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The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Room 281 Main Legislative Bldg.
Queen's Park
Toronto, On M7A 1A1



**RE: MARKHAM EAST TORONTO RAIL
ONTARIO-EXPRESS ALL DAY TRAIN SERVICE (5.14)**

Dear Mr. McGuinty:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on May 15, 2012, Council of the Town of Markham adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan 2009 ("The Big Move 2020") identifies full day, 2-way service on the Stouffville line from Mount Joy to Toronto's Union Station as part of the 15 year plan for Regional Rapid Transit; and,

Whereas GO Transit will be undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) study on the Stouffville line for future infrastructure improvements in Markham and Toronto to provide for the planned full day, 2-way service, to be operational between Markham Center and Toronto's Union Station by 2014; and,

Whereas Metrolinx in 2013 is reviewing and updating its Regional Big Move 2020 Transportation Plan. The Stouffville Go Line should be considered for electrification in its entirety; and,

Whereas the Stouffville Rail Corridor Environmental Assessment process allows opportunities to consider alternative technologies. These alternative technologies include MagLev which is currently used in major centers and is extremely quiet, affordable, efficient and fast; and,

Whereas smaller, more cost effective diesel-electric multiple unit (DEMU), trains that are used throughout Europe, in use today in Ottawa on their O-Train line, and is currently being implemented between Toronto Pearson Airport and Union Station; and,

Whereas consideration should be given to go directly to Electric Train Technology for the Stouffville GO Line; and,

Whereas the electric technology will enable more frequent, lower cost service, with a greater number of new stations stops along the route and improve travel time to our transit riders; and,

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Whereas the electric technology trains could carry a similar or larger number of transit rides than subway service; and,

Whereas the Markham East Toronto Rail Ontario-Express (I-METRO-E) concept would enable more frequent headways, and more frequent transit stops along this approved north-south rapid transit corridor between Stouffville and Union Station; and,

Whereas this north-south corridor will also interconnect with a number of existing and planned east-west rapid transit corridors, including VIVA bus rapid transit, 407 Rail Transitway, Steeles BRT/LRT, Finch BRT/LRT, Sheppard, Eglinton-Crosstown, and Bloor-Danforth Subway, and Lakeshore East GO; and,

Whereas the I-METRO-E would stimulate transit dependant development (TDD) and redevelopment along I-METRO-E transit corridor; and,

Whereas climate change, global warming, end of oil and gridlock are issues facing all major cities, it is important that all station communities are TDD designed systems to be net zero in energy, waste and emissions and produce the best public realm and quality of life for our citizens; and,

Whereas I-METRO-E would reduce automobile dependence, energy consumption and would promote environmental, social and economic sustainability initiatives; and,

Whereas Metrolinx has allocated their budget for transit projects for the next five years and revenues from development charges, TIFs, Section 37, HST, taxes, Gas Taxes increased user fees, improve operating performance are viable and can be leveraged within a Public Private Partnership (P3) model;

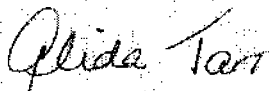
Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That the presentation by Regional Councillor Jim Jones, and the "I-METRO-E" document regarding the proposed Markham East Toronto Rail Ontario-Express All Day Train Service be received; and,
- 2) That the deputation by Kevin Egan, with comments regarding the proposed Markham East Toronto Rail Ontario-Express All Day Train Service be received; and,
- 3) That a steering committee co-chaired by Markham Regional Councillor Jim Jones and a member of Toronto Council selected by City of Toronto Council be created. The committee will determine its membership which will include members of Markham, Toronto Council and other municipalities and levels of Government. This committee will focus on station and rail strategy, TDD, community planning, Government Relationships and Public Private Partnerships; and,
- 4) That the Steering Committee seek advice from the participating government bodies, agencies and other sources as determined by the committee with respect to terms of reference and funding requirements for comprehensive studies and reports that would be required to pursue the I-METRO-E concept; and,

- 5) That a working group reporting to the steering committee be formed of representatives from Metrolinx, the City of Toronto, the Region of York, and the Town of Markham to review the need and justification of the I-METRO-E concept, and the associated transportation, land use planning and economic development benefits; and,
- 6) That Metrolinx and other government agencies and stakeholders at the Federal, Provincial, Regional and Municipal level be requested to consider the merit and implications of the I-METRO-E concept and Maglev/Electric/DEMU technology on the Stouffville rail line in the context of the current review and update of the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan and Metrolinx Environment Assessment Study for the GO's Stouffville Line; and further,
- 7) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Federal Ministers of Finance, Transportation, Infrastructure and the Provincial Ministers of Finance, Transportation and Infrastructure Ontario, East Toronto and Markham area MPP's, the City of Toronto, the Mayor and Council members of the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, Metrolinx, York Region and York Rapid Transit Corporation."

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, at 905-477-7000 ext.7507.

Yours sincerely,



for Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

Copy to:

- The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport,
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- The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance
- The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- East Toronto MPP's
- Markham MPP's
- Ms. Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk, City of Toronto
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- Chair, Toronto Transit Commission
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