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Dear Chair Kolb:

Re: Metrolinx Bolton Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study

We have reviewed your letter which references Resolution number 2011-298 from the Region of Peel Council meeting that was held on April 14, 2011. As I understand, this resolution came after a presentation from Metrolinx staff on the status of the project.

Metrolinx completed the *Bolton Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study* in December 2010, which examined options for rail service linking the Town of Caledon, through the City of Vaughan, to Union Station in Toronto. The study concluded that a peak direction rail service, as envisioned within The Big Move, is technically feasible. However, the study also pointed out that such an undertaking would involve a capital expenditure exceeding \$300 million and would have the potential to attract about 4,400 a.m. peak period riders in the 2031 horizon.

Given the significant demands for increased GO Transit rail services across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area, Metrolinx has had to set priorities for the growth of the system. Even with the record levels of investment in GO Transit by the Province of Ontario, it is not possible to address all demands for service.

We have set our priorities based on the relative transportation and other benefits of various projects. Based on these relative benefits and costs, rail service to Bolton is being considered beyond the 15 year planning horizon. However, to maintain options for some future rail service, we are supporting Peel Region staff and other stakeholders in their work to review and protect the recommended facility sites through appropriate planning protection. Metrolinx is also continuing to pursue the purchase of properties for the possible future Bolton stations and train layovers.

We continue to monitor existing GO bus service in the Bolton market and will augment it as warranted by demand. Additionally, we will continue to improve rail services on adjacent corridors that bound the Bolton catchment area.

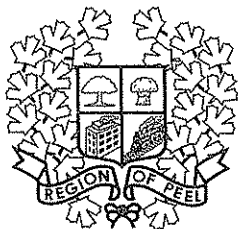
Sincerely,



Bruce McCuaig
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Office of the Chair

April 26, 2011

Resolution Number 2011-298

J. Robert S. Prichard,
Chair, Metrolinx
20 Bay Street, Suite 600
Toronto, ON M5J 2W3

Dear Mr. Prichard: *Robert*

Subject: Metrolinx Bolton Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2011:

That the Regional Chair write, on behalf of Regional Council, to the Chair of Metrolinx with a request to expedite the implementation of GO commuter rail service to Bolton by: initiating the property protection process for the preferred land in Bolton; undertaking the necessary studies such as Environmental Assessment study and detailed design; and, adding the implementation of the Bolton GO rail service to Metrolinx's GO Transit Capital Budget;

And further, that the Region of Peel request Metrolinx to expedite the purchase of the Bolton GO Site Number S6-2 (Humber Station Road) and the layover sites;

And further, that a copy of the subject letter be sent to the Region of York, the Cities of Brampton and Vaughan, and the Town of Caledon with a request to send similar letters to the Chair of Metrolinx;

And further, that staff be directed to work with Town of Caledon staff to determine the necessary actions required to protect the recommended site located at Humber Station Road and King Street for a future GO rail station in Bolton;

And further, that a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated March 2, 2011, titled "Metrolinx Bolton Commuter Rail Service Feasibility Study" be forwarded to Metrolinx, the Region of York, the Cities of Brampton, Mississauga and Vaughan, and the Town of Caledon, for information.

On behalf of Regional Council I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. A copy of the report is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
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