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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2018, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Seeking Support on the Court Application Involving the CN Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton

WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the “economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality” and the “health, safety and well-being of persons”;

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities to have responsibility to establish official plans that meet or exceed provincial standards for managing and directing physical change and effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment;

WHEREAS Halton Region and its area municipalities (“Halton Municipalities”), in partnership with Conservation Halton, have carried out multi-year, multi-phase planning processes to update their applicable official plans to address all relevant provincial plans and policy and foster healthy communities;

WHEREAS the most recent Halton Region official plan process engaged railways, including CN Rail, and was amended to accommodate stated railway plans for rail-supported development;

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WHEREAS contrary to its own stated plans, CN Rail has declared its intention to proceed with a new stand-alone, truck-rail development in the Town of Milton that would operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and add at least 1,600 truck trips a day on regional roads located in close proximity to existing and planned residential communities;

WHEREAS CN Rail has declared that Ontario and the Halton Municipalities have no regulatory role whatsoever with respect to the truck-rail development;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities, Conservation Halton, and Halton residents have concerns about the impacts of CN's proposed development on traffic congestion, community growth, health and safety, and the local environment;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton recognize that railways are a matter of federal jurisdiction, but assert that truck-rail developments have non-rail aspects that engage multiple areas of provincial and municipal government regulatory responsibility;

WHEREAS CN's truck-rail development engages numerous provincial and municipal by-laws, policies and plans that govern growth in the Halton Municipalities, including but not limited to, policies in Ontario's Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, and the provincially approved Official Plan for Halton Region and the Town of Milton;

WHEREAS CN's position that its proposed truck-rail development falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction, if upheld, would create a regulatory gap that would prevent the Province of Ontario, the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton from discharging their statutory responsibilities, and leave CN Rail, a for-profit company, to self-regulate on matters that engage provincial and municipal responsibilities;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton have commenced a Court Application (the "Application") to confirm their legitimate regulatory role in respect of the proposed CN development; and

WHEREAS irrespective of the merits of CN's proposed development, CN's interpretation of jurisdiction over this development, if upheld, would be detrimental to all provinces and municipalities that contain existing or proposed developments that engage matters of federal, provincial and municipal regulatory interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Regional Council endorse the principles that:
 - a. there must be a cooperative approach to all developments that engage federal, provincial and municipal regulatory matters.

- b. the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps.
2. THAT Halton Region calls on the Government of Ontario to join the Court Application of the Halton Municipalities.
3. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General of Ontario; Halton's Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of Provincial Parliament(MPPs), and Leaders of the Opposition Parties.
4. THAT a copy of the attached resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Large Urban Municipal Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), the Mayors and Regional Chairs Caucus of Ontario (MARCO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FNOM), the Conservation Authority of Ontario, and to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence and attached resolution for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Milne', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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