

From: George Ivanoff (MTO)
To: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
Date: Fri, 26 Nov 2010 14:34:17 -0500
Subject: RE: Blanding's Turtle in Concord West re Submission to OMT
CC: Robb Minnes (MTO), Kathleen Wynne - MPP, Brian Denney (TRCA),
Mike Fenning (TRCA), Suzanne Bevan (TRCA), Maria Bacchin (CWRA),
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Maria Bonfini (CWRA), Elizabeth Howson (MSH Ltd)

Dear Paulo,

Delcan is the prime project management/transportation engineering consultant. They have a number of sub-consultants as part of their team, including LGL who are have conducted the environmental assessment work.

I would disagree that it is a conflict of interest for this team to assess your proposed alternative, as they have also assessed alternatives for all aspects of the design. The process of determining a "preferred alternative" includes examining a wide range of options for the actual running way of the transit line, the station locations, the number of stations required, the size and capacity of the parking associated with each station, plus many other variables. We assess each option against many criteria under the main heading of environmental, social and transportation. This assessment is what will be documented in the Environmental Project Report that will be made public in about a month's time. The assessment of the proposed alternative your group have put forth will also be documented.

I am sure that you understand that every alternative has some environmental or community impact. We are hoping that the alternative we select will have the least impact with the most benefit. Part of our plan will be to commit to a number of mitigation measures to lessen the potential impacts throughout the entire project. We have been working closely with all the appropriate regulatory agencies to develop a preferred plan and mitigation measures that will become part of our commitments going into detail design.

Thank you for your continued input into this planning work.

George

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Dear George,

Thank you very much for your response, it is much appreciated since we all hold you in high esteem. I had to consult with both the Committee that I chair, the Seniors Club and the CWRA, before I could get back to you.

We are a bit unclear as to who is your consultant, but we presume it is Delcan. Could you confirm it?

We also wonder whether it is not a conflict of interest for the private consultant to carry out both the technical assessment and the environmental assessment, and wonder whether you can allay our concerns in this respect (and, yes, we understand that ultimately it is your call at the OMT). We are aware of O. Reg. 231/08, and certainly hope that the GO/Metrolinx project which we are objecting to will not be treated as being exempt from an individual (or class) EA.

Thank you for adding the materials we sent you to the formal submission.

We are also enclosing as an attachment the letter we sent to Minister J. Wilkinson of the OME regarding the EA, both for your information and files, and for your private consultant.

Best regards,

Dr. Paulo Correa
Chair, CWRAHC

Also per:

Josephine Mastrodicasa
President, CW Seniors Club

Maria Bacchin
President, CWRA

NB - I've copied this email to the new Executive of the CWRA, as well as to the TRCA