



TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Hon. Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Please be advised the Township of Zorra Council passed the following resolution at the February 13, 2018 meeting:

"WHEREAS the Township of Zorra understands that the proposed Ontario Government High Speed Rail plan is in the early stages and many details are to be determined through Environmental Assessments yet to be completed;

AND WHEREAS some urban Ontario Municipalities feel that they may benefit from High Speed Rail;

AND WHEREAS, there is great concern in rural Ontario, and the Township of Zorra in particular, with respect to the significant loss of Prime Agricultural Land, the potential for dead-ended roads creating increased emergency response time, creating increased school transportation time, the severing of farm businesses, disruption to community cohesion, reducing local resident access to Municipal services, and the health, safety and well-being of our local residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Zorra does not oppose improved rail service in South Western Ontario;

AND THAT the Township of Zorra does take the following position on the proposed High Speed Rail Plan going forward:

THAT High Speed Rail is only one viable option to improve transportation in Southwestern Ontario;


THAT the Environmental Assessment must also include other viable options to improve transportation in Southwestern Ontario;

THAT all committees created for the purpose of HSR also have representation from the Councils and community members/organizations directly affected by this proposed HSR plan;

AND THAT the resolution of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Concerned Citizens of HSR and Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services."

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,


PER: Karen Martin
Director of Corporate Services

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