

September 3, 2026

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

Dear Sirs/Madams:

**RE: Entering into a Non-Disclosure Agreement/Confidential Information
Sharing Agreement (NDA/CISA) with ALTO**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Tyendinaga passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on September 2, 2026:

Resolution: 246-2026

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Jen Phillips

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Tyendinaga has previously considered the matter of entering into a Non-Disclosure Agreement/Confidential Information Sharing Agreement (NDA/CISA) with ALTO and has directed that such an agreement not be executed;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of remaining informed and engaged in discussions regarding the proposed ALTO high-speed rail project in order to understand and protect the interests of the Township and its residents;

AND WHEREAS any confidentiality agreement entered into by the Township must appropriately balance the protection of legitimately confidential information with Council's obligations respecting transparency, accountability, municipal decision-making and applicable legislation;

AND WHEREAS entering into an NDA/CISA, participating in discussions with ALTO, or receiving information regarding the project should not constitute or be interpreted as municipal support, endorsement or approval of the ALTO project or any proposed route;

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus has called for decisions and meetings regarding ALTO and Confidential Information Sharing Agreements to be deferred until after the October 26, 2026 municipal election and has proposed the establishment of a Municipal Advisory Table to provide affected municipalities with an ongoing and collaborative voice throughout the project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirms that its existing direction not to execute an NDA/CISA with ALTO remains in effect for the current term of Council;

AND THAT Council request that ALTO review and revise its proposed NDA/CISA for future consideration to ensure that:

- the agreement recognizes the Township's statutory obligations relating to open government, Council proceedings, access to information and public accountability;
- the Township may obtain independent legal, financial, technical and other professional advice as required;
- confidentiality is limited to information legitimately requiring protection and does not unnecessarily restrict the Township's ability to independently deliberate, establish or communicate its position regarding the ALTO project; and
- execution of the agreement does not constitute support, endorsement or approval of the ALTO project or any proposed route and does not prevent the Township, Council or its elected officials from lawfully expressing concerns, criticism, objections or opposition regarding the project.

AND THAT Council request that no decision regarding execution of an NDA/CISA or other substantive project agreement be required during the 2026 municipal election period or immediately following the commencement of the 2026–2030 term of Council, and that the incoming Council be provided a reasonable opportunity to review the matter and obtain appropriate legal and professional advice before making any decision;

AND THAT Council supports the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus request for the establishment of a Municipal Advisory Table for the ALTO project and supports meaningful representation of municipalities directly affected by potential routes and project impacts;

AND FURTHER THAT continued engagement with ALTO, participation in a Municipal Advisory Table, or future consideration of an NDA/CISA shall not alter or supersede any existing position of the Township regarding the ALTO project unless Council expressly resolves otherwise.

CARRIED

I trust this is the information you require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Y. Murphy".

Yvonne Murphy

Clerk

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