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Mayor Josh Morgan
Barb Westlake-Power, Deputy City Clerk
c/o Heather Woolsey, Administrative Assistant II
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Dear Mayor Morgan and Ms. Westlake-Power:

Thank you for your application on behalf of the City of London seeking a Minister's exception under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) from the requirement in subsection 14 (1.1) for at least 70 percent of municipal appointments to a conservation authority to be selected from among members of municipal council.

After carefully considering your application regarding the appointment of one non-elected member to the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA), I am granting the City of London an exception to the 70 percent municipal council appointment requirement in subsection 14 (1.1) of the CAA pursuant to my authority under subsection 14 (1.2).

This exception allows the City of London to appoint one citizen member to the KCCA for the current term. If there are questions about this exception, please feel welcome to reach out to the Conservation Authority Office at ca.office@ontario.ca.

I note that the intent of subsection 14 (1.1) of the CAA is to ensure greater elected council representation in conservation authorities. I encourage the City of London to take this into account when considering future appointments of authority members.

Please share this correspondence with municipal council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graydon Smith".

The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Elizabeth VanHooren, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, Kettle Creek
Conservation Authority
Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch
Conservation Authority Office (via ca.office@ontario.ca)