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**Re: Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Outfall EA  
Phosphorus Reduction Action Plan (PRAP)**

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I am following up to a letter dated May 10, 2016 from the Town's Director of Planning and Development Services to your respective Commissioners requesting to participate in the PRAP Study ordered by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on April 4, 2016.

I believe the Study provides a unique opportunity for the three municipalities to work together over the next nine months to develop a multi-phased strategy to reduce the amount of soluble reactive phosphorus in the WPCP effluent. The Town understands that a permanent remedy to the phosphorus-algae issue will require short, medium and long term actions.

I want to stress, we are prepared to work collaboratively with the Regions to consider viable, tangible options to optimize and advance the WPCP operations and treatment technology to protect the Town's waterfront.

As noted in the Director's letter, the Town is respectfully requesting to be involved in the preparation of the Terms of Reference for the Study and be an active participant throughout the process. In addition, we are requesting that Dr. Martin T. Auer of Michigan Technological University be invited to participate on behalf of the Town.

I am taking the step of personally reaching out to both of you at this time as I truly believe that through a collaborative approach we can reach a mutual agreeable solution that will benefit WPCP operations and the Town's waterfront.

I trust you will give the Town's request to participate due consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Parish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" written in a more compact, stylized manner and the last name "Parish" written in a more open, flowing script.

Steve Parish  
Mayor, Town of Ajax

cc: Hon. Glenn Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change  
MPP Joe Dickson, Ajax-Pickering  
Ajax Council  
Paul Nieweglowski, Assistant Deputy Minister, MOECC  
Paul Allore, Director of Planning & Development Services