

Ministry  
of the  
Environment

Office of the Minister

135 St. Clair Ave. West  
12th Floor  
Toronto ON M4V 1P5  
Tel (416) 314-6790  
Fax (416) 314-6748

Ministère  
de  
l'Environnement

Bureau du ministre

135, avenue St. Clair ouest  
12<sup>e</sup> étage  
Toronto ON M4V 1P5  
Tél (416) 314-6790  
Télé (416) 314-6748

RECEIVED

NOV 14 2008



ENV1283MC-2008-3966

November 14, 2008

Mr. Andrew Pollock  
Vice-Chair  
Waste Diversion Ontario  
45 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 920  
North York, ON M2N 5W9

Dear Mr. Pollock:

Thank you for your October 23, 2008 letter requesting an extension of the December 31, 2008 date for the submission of the used tire waste diversion program.

I understand that Ontario Tire Stewardship, which has been selected as the industry funding organization for the program, has identified some key issues that have arisen during consultation with stakeholders as part of program development.

I appreciate that the resolution of these issues is critical to the successful implementation of a used tire waste diversion program for Ontario. It is important to me that the program is accessible and user-friendly for consumers both in its cost structure and design.

It is also important that the program serves as an innovator for the marketplace. I look forward to seeing how the program will help foster a green economy for Ontario. It is with this in mind that I am agreeing to the two-month extension as requested.

By allowing more time for program development, the subsequent implementation of the program can proceed more quickly and expeditiously in order to enable us to move forward with this much needed initiative. If approved, I expect the program to be fully implemented by the summer of 2009.

I look forward to receiving a used tire waste diversion program on February 27, 2009. All the other requirements outlined in my August 14, 2008 letter remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gerretsen".

John Gerretsen  
Minister

