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Dear Ms. Puvananathan,

Thank you for your letter, dated October 5, 2023, seeking our views on the designation request that was submitted for proposed work related to the revitalization of the west island at Ontario Place.

As you know, the proposed project(s) are situated entirely within the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (“MCFN”). MCFN holds treaty and Aboriginal rights, including unextinguished rights to water, in the area of the proposed projects. MCFN has been working with both the government of Ontario and directly with proponents to understand potential impacts on MCFN rights and interests and seek accommodations. To date, these processes have met MCFN expectations.

Your letter of October 5, 2023, seeks detailed information on the nature of MCFN rights and interests and the potential impacts that the proposed project may have. MCFN values the relationship it has, and continues to develop, with IAAC and we wish to engage with IAAC in a robust, government-to-government way. Given the very recent reference decision by the Supreme Court of Canada on the constitutionality of some aspects of the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, SC 2019, c. 28, s. 1,¹ we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to gather more information on IAAC’s understanding on the impact of

¹ *Reference re Impact Assessment Act*, 2023 SCC 23.



the SCC decision and the implications for your current review, as well as other existing or planned IAAC processes within the MCFN territory – including reviews related to Rouge National Urban Park and the proposed Highway 413 project.

I look forward to your response.

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