Dear Councillor Peter Rivers:

On September 8, 2021, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received a Detailed Project Description from the Region of Waterloo International Airport (the proponent) for the Waterloo Airport Runway Project (the Project). The proponent thereby completed the activity for which the proponent <u>requested</u> that the time limit be suspended on May 21, 2021. The Agency has posted a <u>notice</u> that the 180-day time limit has resumed.

The 180-day time limit is established under subsection 18(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*. If an impact assessment is required for the Project, the Agency must provide the proponent with a notice of the commencement of the impact assessment within 180-days of the start of the planning phase.

The <u>Detailed Project Description</u>, <u>response to Summary of Issues</u> and a <u>summary of the Detailed Project Description</u> have been posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry at: iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81452#keyDocumentsTable.

Next steps

The Agency will consider the proponent's Detailed Project Description including how the proponent plans to address the issues raised in the Summary of Issues, and will determine whether a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act*. After it makes its determination, the Agency will contact you to convey the outcome of this determination and share how comments received during the planning phase were taken into account.

Regards,

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