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Dear Mr. Celentano and Mr. Taylor:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the review of the updated terms of reference and source protection plan for the North Bay-Mattawa source protection area, developed under the Clean Water Act, 2006, has been completed. Pursuant to sections 10 and 29 of the Clean Water Act, I approve the updated terms of reference and source protection plan for the North Bay-Mattawa source protection area. In addition, I am pleased to note that Ontario Regulation 284/07 - Source Protection Areas and Regions, under the Clean Water Act, has been amended to reflect a slight expansion of the North Bay-Mattawa source protection area boundary to include the entire protection zone surrounding the Mattawa municipal wellhead.

I appreciate the efforts undertaken by the North Bay-Mattawa source protection committee and all stakeholders to assess and develop a plan to protect drinking water sources in your community. Thank you for all your hard work, leadership and commitment. The North Bay-Mattawa source protection plan will take effect on July 1, 2015. Please ensure that this date is clearly stated in the plan.

Under section 36 of the Clean Water Act, when a source protection plan is approved, an order must also be given that governs the review of the plan. Pursuant to clauses 36 (1) (c) and (d), and as an initial step in the development of detailed requirements to govern the plan's review, the source protection authority (the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority) shall prepare and submit a workplan to the ministry. The workplan shall propose the detailed steps for the review of the plan, including which portions of the plan are to be reviewed, the timeframes for each step of the review, the consultation that would be undertaken as part of the review, and rationale for each step. The workplan shall be developed in consultation with the North Bay-Mattawa Source Protection Committee, participating municipalities of the source protection area, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

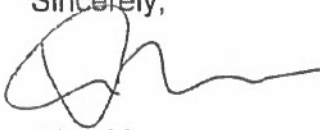
The development of the workplan must take into consideration any experience that has been gained from implementing the source protection plan and information from the first annual progress report on plan implementation (due May 1, 2018).

Please be sure to take into consideration the effectiveness of policies in the North Bay-Mattawa source protection plan that rely on education and outreach, the Municipal Act and Planning Act as an alternative approach to using the tools enabled under Part IV of the Clean Water Act, as well as the results of your research policy for Callander Bay. The workplan shall be submitted to the ministry no later than November 30, 2018. Once the workplan is submitted and reviewed by the ministry, and following any further consultation that the ministry considers advisable, a further order can be issued under section 36 that specifies more detailed requirements governing the content and timeframes that will govern the review of the North Bay-Mattawa source protection plan.

With your commitment, significant progress has been made in source protection and the Province looks forward to continuing to work with you and all stakeholders to protect drinking water.

Once again, thank you for your work to protect Ontario's source waters, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Glen Murray  
Minister

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