



February 28, 2022

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
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Dear Minister Mulroney,

RE: Highway 7 West (Kitchener-Guelph) construction

The City of Guelph is deeply invested in the expansion and success of interregional transportation initiatives in our community that will enable more efficient movement of people, goods, and services.

Improvements to the Hanlon Expressway and the new Highway 7 will support economic growth, create efficient interregional travel, and keep our residents safe by diverting unnecessary through-traffic between Guelph and Puslinch Township. These projects are vital to ensure the City can deliver on its [Strategic Plan](#) and [Transportation Master Plan](#) objectives of providing a sustainable, resilient transportation system.

The City has been very pleased with the level of coordination and engagement with MTO staff on the Highway 7 project over the past few years. For example, the City has hosted monthly project meetings with MTO staff to coordinate and schedule major infrastructure work affected by the interchange project, and to ensure aligned communications to the community. We have been coordinating similar efforts with Metrolinx on the Kitchener Line projects, plans and studies.

I was surprised to learn through media reports that the MTO is not prioritizing the Highway 7 Kitchener-Guelph project, possibly in favour of other highway projects in the province.

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Given how important this project is to economic prosperity and safe, efficient transportation in Guelph and neighbouring cities, I ask that you reprioritize it and secure its timely completion.

City staff will follow up with Ministry staff to seek out updated information. As you know, community interest is high on this project and the recent news has led to questions and confusion about its status.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to move this project forward in a timely way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cam Guthrie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cam Guthrie
Mayor

cc: Mike Schreiner, MPP Guelph