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Ministry of the Environment, Parks and Conservation  
301 St. Paul St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 15  
St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 3M8  
Attention: Director

**RE: Annual Performance Report for Niagara-on-the-Lake Storm Collection System**

As required by ECA Number 069-S701, we provide the following Annual Report for the year 2025.

A comprehensive CCTV inspection initiative was implemented to furnish critical insights and mitigate risks associated with storm failures and backups. This endeavor encompassed the inspection of roughly 14,360 m of storm sewers on a 5-year rotation, with an overall project cost estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Culvert cleaning was carried out throughout the Town on as requested basis to maintain proper conveyance and ensure seamless flow within the drainage system.

The catch basin cleaning program is on a 3-year cycle to clean and inspect all the catch basins for the Town, with an annual estimated cost of \$60,000.

A consultant was retained to complete an Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Town's collection system, which was completed in June 2025.

Conducted storm sewer maintenance hole inspections using MACP for 55 manholes across the Town, with an approximate cost of \$7,000.

Inspected and cleaned 11 Oil & Grit separators owned by the Town. Completed an annual inspection of all the wet and dry ponds in the Town.

As part of the Town's proactive approach to ensure its stormwater management facilities are functioning in accordance with design specifications, GEI Canada was engaged in 2024 to complete a detailed engineering assessment of the Vineyard Creek Estates Stormwater Management Facility. This assessment was initiated due to concerns related to increased flooding in the area. The study confirmed that the existing facility is undersized under current conditions and identified increased runoff and expanded drainage area contributions as key factors. Multiple alternatives were evaluated, with recommendations focused on increasing stormwater storage capacity and modifying the drainage system to improve overall performance and reduce flooding risks. A Class B Environmental Assessment is planned for 2026 to determine the preferred solution moving forward.

We trust that the Ministry will find this report acceptable for its purposes. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

This report will be available at the request of members of the public who are served by the Authorized System and will also be available to the public on the Town's website prior to June 1, 2026

Regards,

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