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Ms. Michelle Swenarchuck  
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Dear: Ms. Michelle Swenarchuck

**Re: York Region Long Term Water Supply Project Lake Ontario Water Supply via  
Durham West -- Preparation of Terms of Reference for the Completion of an  
Individual Environmental Assessment (EA)**

On behalf of Inter-Regional Consultants Group, we are enclosing material on the project noted above. The Terms of Reference for the project are currently being prepared. The purpose of this letter is to invite you or another representative of your association to a workshop on July 9, 1998 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The location for this workshop is:

Rouge Hill Library  
1340 Rougemount Drive  
Pickering  
(Rougemount Dr. and Hwy 2)

At the workshop, we will looking for your advice about issues and concerns that should be addressed by the Terms of Reference and we will ask for your help in further defining the EA studies.

The ToR will include:

1. an EA Work Plan that will identify the scope of work to be undertaken to assess the impacts of various alternatives.
2. a Consultation Plan; and,
3. a description of the proposed evaluation methodology to assist in the selection of the preferred alternative.

The Work Plan covers the following components:

- Technical Considerations

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- Natural Environment
- Socio-Economic Environment
- Cultural Environment

Each draft component of the Work Plan includes a description of criteria, rationale and data sources for the major activities to be undertaken following the approval of the ToR, namely:

- Generation and Refinement of Alternative Alignments and Facility Sites Within the Infrastructure Corridor Study Area,
- Analysis and Evaluation of Alternatives to Identify and Recommend a Preferred Alternative, and,
- Preliminary Design and the Development of Detailed Mitigation Measures for the Preferred Alternative.

The Work Plan components are being circulated in working draft form and represent a starting point for discussion. Comments received on the working drafts over the next two months will be incorporated and included with the Draft ToR document to be circulated to Ministries, agencies, interest groups and individuals.

We have also enclosed, for your consideration and comment, the proposed Public Consultation Discussion Paper. This document outlines the proposed consultation being carried out to develop the ToR document and the consultation plan to be implemented during the EA.

The proposed process to be applied for the evaluation of alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking is also enclosed. Your comments on this process are encouraged.

Consumers Utilities has been retained by York Region to prepare the Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference (ToR), and Inter-Regional Consultants Group has been supporting Consumers Utilities in this venture.

As the Project Team's public consultation facilitator I will facilitate the workshops. Please contact me at (416) 944-8444 if you or an alternate will be attending the workshop.

If you require further information regarding the project, please contact Philip Bottomley at Consumers Utilities, c/o York Region Long Term Water Project Office, 17250 Yonge Street, Box 147, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1, (905) 830-4444 Ext. 3064.

Yours truly,

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c.c. Philip Bottomley, Consumers Utilities  
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