



April 20, 2016

Hon. Minister Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation
Hon. Steven Del Duca
Ferguson Block, 3rd Floor
77 Wellesley St W
Toronto ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Del Duca:

Re: Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor Environmental Assessment—Suspension of Study

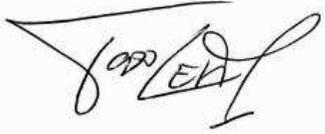
In December 2015, the Province announced that the environmental assessment currently underway for the GTA West Corridor. This phase of the project was to be completed in 2018.

Since its inception considerable time and resources has been invested in this much needed infrastructure project. These resources have come from all levels of government in the areas identified for the potential route of the Corridor. Lands falling within the potential route for the Corridor have been essentially frozen. In the Region of Peel, these lands represent scarce developable lands, which have been tied up while the Province completes the assessment.

The GTA West Corridor is warranted for the Region of Peel to meet its population and employment targets established by the *Places to Grow* policy. Areas in the City of Brampton, including Heritage Heights and Mayfield West, have been identified by the Region as key to meeting these targets. These areas are significant to Brampton developing its employment lands and commercial capacity. Not only will the Corridor provide additional transportation options for people, it will be a key goods movement route for the Region and City. Accordingly, it will work to ease the burden of congestion impacting the transportation network within the GTA West, and beyond.

Minster Del Duca, the Brampton Board of Trade strongly urges the Government to reconsider the suspension of the assessment for the GTA West Corridor, complete the environmental assessment and identify the corridor to be protected in order to complete this important project within a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Letts", written over a light grey rectangular background.

Todd Letts, MBA, CCE
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Peel MPPs / Region of Peel Chair & Council / City of Brampton Mayor & Council