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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent via email to: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Two-Way All-Day GO rail service and High Speed Rail to Waterloo region

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Two-Way All-Day GO rail service and High Speed Rail to Waterloo region will be a key part of unlocking the full potential of the Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor and Southwestern Ontario that will create over 170,000 jobs and add an estimated \$17 Billion to our nation's Gross Domestic Product; and,

WHEREAS Waterloo Region currently has over 3,000 job vacancies in the high tech and advanced manufacturing sectors, Two-Way All-Day GO rail service and High Speed Rail will help our companies attract and retain the talent and business connectivity in the Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor and throughout Southwestern Ontario required to fill those vacancies, create jobs, and succeed globally; and,

WHEREAS High Speed Rail and Two-Way All-Day GO rail service to Kitchener-Waterloo and a proposed GO service to Cambridge will alleviate Highway 401 and other roadway congestion issues coming in and out of our community on a daily basis; and,

WHEREAS High Speed Rail and Two-Way All-Day GO rail service to Kitchener-Waterloo and GO service to Cambridge will positively impact our environment by reducing approximately 5 million cars off the road; and,

WHEREAS we will always advocate for a full-range of medical services available within Waterloo region, High Speed Rail and Two-Way All-Day GO rail service to Kitchener-Waterloo, and Cambridge GO will help our community members access medical centres more reliably and with greater comfort for any highly specialized services; and,

WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo's Strategic Plan includes an objective to "improve inter-city rail transportation services to and from Waterloo Region", and Regional Council has expressed its support for improved passenger rail service on numerous occasions; and,

WHEREAS THE Region will encourage the provincial government to ensure that the impact and disruptions caused by the construction and operation of High Speed Rail and Two-Way All-Day GO rail service to Kitchener-Waterloo, and GO service to Cambridge are assessed and addressed fairly through the phases of the consultation, planning, design, construction and operation of the projects;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Region of Waterloo calls upon all political parties at the provincial and federal levels governments to remain committed on both Two-Way All-Day GO rail service from Toronto to Waterloo region by 2024 and to move forward to bring Canada's first High Speed Rail line from Toronto to London in 2025; and further,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, the Ontario New Democratic Party, and the Green Party of Ontario, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, local area municipalities, and municipalities located along the planned High-speed rail and Two-Way All-Day Go Transit rail service corridor.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mike Murray, Chief Administrative Officer at 519-575-4561 or MMurray@regionofwaterloo.ca

Regards,



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