

From: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
To: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
Date: Mon, 22 Nov 2010 21:18:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Phone Call: Dr. Paulo Correa re Concord West Seniors Club
Cc: Josephine Mastrodicasa (CWSC), Theresa Panezutti (CWARHC),
Daniela Bacchin (CWRAHC), Elizabeth Howson (MSH Ltd),
Daniel Haufschild (Metrolinx), Dale Albers (YRRTC)

Dr Correa:

Apologies for not responding to you at the timelines you expected. I did have to ensure a due diligence based on a full understanding of where GO/Metrolinx is relative to the Province's Transitway EA process and the status of the other key rapid transit projects planned.

So my understanding is that the provincial 407 Transitway. EA proposes a transit station at the area in question, with a GO platform that extends between the 407 and Hwy 7. This proposal would enable the seamless integration between a possible future 407 Transitway and the York Viva Bus Rapid Transit along Hwy 7.

As such, there do not appear any transportation advantage to exploring a station on the north side of Hwy 7. In the case of consideration of timing, the 407 Transitway is a long term proposition while the York Viva Hwy 7 BRT is a nearer term project.

So even when considering a temporary station facility to meet the needs of the Hwy 7 rapid transit, a location to the south side of the right-of-way future-proofs for the possibility of the 407 Transitway being implemented and therefore a preferred location.

Thank you for raising the concerns of the West Concord community. I recommend you continue to have an open dialogue with the province on the environmental issues you raised.

Metrolinx remains committed to advancing the transformation of the GTHA with a seamlessly integrated transportation network.

Leslie

Leslie Woo
Vice President
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"Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying anyway."
Mary Kay Ash

Sent from my BlackBerry

From: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
To: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
Date: Mon Nov 22 15:13:56 2010
Subject: Re: Phone Call: Dr. Paulo Correa re Concord West Seniors Club
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Please respond.

From: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
To: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
Date: Thu, 18 Nov 2010 17:41:52 -0500
From: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
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Daniel Haufschild (Metrolinx), Dale Albers (YRRTC)

Dear Ms. Woo,

You promised you'd contact me 3 weeks ago, but I have not heard from you, despite my last 2 emails to you. Could you kindly let me know whether you can now give an estimate for completion of your more detailed review of our proposal before the organizations in our community feel compelled to ratchet up the pressure on Metrolinx? We still hope for a dialogue, not a stonewall.

Thank you,

Dr. Paulo Correa
Chair, CWRAHC

Dr. P. Correa wrote:

Dear Ms. Woo,

Since two weeks have elapsed when we last exchanged emails, I am wondering whether you can now give an estimate for completion of your more detailed review of our proposal.

Meanwhile, I would like to direct you to new website feature on the protected Blanding's Turtle found in the ORC land under petition for transfer to the TRCA. This feature includes formal identification by experts and a report from the Toronto Zoo. you can find the report on the discovery at:

<http://saveconcordwest.wordpress.com/blandings-turtle-diary/>

And the report from the Toronto Zoo at

http://saveconcordwest.files.wordpress.com/2010/11/from_brennan_caverhill_2010-10-25.pdf

From the community's perspective there is little point in considering a location for the hub on the south side of Highway 7. We hope you agree, since it should save Metrolinx some unnecessary costs to eventually arrive at the same conclusion.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Dr. Paulo Correa
Chair, CWRAHC

From: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
To: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
Date: Fri, 22 Oct 2010 16:00:09 -0400
Subject: RE: Phone Call: Dr. Paulo Correa re Concord West Seniors Club
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Thank you I have all your documents that you so kindly provided me, I will have to get back to you on our timing as this station is not an immediate priority. I will be in touch next week.
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From: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
To: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
Date: October 22, 2010 3:56 PM
Subject: Re: Phone Call: Dr. Paulo Correa re Concord West Seniors Club
Cc: Josephine Mastrodicasa (CWSC), Elizabeth Howson (MSH Ltd),
Theresa Panezutti (CWARHC), Daniel Haufschild (Metrolinx)

Dear Ms. L. Woo,

Did you download our formal submission to the OMT from the saveconcordwest.org website?

As I mentioned to you, the *urgency* of the community is in regaining its rightful access to what has traditionally been its green space and happens to be an ecologically sensitive area. I understood from our phone call that you saw no a priori impediment to our alternative proposal to locate the hub north of Highway 7, and thus free the land in question for its rightful use. What is your estimate for completion of your more detailed planning review?

Dr. Paulo Correa
AHC Chair

From: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
To: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
Date: Fri, 22 Oct 2010 15:13:04 -0400
Subject: RE: Phone Call: Dr. Paulo Correa re Concord West Seniors Club
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Theresa Panezutti (CWARHC), Daniel Haufschild (Metrolinx)

It will be a very long time before the 407 Transitway becomes a reality (possibly decades) however the Hwy 7 York Viva BRT is a funded project that will be in service within the next 2 - 5 years and therefore having a station where the GO rail corridor and the BRT intersect sooner would make more sense.

At this time I cannot comment on which specific site closer to Hwy 7 is the best without undertaking a more detailed planning review. So in principle a site closer to the Hwy 7 corridor is preferable, which specific site I cannot comment on

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From: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
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Date: October 22, 2010 3:08 PM
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Dear Mw. L. Woo,

I am a bit unclear as to what you said below. Can you confirm that a location on the north side of Highway 7 will do just as well for your purposes, whether short-term or long-term?

The community is not concerned whether the exact location that the suggested (we actually proposed two alternate locations for the GO station, both on the north side of Highway 7) is accepted, only on the exclusion of the location on the south side, on an ecologically sensitive area that serves as the green space to the community.

Dr. Paulo Correa
AHC Chair

From: Leslie Woo (Metrolinx)
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As an interim location pending the very long term prospect of a future 407 Transitway and pending the land availability, yes, an alternate location closer to Hwy 7 would be more suitable in the short to medium term, but not necessarily the exact location you have proposed.

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From: Dr. P. Correa (CWRAHC)
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Theresa Panezutti (CWARHC)

Dear Ms. L. Woo,

I want to thank you for your candid and positive attitude during our phone conversation on Tuesday, October 12. I really appreciated it.

To follow up, I wonder whether you have had a chance to have your people report to you on the matter that we discussed, and whether you can formally confirm that there is no objection of Metrolinx and GO to the location of the commuter hub on the north side of Highway 7 (as our community's alternative plan proposes) - rather than on the south side (as current planning has it).

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Best wishes,

Dr. Paulo Correa
AHC Chair

cc. Josephine Mastrodicasa, President CWSC
cc. Theresa Panezutti, Director CWRA, Director CWSC
cc. Elizabeth Howson