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Kate Giurissevich Director, Corporate Services Town of Essex kgiurissevich@essex.ca

RE: 2024-02-1-2375827544 - Colchester Water Pollution Control Plant

Dear Kate Giurissevich:

I am writing to provide you with an update to your community's project application, submitted under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF).

Following an evidence-based provincial review process, your project was not approved for funding. The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund intake was highly competitive, and demand for funding exceeded available funding.

Projects that were approved were those that most closely aligned with provincial assessment criteria and requirements. The provincial assessment criteria included reviewing projects based on housing outcomes, project readiness, critical health and safety aspects, the technical merit of the proposed project, financial capacity and efficiencies through joint projects.

In response to the overwhelming interest from municipalities, the province will be launching a second intake for HEWSF. Municipalities may resubmit their project applications or submit new proposals for consideration. Additional details about the second intake will be announced shortly.

To further advance provincial housing goals, in March 2024, the province announced the new Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) that will support core infrastructure projects that help enable housing for growing and developing communities, such as water, roads and bridge infrastructure. Additional details on eligibility and intakes for this program will be available later this year.

If you have any questions about your project's assessment, ministry staff are available to provide additional details and can be reached via email at HEWS@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Trevor Fleck Director, Program, Policy and Development Infrastructure Programs and Projects Division Ministry of Infrastructure