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Subject: ORCA Review - Extension of the 8th Line Rd Dummer (ORCA File POTD-8)

Martina (and Michael),

ORCA has reviewed the final Environmental Impact Study completed by Beacon: Scoped Environmental Impact Study (EIS, Project: 220044) prepared by Beacon Environmental Limited, August 2021

In summary, ORCA is supportive of the development for the roadway's extension provided the minor comments below are satisfied and an ORCA permit under S.28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* is sought and issued by the proponent.

Technical staff concur with Beacon's findings and recommendations in principle, and emphasize the following key findings to planning (municipal) and ORCA permitting staff:

- The MAM2-7 wetland appears connected to a PSW. In the absence of an evaluation this wetland should be treated as significant until otherwise determined by the province.
- The intent of PPS policy 4.6 is to evaluate features in the absence of Official Plan policies to support Planning Act applications. Therefore, based on size, habitat, and proximity to water and other significant features, the woodlands are significant (see Section 8.1, EIS).
- No Butternut is present within the road corridor. However, faunal species occurrences at the appropriate time of year confirms significant wildlife habitat, including wood thrush and eastern wood pewee (both special concern species in Ontario), and potential threatened and endangered habitat within the work area. Therefore, the applicant is responsible for compliance with the Endangered Species Act (the ESA), which may include project registration and/or permit prior to commencement of work (see Sections 8.1 & 8.5, EIS). Staff note that the ESA applies only to threatened and endangered species.
- Based on the information provided, if a Planning Act or Environmental Assessment application is required, the proposal appears consistent with Growth Plan and PPS policies provided development and site alteration adhere to the EIS recommendations outlined in Figure 3 and Sections 7 and 8.5 (ESA compliance).
- Contrary to the EIS, MECP has advised technical staff that tree removal and other disturbances should be avoided until bats begin hibernation, e.g., October/November. Initiating work post October 31st appears more appropriate to protect endangered bats
- Given the work is within 120-metres of a PSW, an Otonabee Conservation permit is still required for the northern portions of the access road and parking area.

Based on the information provided, the proposal satisfies Otonabee Conservation wetland policies 7.2(10 & 16) provided construction adheres to EIS Figure 3, i.e., no development and/or site alteration (grading, excavation) within 30-metres of MAM2-7, as well as EIS Section 7 'Vegetation Removal'/working in the dry and 'Sedimentation and Soil Erosion'/ESC conditions of permit. Total quantity of gravel/fill within the regulated is also required in support of the permit application.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

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