

August 13, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Minister of Transportation Honourable Steven MacKinnon
Premier of Ontario Honorable Doug Ford
MPP Ric Breese
MP Shelby Kramp-Newman
Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of Alto
The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
Federation of Canadian Municipalities,
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
The Ontario Federation of Agriculture,
Hastings County Council,
The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus,
Municipalities represented by the EOWC,
Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

Re: Federal Bill C-15, the ALTO High-Speed Rail Project, and Municipal Interests

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Tyendinaga passed the following resolution at their regular meeting August 12, 2026:

Resolution: 231-2026

Moved by: Councillor Jen Phillips

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Lang

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Tyendinaga has previously passed resolutions expressing concerns regarding the Alto High-Speed Rail Project and Bill C-15;

AND WHEREAS Council has stated that it does not support the project as presented due to its potential impacts on residents, farmland, the environment, municipal infrastructure and property rights;

AND WHEREAS the recently announced consideration of a route serving Kingston, including the possibility of an alignment along or near Highway 401, would not eliminate these concerns but could create significant adverse impacts in another area of Tyendinaga Township;

AND WHEREAS this area contains homes, productive farmland and Tyendinaga Public School, the only public school located within the Township, serving nearly 400 students;

AND WHEREAS Tyendinaga Township is a wholly rural municipality whose residents rely heavily on access to the urban centres of Belleville and Napanee for employment, shopping, health care and other essential services, with three Highway 401 interchanges and an additional overpass currently supporting that access;

AND WHEREAS Old Highway 2, the principal alternative route to Belleville and Napanee, is located south of Highway 401 and could also become inaccessible to affected residents if crossings through the potential rail corridor are closed, restricted or altered;

AND WHEREAS the resulting loss or restriction of access to Highway 401 and Old Highway 2 could significantly affect residents, school transportation, emergency response and access to area hospitals;

AND WHEREAS the project's estimated cost of \$60 billion to \$90 billion is preliminary and cannot be properly evaluated before the route, required infrastructure, environmental and geological challenges, property acquisition costs and impacts on municipal infrastructure and services are known;

AND WHEREAS proceeding with a project of this scale without a defined route, dependable cost estimate and clear accounting of its full financial implications presents a significant risk to Canadian taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Tyendinaga reaffirms its previous resolutions and its position that it does not support the Alto High-Speed Rail Project as presented;

AND THAT Council confirms that a potential Highway 401 route through Tyendinaga Township could cause unacceptable harm to residents, farmland, Tyendinaga Public School, municipal roads and infrastructure, emergency services, and access to Highway 401, Old Highway 2 and area hospitals;

AND THAT Council calls upon the Government of Canada not to grant final approval, authorize construction or permit project related land acquisition until Alto has publicly provided a defined route, a credible and independently reviewed cost estimate that identifies its base year and assumptions regarding inflation and construction-cost escalation, and a full assessment of impacts on affected municipalities and Indigenous communities;

AND THAT Hastings County Council be requested to consider the potential regional land-use, agricultural, infrastructure and financial implications of the Alto High-Speed Rail Project and provide its position to Alto and the Government of Canada;

AND THAT, in the interest of transparency and public accountability, any confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement concerning the Alto High-Speed Rail

Project require the prior approval of Council before being signed on behalf of the Township;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport, MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of Alto, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ric Bresee, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Hastings County Council, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the 103 municipalities represented by the EOWC, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, and the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be made publicly available on the Township's website and through its regular public communication channels.

CARRIED

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