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Mr. Brian R. Ward
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Re: Wet Waste Lagoon Property located in Hawkesbury owned by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, formerly owned by CIP Inc.

Dear Mr. Snobelen:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Hawkesbury concerning the wet waste lagoon in Hawkesbury owned by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

The Town wishes to renew its position that the wet waste lagoon owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources should have some type of remedial action carried to it and that the land should be rehabilitated. Visits with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment were made at this site and everyone agreed something had to be done to restore the area but no action plan has yet been submitted by the Ministry. The Municipality would appreciate receiving a remedial plan or advised what the Ministry of Natural Resources intends to do with this problem.

There are concerns with the current state of the wet lagoon as it has industrial wastes in it and also a continuous discharge from it to the Ottawa River. This surely does not help the quality of the river water for drinking water purpose for downstream residents or

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municipalities and also aquatic life. A major affect on the municipality is the offensive smell it discharges mostly on the hot and humid summer months. Apartments have been created in the former research laboratory and there are no taker as people cannot tolerate the offensive odour which is not limited to those buildings but to all residences in the surrounding vicinity.

The Town therefore asks that the Ministry of the Environment to exercise its jurisdiction under the *Environment Protection Act* to require the MNR to undertake appropriate investigative steps including sampling of the state of the lagoons and to develop and implement the appropriate measures to remove the waste material and rehabilitate the lagoons in question.

The Town looks forward to your response indicating the steps that the Ministry of the Environment will be taking to cause the MNR to comply with its environmental responsibilities and prevent the risk of public harm.

Yours very truly,



Martin Bonhomme
Chief Administrative Officer and
Technical Services Director

c.c.: Mr. Ronald Robertson, Supervisor, Cornwall Area Office,
Ministry of the Environment
Mayor and Council, Town of Hawkesbury