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From: Ciafardoni, Joy **On Behalf Of** Bevilacqua, Maurizio
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 3:55 PM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Cc: Bartolomeo, Julia; Liscio, Alexandria; DeBuono, Michelle
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From: Susan Walmer [<mailto:swalmer@oakridgesmoraine.org>]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 3:00 PM
To: Bevilacqua, Maurizio
Cc: tomkatetaylor@gmail.com
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Mayor Bevilacqua,

Former Newmarket Mayor, Tom Taylor is a Trust Ambassador for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust (ORMLT). He is very concerned about the GTA West Corridor and has been assisting us with this project and protecting lands in the Humber River Valley. Thank you for responding to his phone call this morning about this matter.

Since our meeting in December 2015, the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust has continued to support the suspension of the GTA West corridor study by the province.

As you are aware, 200 acres of land in the Humber River Valley has been protected through the Federal Ecological Gift Program in the King Vaughan area. There are several other properties in Vaughan that have also been identified as ecologically significant by Environment Canada under the Federal Ecological Gift Program in the area.

The most northerly 7F route recommended by your Council through the King Vaughan area is directly impacting these protected EcoGift properties.

There is considerable negative impact to these Federally protected lands and a complicated Change-In-Use process that involves the Environmental Canada, Canada Revenue Agency and the Ministry of Natural Resources to amend these donations.

I would be happy to delegate to Council to apprise them of this situation in more detail but have not received a reply from the clerk's office on obtaining delegation status.

We hope that your Council will take these concerns into consideration prior to approving the motion below at your Council meeting on April 19th.

Recommendation

1. That Council request that the Ministry of Transportation resume the GTA West Corridor Transportation Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2 and expeditiously identify the preferred alignment and interchange locations taking into account the City of Vaughan Council resolution of March 24, 2015 and Vaughan Council's objective of completing the Municipal Comprehensive Review in early 2018;

The March 24, 2015 report recommended :

1. That Council send correspondence to MTO and the GTA West Project Team stating its preference for the most northerly route as the one having the least impact on the Kleinburg Community;

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan".

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