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To: Minister Kathryn Wynne, MTO

Cc: Loy Cheah (Director, Infrastructure Planning, York Region); Andrew Pearce (Director, Development/Transportation Engineering, Vaughan); Bill Robinson (Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, Vaughan); Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua; Vaughan Regional Councillors; Greg Sorbara (MPP); Michael Chan (MPP); Cindy Furfaro (Council Executive Assistant)

Subject: RE: 407 Transitway Draft Environmental Project Report

Dear Minister Wynne,

Let me wish you a Happy New Year and all the best in 2011!!!

As you may know, the Province is currently undertaking an Environmental Assessment and Consultation Process with regards to the 407 Transitway, from East of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road.

I have been advised by city staff that we only received the Draft EPR on December 23, 2010, requesting for our comments. As this is such an important project affecting our community, we would like to receive sufficient time to discuss, consult and make appropriate comments.

Having received the study just prior to the Christmas holiday and having had full scheduled agendas since returning to office, Council has not had the opportunity to receive comments from staff or be afforded a presentation from the project team, specifically relating to the Keele Street and Highway #7 (Concord West) area. Therefore, I am asking you to please give serious consideration to provide us with an extension so that we can properly assess and provide the Ministry with our comments. Our first official opportunity to discuss this plan will not be until January 31st, with a recommendation coming forth on the 15th of February for ratification.

For your information, I have also attached a letter which I had sent to Mr. Robb H. Minnes, the Project Manager for this project.

My community, staff and colleagues thank you for your kind consideration and we look forward a favourable response.

Sincerely,

Sandra Yeung Racco
Councillor, Thornhill/Concord
City of Vaughan

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"Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember that the only taste of success some people have is when they take a bite out of you"