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Dear Regional Chair Kolb: *Emil*

Thank you for your letter concerning a number of planning issues in Peel Region.

As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I share your commitment to good planning in the Region of Peel and I appreciate the work that Peel Region is undertaking during its five-year review of its Official Plan.

However, the matters referred to in your letter fall under the jurisdiction of other ministries. Therefore, I have forwarded copies of your letter to the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Infrastructure and the Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources, for their consideration.

Once again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
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c: The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation and
Minister of Infrastructure

The Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources



Office of the Chair

February 17, 2012

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Dear Minister Wynne,

There are a number of planning issues in Peel Region that I would appreciate sitting down with you and Ministry staff to discuss. I would appreciate the opportunity for dialogue on these issues, which are of a critical importance to the Region.

1. The first issue deals with the results of the MTO Phase 1 EA study and the identification of the GTA West Corridor, identified as the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area. A map is attached for your reference.

This Planning issue deals with the portion of the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area that extends southerly into the approved Mayfield West Secondary Plan in Caledon. The issue here is that the Province has not recognized, in its preliminary study area, that the Mayfield West Secondary Plan is an approved secondary plan. The Province, in planning its route for the GTA West Corridor, must have regard for the approved secondary plan and as such MTO must consider alternatives that avoid this approved Mayfield West Secondary Plan area. MTO staff has taken the position that they cannot rule out the connection through Mayfield West at this time since it is one of many alternatives that will be examined through the next phase of refining the route for the GTA West Corridor. Attached is a copy of the Caledon staff report that adopted the Mayfield West Secondary Plan on July 4, 2006.

2. The second issue is related to Places to Grow – specifically Schedule 3 – Distribution of Population and Employment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2001 – 2031. Early in the development of the forecasts, we had concerns that the growth allocated to Peel Region was underestimated and some of the assumptions, such as Peel's persons per unit (PPU) that went into the forecast model were not representative of what was happening in Peel. Furthermore, input to these forecasts were based on Statistics Canada 2001 census results. When the 2006 census results were released, our concerns that the the population growth for Peel was underestimated were confirmed.. We raised this point with Ministry staff concerning the input to the forecasts but were advised that the Schedule 3 numbers were in legislation and that we had to just accept them. Now that the 2011 census results have come out, we can again see that the Schedule 3 figures in Places to Grow are not reflective of the growth happening in Peel. I have asked one of my staff to attach an article from Novae Res Urbis dated February 15, 2012 for your reference. This issue requires further discussion.

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3. On January 19, 2012 Amendment 1 to Places to Grow for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006 came into effect. This amendment pertains to the County of Simcoe and the cities of Barrie and Orillia. The amendment provides growth management policies for the Simcoe Sub-area that replaces the growth forecasts in Schedule 3 for Simcoe County with a new Schedule 7. The amendment allows development in settlement areas in excess of what is needed for a time horizon of up to 20 years or to accommodate the forecasts in Schedule 7.

Our concern with respect to this amendment is that Simcoe Sub-area has provisions for development to be approved that exceeds the Schedule 7 forecasts while the municipalities in the GTA were not given this same degree of flexibility. We are concerned about the lack of consistency in applying Places to Grow to Simcoe as opposed to the rest of the GGH municipalities.

4. The final issue I wish to bring to your attention deals with a letter that I sent to the Minister of Natural Resources dated May 2011 (please see attached). I remain convinced that a solution must be found to the issue of finding suitable locations in the GTA to dispose of excavation waste from municipal infrastructure projects. It is now a major cost on all our projects for development and infrastructure renewal as material has to be hauled long distances, well outside the GTA, for disposal. In May 2011, I advised the Minister that I was in support of the Brampton Brick Limited, Cheltenham Quarry Rehabilitation Plan. This application will provide Peel infrastructure and development projects a closer location to dispose of fill with significant environmental benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of these planning issues. I would appreciate hearing from you and having a chance to meet with you and your staff to discuss these planning issues that are of critical importance to the Region of Peel.

Sincerely,

Emil Kolb, Regional Chair & C.E.O.