



May 13, 2021

Honorable Caroline Mulroney
Minster of Transportation and Minister of Francophone Affairs
Sent via email to: minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Correspondence received from the Town of Whitby – Highway 412 and 418 Tolls

Dear Minister:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of the Township of Scugog held May 10, 2021, the Committee received and endorsed correspondence from the Town of Whitby dated April 30, 2021 with respect to Highway 412 and 418 Tolls. Attached please find a copy of the Town of Whitby's correspondence dated April 30, 2021.

Please be advised that Committee approved the following recommendation:

"THAT the correspondence received from the Town of Whitby regarding Resolution # 123-21, Highway 412 and 418 Tolls be endorsed."

Please note that all recommendations made by the Committee are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting of the Township of Scugog, scheduled to take place on May 31, 2021.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Becky Jamieson

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Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Encl.

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April 30, 2021

Via Email:

Lorne Coe, M.P.P. lorne.coe@pc.ola.org

Re: Highway 412 and 418 Tolls

Please be advised that at a meeting held on April 26, 2021, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 123-21:

Whereas the Council of the Town of Whitby has on four previous occasions requested that the Province remove tolls on Highway 412 (see attached Resolutions 602-16, 391-17, 181-18, and 232-19);

Whereas all other Ontario link highways to and from Highway 401 except those in Durham Region are non-tolled highways; and,

Whereas the municipality of Whitby and Council at the time of the decision making was aware of the tolls to the 407 but not that of the 412; and

Whereas Highway 427 has recently seen improvements valued at more than 600 million dollars funded provincially and not from tolls; and

Whereas tolls on Highway 412 and 418 are a distinct disadvantage and disincentive to Durham Region to efficiently move goods, services and people and to attract and retain prestige industrial and office investments and value added jobs for the employment lands abutting the provincial highway; and,

Whereas Highways 412 and 418 are underutilized because of the tolls, resulting in increased traffic on local collector roads and Highway 401;

Whereas in 2018 election promises were made to remove the tolls from the 412 and 418,

Whereas in the last four years of tolling operations, the toll rates have increased by 2.27% (page 37 of Ministry of Transportation Tolling Analysis Report April 2021);

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

- 1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that Lorne Coe, M.P.P. for Whitby, and all other Durham Area MPPs work with the Minister of Transportation to address the inequalities between Durham 400 series highways and other GTA 400 series highways, to eliminate the tolls on Highways 412 and 418 as was promised in 2018;
- 2. That Council and Staff work to develop a strategy for continued municipal advocacy surrounding the removal of the 412 and 418 tolls;
- 3. That the Clerk circulate this to all other area municipalities and Durham Region for endorsement;
- 4. That the Clerk be directed circulate a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford; the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minster of Transportation and Minister of Francophone Affairs; the Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board; Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby; all Durham Region MPPs; John Henry, Regional Chair; and Durham Area Municipalities; and,
- 5. That the responsibility of changes to tolling contracts for the 412 and 418 should be borne by the province as the Municipality of Whitby were not involved or aware of the tolling decisions.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

Kevin Narraway

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