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Ms. Wendy Alexander  
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Dear Ms. Alexander:

#### **April 2013 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Approval**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) met on November 14, 2013 and reviewed the April 2013 Hazardous Waste Management Plan (HWMP). The Board has approved the HWMP as submitted. The Board appreciates efforts the City has made to facilitate the review of the HWMP, including highlighting changes in the text and including a change summary as an appendix to the document.

As per Schedule 1 item q of the Water Licence, the updated HWMP should be submitted with the Annual Report in March of each year. The Board requests that the following updates be included in the next version of the Plan:

- Ensure that the legend that represents physical locations in Figure 2 is accurate and includes the hazardous waste drop off area and the Hazardous Waste Storage Building;
- Ensure that the HWMP is updated accordingly for each waste type that references the hazardous waste storage building. The types of ozone depleting substances that would be stored inside the building and how they are stored should be clarified;
- Provide details on liquid hazardous waste transfer procedures (e.g. glycols, used fuels), including any secondary containment, drip pans, or other preventative measures taken;
- Report on the status of efforts to ensure wastes being shipped out (including batteries, oily debris, used oils, glycols, etc.) are being appropriately tracked;
- Report on the status of efforts to improve screening for contaminants at the permitting stage for demolition projects; and

- Provide additional information on household hazardous waste collection including: the types of bins and hazard classes, frequency of inspection by qualified staff, methods used to clean up minor spills, any contractors involved with maintenance of these bins.

Additionally, the Board requests that the City to provide a status update, or include in the revised HWMP, the following issues that were identified during the review of version 1 of the HWMP and have not been addressed:

- Creation of a designated (lined) area for storage of used vehicles;
- Development of procedures for staff when unacceptable waste is encountered, including contacting the appropriate authority; and
- Acceptance of propane tanks only from the residential sector.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miki Ehrlich at (867) 766-7469 or email [mehrich@mvlwb.com](mailto:mehrich@mvlwb.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Hagen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Willard Hagen  
MVLWB Chair

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