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| REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED)<br><b>We wish to speak to the critical impact that recommendations, pertaining to Communications item 16.1, pose to farmers and farm families in the Region of Peel.</b> |
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The original GTA West Transportation Corridor process was initiated in 2007 with stage 1 and took some 7 years to complete. The corridor is expected to be 170 m. in width and is described as a multimodal transportation corridor. By the time, the study is complete farm families will have been in limbo for 14 years.

In 2019, The Province of Ontario under the Progressive Conservative government reactivated the Environmental Assessment of the GTA West Corridor. It is proceeding with Stage 2 of a study that began in 2014. The process has recently confirmed the preferred alignment of the project and is proceeding to the preliminary design stage. The project connects the following 400 series highways. Highway 400 in the east, 427 and 401 and 407 in the west. The process was suspended by the previous Liberal government in mid 2015. This segment of the process is expected to be completed sometime in 2022.

It should be noted that this discussion in part is driven by the Liberal governments decision in 2005 to implement the Greenbelt Plan that assessed land needs to accommodate future growth and to identify where growth should be directed within the GTA. By creating the Greenbelt Planning area, the government also created the Whitebelt area for future growth considerations. The Whitebelt is an area snuggled between the Greenbelt and the urban boundaries across the GTA.

This decision sent a clear signal to land investors that the area should be considered and be potentially added to the development industry portfolio. Many parcels have already been acquired by the development industry thereby sealing the fate of the area. According to the Ministry of Finance in a 2020 report, population projections for the GTA will see a 36.7% increase by 2046. That equates to 9.5 million people.

The people most affected by these decisions are being challenged in many significant ways. The farm families that have land holdings on one or both sides of an arbitrary unscientific line drawn by government have struggled to find the future since the declaration of the Greenbelt. Many family farms in Caledon have in some ways become what is best described as terminal in nature. Due to high costs, lack of available services and uncertainty around initiatives driven by projected future population growth, farming families are forced to make tough decisions about their future. Low margins in the business of agriculture dictate that investments are generational with long term payback being the norm. The next generation will not farm on a land base in the Whitebelt. The cost to remain puts it out of reach and in fact current land prices in the Greenbelt nearby the Whitebelt border are generally out of reach for expansion of existing farm operations. In short, farmers need certainty to remain viable in Caledon. We are 14 years into this holding pattern. How many more years will be consumed by this process? The Farm community is fed up with the "We have to save the farmland"

cliché being used by a society with no investment in and little understanding of the economics and general workings of the industry.

The Peel Federation of Agriculture is calling on this and successive governments to put to bed the GTA West Transportation Corridor once and for all. We cannot continue to guess where we should make investments and what that time frame may look like. It is not sustainable. Either build it or not but decide now.