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The Honourable Steve McKinnon
Federal Minister of Transportation

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Dear Minister McKinnon:

**RE: ALTO – Protecting Municipal Interests and Local Decision Making
Motions
13.1. Belleville City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of July 27, 2026, the following resolution was approved.

Whereas the proposed ALTO High Speed Rail Project may significantly affect municipalities, agricultural and farmland, residents, businesses, municipal infrastructure, emergency services, local economies and the natural environment across Ontario and Quebec;

And Whereas municipalities require complete information and meaningful consultation before decisions are made that may affect our communities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Belleville calls upon the Government of Canada and ALTO to publicly release the project plan, business case, costs, routes, impacts, alternatives, mitigation measures, and a detailed municipal impact assessment, and to undertake meaningful consultation before any advancement of the project;

And Further That the City of Belleville opposes any project activity that would negatively impact residents, businesses, agricultural operations, municipal infrastructure, emergency services, property access or local decision making, including expropriation, road closures, road dead-ending, grade separations, access restrictions, or infrastructure modifications;

And Further That the City of Belleville opposes the downloading of project-related costs onto municipal taxpayers and requests that all municipal costs associated with the project be borne by the project proponent;

And Further That the City of Belleville shall not voluntarily provide access to City-owned lands, infrastructure, records, studies, data, or other municipal assets, nor enter into voluntary agreements with ALTO, unless authorized by Council;

And Further That requests from ALTO involving municipal property, information, studies, surveys, testing, access, agreements, or cooperation be reported to Council and, where Council authorization is required, refer to Council for consideration;

And Further That the City of Belleville reserves all rights available to protect municipal interests throughout the planning, review, approval, construction, and operations of the ALTO project;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve McKinnon, Federal Minister of Transportation, The Honourable Heath McDonald, Minister of Agriculture, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Chris Malette, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Ric Bresee, MPP Tyler Allsopp, Honourable Christine Fréchette, Premier of Quebec, Martin Imbleau, President of ALTO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation quebecoise des municipalités, the Union des municipalités du Québec, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



Doug Irwin
City Clerk

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Pc: Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
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