Stormwater Approvals Transfer of Review

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Introduction: How did we get here?

Part of LSRCA's commitment to MOECC is to implement the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

- Implement better stormwater controls to minimize phosphorus loading from new development,
- Implement the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offsetting Program (LSPOP),
- Undertake urban stormwater retrofits to reduce the phosphorus entering Lake Simcoe and its tributaries

LSRCA's Stormwater Management Strategy

Three components were identified that would assist the LSRCA in achieving these goals,



Environmental Compliance Approval Proposed Opportunity for Change

- LSRCA currently reviews and approves Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management (SWM) Submissions,
- The current review process whereby both agencies review and approve the SWM reports could be considered a duplication of process,
- The Transfer of Review (TOR) provides an opportunity to improve efficiency by saving costs and reducing approval times.

Environmental Compliance Approval Proposed Opportunity for Change

- MOECC will provide direction to LSRCA on requirements of the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) process,
- MOECC could audit LSRCA to ensure that quality control of review is maintained,
- LSRCA will provide quarterly reporting to the MOECC or as it deems necessary,
- Enforcement activities will remain with the MOECC. LSRCA will provide assistance as necessary through its Enforcement Department.

Municipal and BILD Support

- Solicited and received wide support from member municipalities for transfer of review,
- Received the support of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD),



 June 23, 2016 Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, provided his support and direction to move forward.

Benefits of Transfer of Review

- Reduced workload to MOECC and an example of partnership that reduces duplication,
- ECAs to be issued shortly after the initial review and not subject to another process (more timely),
- Harmonizing service delivery,
- It's a full cost recovery program,
- ECAs as a prescribed instrument will be used to support the Phosphorus Offset Program – as a condition of approval,
- Bring development to completion in a more expedient manner