From: Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (MOI) <HEWS@ontario.ca>

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 3:39 PM

To: Rebekah Msuya-Collison <cao@southhuron.ca> **Cc:** Don Giberson <dgiberson@southhuron.ca>

Subject: A Message from the Ministry of Infrastructure

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DATE: January 27, 2025

Rebekah Msuya-Collison

Chief Administrative Officer

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Dear Rebekah Msuya-Collison,

Project Title: London Road South Trunk Sanitary Sewer

Case Number: 2024-10-1-3006822709

I am writing to provide you with an update to the above noted project, submitted under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) Intake II.

Following an evidence-based provincial review process, your project was not approved for funding. The HEWSF II intake was highly competitive, and demand for funding exceeded available resources.

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, the technical merit of the proposed project, critical health and safety aspects, financial capacity, and efficiencies through joint projects.

To further support community growth, the Ontario government is investing \$175 million in the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) to help ensure communities continue to have access to safe drinking water, reliable wastewater services, and are protected during extreme weather events. This funding will help municipalities and First Nations build, repair, and expand aging water infrastructure. Eligible projects must be net new, rehabilitation, or expansion projects.

The province will begin accepting applications for this new stream on February 12, 2025. Please visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/municipal-housing-infrastructure-program for more details.

Sincerely,

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Trevor Fleck

Director, Program, Policy and Development

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