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Dear Chairman Emmerson,

I am writing to inform you that, at the Council meeting of November 19, Members of Vaughan Council unanimously approved a motion that calls on the Ministry of Transportation to build the proposed GTA West Corridor Highway in the northern part of Vaughan.

The City of Vaughan supports building the GTA West Corridor Highway to support future growth within our community and beyond. The motion details the City's preferred option to see the new highway created from Highway 427 to Highway 400, passing through the northern part of the city. This route is preferred because it will help mitigate impacts to existing residential neighbourhoods, planned employment lands and future residential areas.

The motion supports Vaughan's commitment to protect the environment as well as stimulate economic development and growth, while creating and expanding opportunities for citizens. Additionally, it calls on the Ministry of Transportation to work with the City of Vaughan in confirming and aligning on a preferred route, and to address the issues identified in our [staff report](#), while prioritizing the following key objectives:

- Minimize impacts to the developable residential and employment land base, agricultural viability and economic competitiveness
- Comprehensive mitigation of potential impacts on environmental and cultural heritage features
- Connectivity of the local transportation network to the highway network
- Connectivity of the local transportation network across the GTA West Corridor

Careful consideration must be given to how the proposed highway contributes to positive outcomes, such as economic growth, employment opportunities and sustainability, as identified in the objectives of Vaughan's [Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan](#), which include City Building, Transportation and Mobility, Environmental Stewardship, and Economic Prosperity as well as Investment and Social Capital. In order to achieve the City's strategic vision, an alignment (including access to opportunities and preservation of lands) that maximizes industrial-commercial land-uses, related jobs and tax assessment, must remain a top priority.

Our shared priorities to ignite economic development, demonstrate leadership in environmental stewardship and invest in social infrastructure will help deliver positive outcomes to Vaughan citizens now, and for generations to come.

It is my hope that by reviewing the enclosed items, you will further appreciate how the City's preferred option for the GTA West Corridor will advance our city-building vision.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.  
Mayor

Encl.: GTA West Staff Report, council motion, Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan