



March 18, 2016

Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure
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Email: Tony.Cecutti@greatersudbury.ca

Re: Maley Drive Extension

Dear Mr. Cecutti:

The Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance (GSWA) is concerned with the water quality of the various watersheds within our City of Lakes. These watersheds are interconnected. Although the Maley Extension would go directly through the Junction Creek watershed, it is connected to the Vermilion River, and any effects from the development of this major road would affect it as well. The Junction Creek Stewardship Committee is a member of GSWA and has invested a great deal of time and effort into cleaning up and restoring the creek and its ecosystem.

The primary effects of a four-lane road through the Junction Creek Watershed would replace natural wetlands and their ecosystem services. Wetlands act to mitigate flooding and help to purify water, and more impermeable road surface would further reduce the effectiveness of the wetland. The possibility of flooding is increased through reduced ability of the wetland to buffer flooding and retain water. As a consequence, the risk of flooding is increased in the low-lying areas along Notre Dame Boulevard.

We wish to support the concerns of the Junction Creek Watershed Committee and to underline the important restoration work they have performed. The GSWA urges the City to consider the ecological risks that this roadway poses if a decision is made to proceed with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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