

**Waterkeeper responds to Mr. Agostino** by Krystyn Tully

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Hon. Dominic Agostino  
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Dear Mr. Agostino,

Further to your letter of December 18, 2003, I am writing to clarify that Lake Ontario Waterkeeper left a message with your office the morning of November 24, 2003 accepting your offer of a meeting. No one from your office responded to confirm the time or the location.

The Hamilton Spectator article you quote did not appear until November 25, 2003, yet our acceptance of your offer came a full day prior to that. Because Lake Ontario Waterkeeper is a different organization and because we bring unique concerns to the table, we are disappointed we did not have the opportunity to discuss our s. 11.4(1) request with you.

As you indicate in your letter, you do not agree with the Friends of the Red Hill Valley about whether or not the Expressway will be good for the Hamilton community. The s. 11.4(1) request is not a political issue, however. Whether or not the Liberal party supports the Expressway is entirely irrelevant in this matter. We have simply asked, "Do the new information and the changes in circumstances warrant a review?" It is a simple question of law, and we have been waiting for the Minister of Environment's answer for four months.

We do appreciate your prompt reply and your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Executive Director

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