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Canadian Environmental Law Association  
1 Spadina Crescent  
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:

RE: File 7-74 - Clerks (Green Paper on  
Environmental Assessment)

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga, at its meeting held December 9, 1974, adopted the following recommendation of the General Committee meeting held on December 4, 1974:

"That the Commissioner's report on the Green Paper on Environmental Assessment dated November 7, 1974, be received, and that the City of Mississauga endorse the City of Toronto's position on this matter which adopts System B amended:

1. by adding after the words "public hearing held at discretion of commission", the following:

'but in every case, public notice be given prior to a decision being reached by the commission of the proposal, "resulting environmental assessment"'. .

2. that an appeal system should be to the cabinet with the cabinet decision being reported to and subject to debate in the Legislature on the merits of a case.

AND FURTHER that the City of Mississauga endorse the October 1973 White Paper of the Canadian Environmental Law Association and in particular support the following recommendations and fundamental principles for an Environmental Assessment Procedure as set out in the White Paper:


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1. Social and environmental assessment studies as well as cost-benefit analyses before projects are approved.
2. Early notice of a proposed project must reach all those interested and likely to be affected.
3. Public access to all information about proposed projects.
4. An independent, powerful Environmental Review Board as a prerequisite to public confidence in the new procedures.
5. A citizen may require the Board to consider whether a project needs an environmental assessment or (if one has been done) whether it adequately explains expected environmental effects.
6. The assessment document must contain all responsible contention of interested or affected persons, outside experts, organizations and governmental agencies on the possible environmental and social impacts of a proposed project.
7. The originator of an undertaking should prepare and pay for its assessment.
8. The Review Board, working with the Ministry of the Environment Staff, should assure that all stages of assessment process follow proper procedures.
9. A firm timetable for implementing legislation in the public and private sectors."

Please note that the City of Mississauga has not endorsed Item 6 of the 1973 White Paper which relates to public financial support to individuals or groups who are in opposition to decisions of the Environment Review Board.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA



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