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Mr. Cliff Curtis
Works Commissioner
The Regional Municipality of Durham
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Ms. Erin Mahoney
Commissioner of Environmental Services
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Re: Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall EA
Phosphorus Reduction Action Plan (PRAP)

The Town of Ajax requests to participate co-operatively and meaningfully with the Regions of Durham and York in the PRAP study required by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's Order dated April 4, 2016.

The Town would not only like to contribute in preparing the Terms of Reference for the PRAP, but also participate throughout the PRAP study, requesting that Dr. Martin T. Auer of Michigan Technological University be invited to participate on behalf of the Town of Ajax. Dr. Auer is a globally recognized expert in the relationship between phosphorus and *Cladophora* growth in the Great Lakes.

Attached is the Town of Ajax staff report endorsed by General Government Committee on May 9, 2016 and scheduled to be approved by Council on May 16, 2016, which presents Dr. Auer's current research findings and links to the above-noted papers.

Through the Regions and the Town working collaboratively in such a manner, I expect the best possible outcome will be achieved through the study required by the Minister, and provide a mutually agreeable solution to assist the Minister in making his decision on the Part II Order Requests related to the Outfall EA.

I look forward to the PRAP study and making arrangements for Dr. Auer's participation.

Sincerely,

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Att: Town of Ajax staff report dated May 9, 2016

cc: Council
Paul Nieweglowski, Assistant Deputy Minister, MOECC