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Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for submitting, on behalf of the City of Ottawa, the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report for the City of Ottawa's Confederation Line West Extension Transit Project - Tunneys Pasture Station to Baseline and Bayshore Stations (Project), on September 29, 2016, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 – *Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings* (Transit Regulation).

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has completed its review of the Environmental Project Report 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 and proceed with the implementation of the Project as described in the Environmental Project Report.

Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Proceed with the Transit Project issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation. The City of Ottawa is now responsible for implementing the Project in accordance with the Environmental Project Report. I would like to remind you that failure to comply with the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Environmental Assessment Act. I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the Act, and will make certain that the requirements of the Act and the Transit Regulation are satisfied.

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Should you require further assistance please contact Mr. Gavin Battarino, Special Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7106 or by electronic mail at <a href="mailto:gavin.battarino@ontario.ca">gavin.battarino@ontario.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

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