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Re: Concord West community petition to transfer to TRCA the ORC land adjoining CW, and thus to regain access to the Bartley Smith Greenway/Langstaff Ecopark and the Glen Shields Community.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONCORD WEST COMMUNITY

September 28th 2010

As candidate for Councillor of Ward 4 City of Vaughan I have pledged that my first priority is to support the needs of my constituents. I fully support the current petition of the Concord West community to the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure, as regards the community's request to transfer to the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority the ORC land adjoining the community to the east, and restore the community's access to the Bartley Smith Greenway/Langstaff Ecopark and Glen Shields community. Further, I stress that this matter goes far beyond a community issue. The proposed plan to place GO/Metrolinx stations and parking facilities in the heart of this ecologically sensitive area not only infringes upon the quality of life to the residents of this community, but also compromises the local ecology of the City of Vaughan.

I pledge that, if I am elected, I will make a motion in City Council to (1) support the petition and request formally made by the Concord West community, and (2) request from the OMT that, independently of the results of the current assessment of the community's alternative plan for the GO/Metrolinx traffic hub, this hub not be placed on the south side of Highway 7 (as is currently projected by the MTO Design Concept).

With proper planning, and all the technology and engineering talent at our disposal, we have an opportunity to develop solutions for the transportation needs as well as to meet our ecological and community obligations. I fully support the Concord West community's efforts to find a balanced solution which will permit access to the ORC greenspace for the Concord West residents and will retain the existing natural wildlife sanctuary.

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