



BUILDING A GREATER GTA
Building Industry and Land
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Chair, Regional Councillor Spatafora
Members of the Committee of the Whole
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
New Market, Ontario
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Dear Chair and Members of the York Region Committee of the Whole,

RE: *D.2.2. Ontario Ministry of Transportation's GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment*
March 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) is in receipt of the staff report titled *Ontario Ministry of Transportation's GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment* that will be considered at the March 3rd Committee of the Whole meeting.

On behalf of BILD members, we would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the recommendations made in the staff report. Specifically, BILD supports the recommendation that Regional Council request that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation resume the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA) and define the preferred alignment as soon as possible.

BILD strongly supports a transportation and infrastructure network that the GTA West Corridor would provide. The GTA West Corridor plays a significant role in supporting the type of development that is in line with the *Places to Grow Growth Plan* objectives and will support the *Growth Plan* population and employment targets.

Since the announcement that work on the GTA West Corridor EA would be suspended, we have been working with our provincial association, the Ontario Home Builders' Association, to ensure that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation is aware that BILD and its members support plans to move forward with the GTA West Corridor EA Study.

It is important that the GTA West Corridor study continue without additional EAs to avoid spending additional time and resources on this study. As such, BILD strongly recommends that the Ministry of Transportation provide a decision in the spring of 2016 so that the planning of complete communities across the GTA can occur. An imminent decision is essential.



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on agenda item D.2.2. of the March 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting relating to the suspension of the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Study. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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