

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: May 3, 2021

SUBJECT: GTA West Project

CONSIDERATION DATE: May 31, 2021

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Di Lorenzo

SECONDED BY: Councillor Best

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government reversed the previous decision and restarted the GTA West Project on June 19th 2019;

AND WHEREAS a new highway will induce more driving that will rapidly fill to capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** the focus of provincial spending should shift priorities away from incentivizing individual travel and invest more in public transportation such as transit and high speed rail;

**AND WHEREAS** COVID-19 has started a shift in working habits and normalized remote work and in some industries a reduced demand in individual transportation;

**AND WHEREAS** on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change announced that the GTA West project will be designated under the Federal Impact Assessment Act;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Milton Council supports the Regional Municipality of Halton's March 24, 2021, Resolution reaffirming its opposition to GTA West Transportation Corridor;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Town of Milton Council supports the decision by the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to designate the GTA West project for an Impact Assessment under the Impact Assessment Act;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, *Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Federal Minister of Transportation,* MP Adam van Koeverden, Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Parm Gill, City of Burlington, and the Towns of Halton Hills and Oakville.