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Subject: Marathon Palladium Project – Change of Start Date for the Public Hearing

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Mr. Patchell:

The Town of Marathon, as one of two major stakeholders affected by this project, sends this correspondence to express our frustration with the January 5 notification that the public hearing date for this project would be changed to March 14 due to the “current public health situation in Ontario”. We fail to understand how this would have any impact on someone’s ability to prepare for the hearing. If anything, this Ontario “lockdown” situation provides more preparation time as outside of home and work activities have once again been restricted. These types of random extensions ultimately undermine the project review and public trust in the process. The Town of Marathon believes that if the Panel sees COVID-19 as an ongoing concern, then alternative logistical processes need to be put in place expeditiously. Using the pandemic situation as a continual reason to extend the public hearing dates is not acceptable.

Yours truly,

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