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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

Ontario Municipal Board Hearing decision on the Canadian Motor Speedway is welcome news for Fort Erie

FORT ERIE, November 5, 2012 – The much anticipated Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision on the Canadian Motor Speedway (CMS) hearing was received today and is welcome news for the Town of Fort Erie.

The decision by OMB Vice Chair, Susan de Avellar Schiller, ordered that the appeals be dismissed and included some requirements and restrictions that were agreed to by CMS and the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie prior to the OMB hearing.

“CMS is very excited about the decision by the OMB Chair and that the conclusion reaffirms that our project addresses and implements matters of provincial and regional interest. This will be a world class facility that will attract visitors from all over North America. We are very anxious to begin the next steps in seeing the speedway become a reality”, stated CMS Executive Director, Azhar Mohammad.

The hearing, which began on June 18, concluded one day earlier than the anticipated two weeks originally planned.

“This is huge for Fort Erie, the Niagara Region and the Province. We’ve always anticipated a positive decision and we are now ready for the hard work ahead to make those wheels start turning”, remarked Acting CAO, Ron Tripp.

Mayor Doug Martin noted “The decision emphasizes the importance of the Speedway in supporting economic diversity and promoting increased opportunities for economic development. The Town prides itself on its ‘open for business’ attitude and is more than ready to roll up its sleeves and get those shovels in the ground”.

CMS Quick Facts:

The proposed “Canadian Motor Speedway complex” includes:

- 1.0 mile paved motor speedway oval and spectator grandstand (65,000 seating capacity) with support facilities in the infield such as truck and RV parking, garages, first aid stations, fuel handling area, media centre, fan walk, maintenance and emergency command centre;
- 2.5 mile paved motor speedway road course with support facilities;
- a motocross/BMX /snow mobile/rental kart centre speedway course located within the road course area;
- 75,000 square feet ancillary commercial component supporting the Speedway;
- 185 acres for a parking and camping area along the southwest corner of Gilmore and Laur Road and along the lands south of Bowen Road, west of Laur Road;
- 31.1 acre "Innovation and Centre of Excellence"- post secondary educational and professional facilities related to the research and development of automotive technology and manufacturing and assembly of prototype products associated with the Centre
- 170 acres of natural features
- 51.3 acres for storm water management facilities

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