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Dear counsel,

Re: Chatham-Kent v CPR - Court of the Drainage Referee
Court File CV-23-00001165-0000 (Chatham)

1. Further to my letter of April 2, 2024, I acknowledge with thanks the e-mailed advice from counsel about their availability for case management video conference hearings.
2. The first hearing will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 commencing at 10:00 am. The primary purpose of this hearing will be to give directions as to the giving of notice. In the weeks before that hearing event, I will provide a draft form of notice for input from counsel on September 18th as to the scope, recipients, and contents of the notice, including the preliminary constitutional-related questions to be addressed.

3. The second hearing, of which notice is to be given, will be on Thursday, November 14, 2024 commencing at 10:00 am. The primary purpose of this hearing will be to identify parties and intervenors to be added and to establish a schedule for any added party to file position papers and to produce any documentation upon which they intend to rely, including any supporting affidavits. At the time of that case management video conference, a date will be fixed for the argument of preliminary constitutional-related questions, and a schedule will be established for the exchange of evidence and facts in advance of such argument.
4. As indicated in paragraph 6 of the reasons attached to the Procedural Order issued November 22, 2023, “Those seeking party status would be expected to show how their interests may be affected by the hearing or its result, that they have a genuine interest, whether public or private, in the subject matter of the proceeding, and that they are likely to make a relevant contribution to the court’s understanding of the issues.” The parties’ submissions about adding a party or intervenor will be expected at the time of the November 14th hearing.
5. I may be spoken to by counsel for clarification or elaboration.

Respectfully



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