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Sent by email

Chief Mark Hill
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Dear Chief Mark Hill:

Subject: Waterloo Airport Runway Project – Notice that an impact assessment is not required

Thank you for your participation in the Planning Phase of the federal impact assessment for the proposed Waterloo Airport Runway Project (the Project), as proposed by the Region of Waterloo International Airport (the proponent). In follow-up to my correspondence of September 17, 2021, I am writing to inform you of the impact assessment determination for the Project.

Impact Assessment Determination

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) has reviewed the Detailed Project Description submitted by the proponent on September 8, 2021, which includes its response to the Summary of Issues that the Agency provided to the proponent on April 28, 2021. Based on the Agency's review of the Detailed Project Description and in consideration of comments received to date from Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries, municipalities and the public, the Agency has determined that a federal impact assessment for the Project is not required.

The Summary of Issues, Detailed Project Description—including the proponent's response to the Summary of Issues—and the Agency's Notice of Impact Assessment Decision with Reasons are available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (Reference #81452 at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81452>). The Agency will send you, in the coming weeks, a summary of comments received during the comment period and responses that demonstrate how the Agency considered these comments.

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Reasons for Determination that an Impact Assessment is Not Required

In making this determination, the Agency considered the factors listed in subsection 16(2)¹ of the *Impact Assessment Act*. In light of the factors considered, the Agency is of the view that the potential adverse effects within federal jurisdiction, potential adverse direct and incidental effects, and the adverse effects on the rights of Indigenous peoples due to the Project would be limited. Potential adverse effects would be sufficiently addressed through existing legislative and regulatory frameworks, and mitigation measures and commitments described by the proponent in the Detailed Project Description.

Thank you for your comments regarding the potential effects of the Project submitted to the Agency. The Agency carefully considered these comments and understands that regular meetings between Six Nations of the Grand River and the proponent will continue to occur, and the Project will be a future agenda item. The Agency notes the proponent's commitment to continue to engage with Six Nations of the Grand River through the life of the Project, and expects the proponent to honour the commitments made in the Detailed Project Description.

The Agency encourages Six Nations of the Grand River to directly engage with the proponent, Chris Wood, General Manager, Region of Waterloo International Airport, at cwood@regionofwaterloo.ca on any additional questions related to the Project.

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¹ <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/l-2.75/section-16.html>

I would be happy to set up a virtual meeting with your community to discuss this determination. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you are interested in the virtual meeting, please contact me at 416-476-1186 or send an email to waterloo@jaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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