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Dear Chair Iannicca,

## RE: Resolution Number 2020-505

Thank you for writing on July 8, 2020 with an update regarding Resolution 2020-505 from your Regional Council's June meeting. As the Chair of the Board of Directors, I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of Metrolinx.

Thank you for the note of support, and for calling out the positive collaboration happening among our respective teams. We agree that the project is important to expanding mobility choices for Peel residents. We also share your enthusiasm for fostering strong partnerships, providing a complete transit ridership experience and supporting sustainable and healthy communities.

Our project teams regularly meet with representatives from the City of Mississauga and Peel Region, and we look forward to continued collaboration on the project. For example, Peel Region staff is working with Metrolinx to ensure we can obtain the necessary property for the tunnel launch in the vicinity of Citation Place in Mississauga, where the Region holds an easement.

As a priority project, the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension (ECWE) will continue to move forward with those abovementioned priorities in mind. With seamless connections to four different transit services - MiWay and GO bus services via the Mississauga Transitway at Renforth, UP Express and Kitchener Line GO train service at Mount Dennis, TTC bus services at transit stops in Toronto - the ECWE will provide fast, frequent and reliable service and new connections that make transit an easier choice to make; further supporting the Region's mode share targets.

Improving public transit is vital to stimulating the economic development of Ontario. The Extension is an exciting opportunity to stimulate economic activity in the Region and serve the many thousands of residents and employees who travel to and from Toronto Pearson

Airport. To echo what you noted, we are committed to continuing our collaboration, and working in partnership with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA). In fact, our President and CEO, Phil Verster, met with the GTAA CEO last week in a productive discussion about the timing of critical inputs needed to continue to develop the business case for an ECWE airport connection.

As always, we will continue to engage with the local community and elected representatives of Peel Region, and look forward to what will accomplish together.

Thank you again for your letter.

Best regards,

Donald A. Wright

**Donald A. Wright** Chair, Metrolinx Board of Directors



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## Subject: Eglinton Crosstown West Light Rail Transit Extension

Dear Mr. Donald Wright,

I am writing to you on behalf of Peel Regional Council about a motion recently passed regarding the Eglinton Crosstown West Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension and its continued importance for expanding mobility choices for Peel residents. I would like to take this moment to acknowledge the project engagement as well as coordination between the team at Metrolinx and the Region of Peel. As the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension continues to move forward, I would like to ensure that forthcoming planning stages progress in collaboration between Metrolinx and the Region.

As you are aware, the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension was identified as one of four Provincial priority projects through the 2019 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. As a priority project, the LRT Extension, with connections to Renforth Station and subsequently Toronto Pearson Airport, is critical to improving overall transit ridership experiences, cross-regional economic stimulus, and congestion reduction benefits. Of importance to the Region of Peel is the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension supporting Peel's 50 per cent sustainable mode share target; providing opportunities for attracting talent and employment currently planned for the Airport Corporate Centre, stimulating economic growth across multiple jurisdictions; as well as, ridership growth and reliability as the Region of this project continues to progress, I would like to request that the prioritization and planning of intra-regional transit projects continue to include the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension, inclusive of both Renforth and Toronto Pearson Airport segments.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the effort Metrolinx has shown in ensuring the Region of Peel is meaningfully engaged in the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension project. Thank you for taking the time to consider the request and I look forward to hearing back from your office.



Kindest personal regards,

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