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September 15, 2014

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Dear Pauline,

**Re: Hamilton Port Authority - Response to Replacement of Controls, Drives and Overhead Cable, Project # R.012641.001
Extension of the Navigation Shutdown Period, Year 2016**

Hamilton Port Authority (HPA) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated September 5, 2014, in regards to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) seeking HPA's concurrence to the proposed modification to the 2016 navigation closure period for the Burlington Lift Bridge.

HPA acknowledges the importance of this project to the long-term operational integrity of the Burlington Lift Bridge.

Furthermore, HPA supports PWGSC's request for scheduling assistance from March 21, 2016 to April 2, 2016. While we maintain that it is in the best interests of all parties to complete the entire project by March 20, 2016, it is our understanding that the auxiliary drive will be capable of providing bridge lifts during the period from March 21, 2016 through April 2, 2016, if the contractor that PWGSC selects requires this additional time to complete the project.

HPA encourages PWGSC to contact the shipping lines to advise of the modified bridge operation that may be required during the period from March 21, 2016 to April 2, 2016, and to regularly communicate construction status throughout the winter months of 2016.



Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Hamilton Port Authority

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