

April 9, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Minister of Transportation Honourable, Steven MacKinnon
President and CEO of ALTO, Martin Imbeau
Premier of Ontario Honorable Doug Ford
Members of Parliament representing Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
Members of Provincial Parliament representing eastern Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
Eastern Ontario municipalities within the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus district
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

Re: Formal Opposition to the ALTO High-speed Rail Project in its Current Form

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the April 8th, 2026, meeting of the Council of the Township of Tyendinaga:

Resolution: 124-2026

Moved by: Councillor Jen Phillips

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Heather Lang

Whereas the Federal Government has identified ALTO high-speed rail as a nation-building project with an estimated cost of \$60 to \$90 billion, to deliver faster, more reliable passenger rail service; and

Whereas ALTO is advancing plans for a high-speed passenger rail project between the Quebec City-Toronto corridor, cutting through eastern Ontario; and

Whereas there is only currently one proposed stop across the Eastern Ontario region, benefitting urban residents at the cost of rural residents and lands; and

Whereas portions of the proposed project will traverse and impact eastern Ontario communities, infrastructure, residential and agricultural lands, municipal trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, and with no long-term economic benefits; and

Whereas the closure and/or dead ending of roads will have significant ongoing and unknown costs to municipalities, as well as service delivery and emergency response implications to residents and businesses; and

Whereas eastern Ontario municipalities and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications; and

Whereas municipal governments are responsible for protecting local interests, ensuring compatibility with existing planning frameworks, as well as safeguarding environmental, community, and resident mental health and well-being; and

Whereas the Township of Tyendinaga is actively trying to engage with ALTO through a truly meaningful consultation process to understand the impacts of both proposed high speed rail train routes to our residents, lands, trails, and businesses; and

Whereas the Township of Tyendinaga is located in the region's beautiful lands that hold deep agricultural and cultural roots, and that are home to our rural and small-urban communities that will be impacted by ALTO.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of Tyendinaga formally opposes the ALTO project in its current form; and

That this opposition is based on concerns related to insufficient municipal consultation, unclear rural and small-urban impacts, potential environmental effects, and alignments with existing eastern Ontario planning and infrastructure priorities; and

That the Township of Tyendinaga urge impacted municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to share their questions and comments with ALTO and federal representatives as part of the engagement process; and

That the Township of Tyendinaga look to gather detailed information from ALTO to more fully understand the project and its impact across the region; and

That the Township of Tyendinaga advocates that the Federal Government and ALTO fully explore train route options along existing infrastructure corridors, such as VIA Rail; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of ALTO, Members of Parliament representing Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus district, Premier Doug Ford, Members of Provincial Parliament representing eastern Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all eastern Ontario

**municipalities within the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus district, and the
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.**

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Yvonne Murphy

Clerk

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cc Mayor Kennelly
Deputy Mayor Lang
Councillor McFarlane
Councillor Ogden
Councillor Phillips