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Sessional Paper No. P-200

Petition requesting the provincially owned future 407 Transitway GO Barrie (Concord) Station property to be transferred to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and added to the Bartley-Smith Greenway (Sessional Paper No. P-200) Mr. Shurman.
(Tabled March 22, 2011 and March 24, 2011)

Response:

Our government is committed to improving our integrated transportation network across the GTHA and Ontario. Since 2003, we've invested \$13 billion in Highway, Roads, bridges expansion and over 10.8 in transit expansion

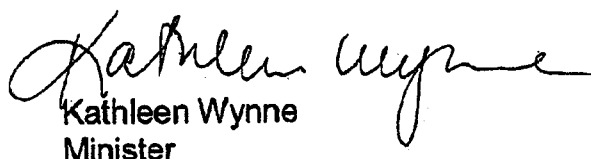
We are pleased the Ministry of Environment recently approved the Environmental Assessment for the 407 transitway – a 150km stretch along the 407 that will be reserved for transit

MTO has heard the concerns from the local community members in Concord. I understand that the local community has made a proposal to relocate the concord station to the north side of the site

As indicated in the Report and articulated to the association, the final station location remains south of Highway 7 because an alternative location would have compromised the objectives of the 407 Transitway project which include providing seamless passenger transfers between the transitway, GO Rail Line and York VIVA services. The ministry has also committed to provide a safe and direct access for the community through a pedestrian bridge across the CN Railway to access valley lands and the Marita Paine Park Trail. Further, the station design and committed mitigation measures ensure protection of environmental features on the site including the valley lands.

MTO has agreed to design the station site in a manner that preserves the existing environmental amenities and provides a direct access to Marita Payne Park

Sincerely,


Kathleen Wynne
Minister