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 (Classification and Exemption of Spills and Reporting of Discharges) made under the EPA, the Owner shall, within **fifteen (15) days** of the occurrence of any reportable spill as provided in Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and a schedule of implementation.

4. The Owner shall, upon request, make all manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to Ministry staff.

5. The Owner shall prepare and submit a performance report, on an annual basis, within **ninety (90) days** following the end of each operational season to the District Manager. The first such report shall cover the first annual period following the commencement of operation of the Works and subsequent reports shall cover successive annual periods following thereafter. The reports shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

    a. a summary and description of efforts made and results achieved in meeting the effluent objectives of Condition 6;

    b. a summary and interpretation of all monitoring data and a comparison to the effluent limits Condition 7 including an overview of the success and adequacy of the Works, and a contingency plan in the event of non-compliance with the effluent limits.

    c. a review and assessment of the performance of the Works, including all treatment units and subsurface disposal beds;

    d. a description of any operating problems encountered and corrective actions taken for all Works located at the property;

e. a record of all maintenance carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism or thing forming part of all Works located at the property including but not limited to: records of maintenance inspections for the treatment system, records of septic tank effluent filters cleaning, records of septic tank pump-outs, records of sludge pump-outs accumulated from the treatment system, records of visual inspections of all subsurface disposal systems;

f. a summary of any effluent quality assurance or control measures undertaken in the reporting period;

g. a summary and interpretation of all daily flow data and results achieved in not exceeding the Maximum Daily Flow discharged into each one of the subsurface disposal system;

h. a summary of any complaints received during the reporting period and any steps taken to address the complaints;

i. a summary of all spill or abnormal discharge events;

j. any other information the District Manager requires from time to time;

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition 1 is imposed to ensure that the Works are built and operated in the manner in which they were described for review and upon which approval was granted. This condition is also included to emphasize the precedence of Conditions in the Approval and the practice that the Approval is based on the most current document, if several conflicting documents are submitted for review. The condition also advises the Owners their responsibility to notify any person they authorized to carry out work pursuant to this Approval the existence of this Approval.

2. Condition 2 is included to ensure that, when the Works are constructed, the Works will meet the standards that apply at the time of construction to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.

3. Condition 3 is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to the approved Works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.

4. Condition 4 is included to ensure that the Works are constructed, and may be operated and maintained such that the environment is protected and deterioration, loss, injury or damage to any person or property is prevented.

5. Condition 5 is included to enable the Owner to evaluate and demonstrate the performance of the Works, on a continual basis, so that the Works are properly operated and maintained at a level which is consistent with the design objectives and limits specified in the Approval and that the Works does not cause any impairment to the groundwater.

6. Condition 6 is imposed to establish non-enforceable effluent quality objectives which the Owner is obligated to use best efforts to strive towards on an ongoing basis. These objectives are to be used as a mechanism to trigger corrective action proactively and voluntarily before environmental impairment occurs.

7. Condition 7 is imposed to ensure that the effluent discharged from the Works to the groundwater meets the Ministry's effluent quality requirements thus minimizing environmental impact on the groundwater.

8. Condition 8 is included to require that the Works be properly operated, maintained, and equipped such that the environment is protected. As well, the inclusion of an operations manual, maintenance agreement with the manufacturer for the treatment process/technology and a complete set of "as constructed" drawings governing all significant areas of operation, maintenance and repair is prepared, implemented and kept up-to-date by the owner and made available to the Ministry. Such information is an integral part of the operation of the Works. Its compilation and use should assist the Owner in staff training, in proper plant operation and in identifying and planning for contingencies during possible abnormal conditions. The manual will also act as a benchmark for Ministry staff when reviewing the Owner's operation of the Works.

9. Condition 9 is included to provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the Ministry is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for all the terms and conditions outlined in this Approval, so that the Ministry can work with the Owner in resolving any problems in a timely manner.

Schedule A

1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by Aaron Roque, Owner of Paradise Retreat, on February 24, 2026 and received March 25, 2026, for the subsurface disposal system serving an agri-tourism facility, including design reports, final plans and specifications.

Schedule B

Effluent Objectives Table - Proposed Agri-Tourism Building System

Effluent Parameter	Averaging Calculator	Objective (milligrams per litre)
$CBOD_5$	Single Sample Result	10
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Single Sample Result	10

Effluent Limits Table - Proposed Agri-Tourism Building System

Effluent Parameter	Averaging Calculator	Limit (milligrams per litre)
$CBOD_5$	Single Sample Result	20
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Single Sample Result	20
Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) (sum of Ammonia-Nitrogen, Nitrite-Nitrogen, Nitrate-Nitrogen)	Four-month rolling average	5.85

Influent Monitoring Table - Proposed Agri-Tourism Building System

Sampling Location	Outlet of Anaerobic Digester
Frequency	Bi-annually
Sample Type	Grab Sample
Parameters	BOD_5 Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)

Effluent Monitoring Table - Proposed Agri-Tourism Building System

Sampling Location	On discharge from the Waterloo Biofilter Treatment system, upstream from Type A Dispersal disposal bed
Frequency	Monthly
Sample Type	Grab Sample
Parameters	$CBOD_5$ Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Total Ammonia-Nitrogen Nitrite-Nitrogen Nitrate-Nitrogen

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act,* you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights,* 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Hearing") shall state:

a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar*
Ontario Land Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
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OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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and

The Director appointed for the purposes of
Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*
Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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*** Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or www.olt.gov.on.ca**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights,* 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at https://ero.ontario.ca/, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act.*

DATED AT TORONTO this 25th day of September, 2026



Fariha Pannu, P.Eng.
Director
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

TR/
c: District Manager, MECP Hamilton District Office
Katherine Rentsch, C.F. Crozier & Associates Inc.