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Halton Region Correspondence - Seeking Support on the Court Application Involving the CN

Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton

**Attachments:** 

Halton Region Correspondence - Seeking Support on the Court Application Involving the CN Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton.pdf; CN Motion for Endorsement by Other

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the Town of Milton

Please find attached a copy of the above-noted Council resolution.

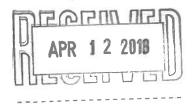
Sincerely,

Michele Finn

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all Ontario municipalities

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2018, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION: Seeking Support on the Court Application Involving the CN Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton

WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the "economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality" and the "health, safety and well-being of persons";

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities to have responsibility to establish official plans that meet or exceed provincial standards for managing and directing physical change and effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment;

WHEREAS Halton Region and its area municipalities ("Halton Municipalities"), in partnership with Conservation Halton, have carried out multi-year, multi-phase planning processes to update their applicable official plans to address all relevant provincial plans and policy and foster healthy communities;

WHEREAS the most recent Halton Region official plan process engaged railways, including CN Rail, and was amended to accommodate stated railway plans for rail-supported development;

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- the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps.
- 2. THAT Halton Region calls on the Government of Ontario to join the Court Application of the Halton Municipalities.
- 3. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General of Ontario; Halton's Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of Provincial Parliament(MPPs), and Leaders of the Opposition Parties.
- 4. THAT a copy of the attached resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Large Urban Municipal Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), the Mayors and Regional Chairs Caucus of Ontario (MARCO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FNOM), the Conservation Authority of Ontario, and to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence and attached resolution for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Graham Milne Regional Clerk

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## **Resolution for Endorsement by Other Municipalities**

**WHEREAS** under the *Municipal Act*, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the "economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the municipality" and the "health, safety and well-being of persons";

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities to have responsibility to establish official plans that meet or exceed provincial standards for managing and directing physical change and effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment;

WHEREAS CN Rail has declared that the Province of Ontario and the Halton Municipalities (the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville) and Conservation Halton have no regulatory role whatsoever with respect to a proposed truck/rail development that will have a direct impact on the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and health, safety and well-being of residents;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton recognize that railways are a matter of federal jurisdiction, but assert that truck-rail developments have non-rail aspects that engage multiple areas of provincial and municipal government regulatory responsibility;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton have commenced a Court Application to confirm their legitimate regulatory role in respect of the CN development;

WHEREAS CN's position that its proposed truck-rail development falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction, if upheld, would create a regulatory gap that would prevent the Province of Ontario, the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton from discharging their statutory responsibilities, and leave CN Rail, a for-profit company, to self-regulate on matters that engage provincial and municipal responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS** irrespective of the merits of CN's proposed development, CN's interpretation of jurisdiction over this development, if upheld, would be detrimental to all provinces and municipalities that contain existing or proposed developments that engage matters of federal, provincial and municipal regulatory interest;

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT the [insert municipality name] endorse the principles that:
  - a. there must be a cooperative approach to all developments that engage federal, provincial and municipal regulatory matters.
  - b. the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps.
- 2. THAT the [insert municipality name] calls on the Government of Ontario to join the court Application of the Halton Municipalities.