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Council Meeting Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Item 6 – 15 ENDORSEMENT OF FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HIGHWAY 407

Dear Councillors and City Clerk,

I reside in Caledon and I commute to Maple to work and shop, having to contend with frustrating and time-consuming traffic congestion and gridlock on a daily basis. I am writing today asking you to support Councillors lafrate and DeFrancesca's resolution at the upcoming December 17, 2024 Council Meeting. The resolution which was passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 3, 2024 asks all Councillors to support the Premier's Feasibility Study to buy back the lease on Hwy 407. **More importantly, the resolution is asking the province to implement a one year pilot program that would subsidize or eliminate tolls on Highway 407 and evaluate the impact of the pilot on traffic congestion and efficiency.**

The pilot would provide commercial vehicles and their owners with immediate low/no cost access to the underused Highway 407 and would ease the tremendous congestion currently being experienced on Highway 7 in Vaughan and nearby municipalities.

Moving forward with a feasibility study and pilot program will allow the Province to assess the impact on congestion resulting from the reduction or

elimination of the tolls on commercial vehicles, and reduce the commercial vehicles and overall traffic volume on Hwy 7, Steeles, Langstaff, Rutherford and Major Mackenzie Drive.

In summary, I am asking each of the City of Vaughan Councillors to support resolution 6-15, Endorsement of Feasibility Study for Highway 407 put forward by Councillors lafrate and DeFrancesca.

Thank you for your support.

Sara Bonaguro

