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The Honourable Kathryn McGarry
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister McGarry:

Re: High Speed Rail Project

The Mayors from the Townships of Zorra, East Zorra-Tavistock, Wilmot and the Municipality of Thames Centre wrote to former Minister Del Duca on December 21, 2017, and this same letter was sent to you on January 18, 2018. To this date, a response has not been received concerning our requests for a meeting or dialogue concerning a request for funding of a peer review.

The Mayors are beyond disappointed that a response has not been received. The request for a funded peer review for a nationally significant project initiated by Ontario that will impact the everyday lives of residents in the four corridor impacted municipalities is both reasonable and fair. The local residents that will see, and live with, the day-to-day impacts of a high speed rail corridor should have access to experts through their local municipalities to provide impartial guidance during the Environmental Assessment process.

As previously noted, it is absolutely imperative that the municipalities have expert advice at their disposal as soon as possible to provide guidance to the respective Councils during preparation of the Terms of Reference.

On behalf of the other three Mayors, we respectfully request a response to our previous correspondence.

Yours truly,

Mayor Margaret Lupton

Copy to: Mayor Jim Maudsley, Municipality of Thames Centre
Mayor Don McKay, Township of East Zorra-Tavistock
Mayor Les Armstrong, Township of Wilmot
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