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Stefan Dery:

This letter is to inform you of my decision to extend the time limit for the decision on the environmental assessment of the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec Replacement Project (the project) by 90 days, pursuant to subsection 27(3) of *the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012).

The environmental assessment decision for the project must now be made no later than June 10, 2026. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) estimates that it will not be necessary to use the full 90-day extension and that the decision will be made in May 2026.

In June 2018, IAAC launched the environmental assessment process for the project. In August 2025, IAAC notified Public Services and Procurement Canada that it had provided the required information and studies as part of the environmental assessment of the project within the time limit, and that the information provided was sufficient for IAAC to prepare the draft Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) and potential conditions as per subsection 23(2) of CEAA 2012.

Under CEAA 2012, IAAC must complete the environmental assessment process within 365 days. However, I understand that due to issues such as the location of the proposed new dam-bridge, the potential effects of the project on a multi-species spawning grounds and on yellow sturgeon, a species highly valued by Indigenous groups, and the co-drafting of the environmental assessment report with Indigenous groups, it will not be

possible for IAAC to complete all of the remaining steps of the process within the current time limit.

Considering the complexity of these issues, I have decided to extend the time limit for making the decision on the project by 90 days. This extension will provide additional time to complete the remaining steps of the environmental assessment process, including:

- Allowing for discussions with consulted Indigenous groups regarding key measures proposed to mitigate the adverse environmental effects of the project and the impacts on their rights;
- Ensuring meaningful consultation with Indigenous groups;
- Completing the 30-day public comment period on the draft EA Report and potential conditions;
- Incorporating the views and feedback of Indigenous groups into the final environmental assessment report and conditions; and
- Making my decision as to whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects under subsection 52(1) of CEEA 2012.

A notice of the time limit extension will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry in the coming days.

If you have any questions related to the environmental assessment process, please contact Elisabeth Gill, Regional Director of the Quebec office at IAAC, at elisabeth.gill@iaac-IAAC.gc.ca or by telephone at 418-649-6444.

Sincerely,

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