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April 4, 2016

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua &
Members of the City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mayor and Members of the Vaughan Committee of the Whole,

RE: *Agenda Item 23: GTA West Corridor Transportation Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2 – Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) Suspension of Study*
April 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) is in receipt of the staff report titled *GTA West Corridor Transportation Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2 – Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) Suspension of Study* that will be considered at the April 5th Committee of the Whole meeting.

On behalf of BILD members, we would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the recommendations made in the staff report. Specifically, BILD supports the recommendation that the City request the Ontario Ministry of Transportation resume the GTA West Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study and identify the preferred alignment and interchange locations.

BILD strongly supports a transportation and infrastructure network that the GTA West Corridor would provide. The GTA West Corridor plays a significant role in supporting the type of development that is in line with the *Places to Grow Growth Plan* objectives and will support the *Growth Plan* population and employment targets.

Since the announcement that work on the GTA West Corridor EA would be suspended, we have been working with our provincial association, the Ontario Home Builders' Association, to ensure that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation is aware that BILD and its members support plans to move forward with the GTA West Corridor EA Study.

It is important that the GTA West Corridor Study continue without additional EAs to avoid spending additional time and resources on this study. As such, BILD strongly recommends that the Ministry of Transportation provide a decision in the spring of 2016 so that the



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planning of complete communities across the GTA can occur. An imminent decision is essential.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the staff report titled *GTA West Corridor Transportation Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2 – Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) Suspension of Study* that will be considered at the April 5, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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