



The Regional Municipality of Halton

February 8, 2008

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The Honourable Dwight Duncan  
Ministry of Finance  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
7th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

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Dear Minister Duncan:

**RE: Correspondence from The Regional Municipality of Peel, Office of the Chair, re:  
2008 Budget Process – GO Transit**

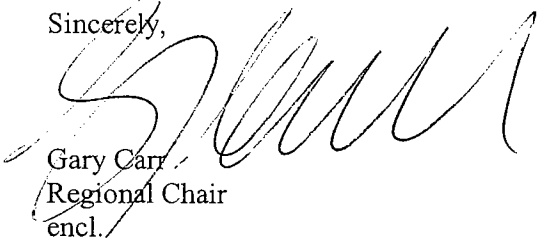
This will confirm that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, at its meeting held Wednesday February 6, 2008, adopted the following resolution:

1. THAT the Regional Municipality of Halton, in support of the resolution adopted by the Regional Municipality of Peel on November 15, 2007, requests that the Province of Ontario assume funding responsibility for the GO Transit Growth Capital Plan to the extent that Durham Region, Halton Region, Peel Region, York Region, the City of Hamilton and the City of Toronto be relieved of any further obligation to provide any further funding as of March 31, 2008.
2. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, GO Transit Board of Directors, the Councils of Durham Region, Peel Region, York Region, the City of Hamilton and the City of Toronto and all Halton MPPs for consideration and appropriate action.

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution adopted by The Regional Municipality of Peel, referred to in Paragraph 1 above.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jane MacCaskill, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Regional Treasurer.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr  
Regional Chair  
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Also sent to:

The Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Transportation

- c. Jane MacCaskill, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Regional Treasurer  
GO Transit, Board of Directors c/o Peter Smith, Chairman  
Pat Madill, Regional Clerk, Durham Region  
Charlotte Gravlev, Regional Clerk, Peel Region  
Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York  
Kevin Christenson, City Clerk, City of Hamilton  
Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk, City of Toronto  
Kevin Flynn, MPP, Oakville  
Joyce Savoline, MPP, Burlington  
Ted Chudleigh, MPP, Halton  
Ted Arnott, MPP, Halton Hills

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## Office of the Chair

November 26, 2007

The Honourable Jim Bradley  
Minister of Transportation  
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block  
77 Wellesley St. W.  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Bradley:

Subject: 2008 Budget Process – GO Transit

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Your attention is drawn to the following resolution which was adopted by Regional Council on November 15, 2007:

Resolution Number 2007-1429:

Whereas GO Transit is a Crown Agency of the Province of Ontario and reports to the Minister of Transportation and whose members of its Board of Directors continue to be appointed by the Province;

And whereas, the Province of Ontario assumed full funding responsibility from the Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York and the Cities of Hamilton and Toronto (the GTA/H municipalities) for the operating and base capital programs of GO Transit at the beginning of 2002;

And whereas, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe under the Places to Grow Act, 2005, contains policies for managing growth and development to the year 2031, consistent with the purpose and objectives of GO Transit and underscoring the provincial mandate for operating and funding GO Transit;

And whereas, the GO Transit interregional commuter system benefits all residents of the GTA/H municipalities and beyond;

And whereas, the GTA/H municipalities continue to face growing financial pressures arising from their own community priorities such as rehabilitating aging infrastructure as well as investing in new infrastructure which are vital to maintaining the quality of life in these communities;

And whereas, the councils of the GTA/H municipalities have repeatedly petitioned the Province of Ontario to resolve the issue of municipal funding of the GO Transit Growth Capital Plan since the transfer of GO Transit back to the Province;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Municipality of Peel requests that the Province of Ontario assume funding responsibility for the GO Transit Growth Capital Plan to the extent that Durham Region, Halton Region, Peel Region, York Region, City

of Hamilton and City of Toronto be relieved of any further obligation to provide any further funding as of March 31, 2008;

And further, that the Dedicated Gas Tax for Public Transit (provincial gas tax) agreement be amended to delete any reference to the funding of capital expansion costs for GO Transit such that no punitive actions be taken against recipient municipalities for non-payment of GO Transit costs;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, GO Transit Board of Directors, the Councils of Durham Region, Halton Region, York Region, the City of Hamilton and the City of Toronto and all Peel area MPPs for consideration and appropriate action.

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution and I look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely,



Emil Kolb  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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Also sent to:

The Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance

c: Vic Dhillon, MPP - Brampton West  
The Honourable Peter Fonseca, MPP - Mississauga East-Cooksville, Minister of Tourism  
Dr. Kuldip Kular, MPP - Bramalea-Gore-Malton  
Charles Sousa, MPP - Mississauga South  
The Honourable Harinder Takhar, MPP - Mississauga-Erindale, Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
Bob Delaney, MPP - Mississauga-Streetsville  
Linda Jeffrey, MPP - Brampton-Springdale  
Sylvia Jones, MPP - Dufferin-Caledon  
Amrit Mangat, MPP - Mississauga-Brampton South  
Peter Smith, Chair, GO Transit Board of Directors  
Roger Anderson, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Durham  
Gary Carr, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Halton  
Bill Fisch, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of York  
Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton  
David Miller, Mayor, City of Toronto  
David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer, Region of Peel  
Dan Labrecque, Chief Financial Officer, Region of Peel