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Delivered via email

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

West End Home Builders' Association

Letter of Support for additional GO Service through Hamilton & New Grimsby GO Station

Dear Minister Sarkaria,

The West End Home Builders Association (WE HBA) is the voice of the residential construction industry in Hamilton, Burlington, and Grimsby. We represent over 320 member companies including builders, developers, professional renovators, trade contractors and many others within the residential construction sector. WE HBA is proudly affiliated with both the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) and the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA).

On behalf of the WE HBA, I am writing to express our strong support of the efforts to bring a much-needed two-way all-day Niagara Line GO train service through the City of Hamilton to the Town of Grimsby and beyond. The lack of two-way all-day GO between Grimsby and the Greater Toronto Area is a barrier when attempting to attract talent, residents, and students from other communities who are accustomed to greater levels of public transit service. Two-way all-day GO Service is also a priority for the WE HBA through the now under construction Confederation GO Station on Centennial Parkway in Hamilton which will serve as an important opportunity for intensification.

Over the past decade the City of Hamilton and the Town of Grimsby have continued to grow supporting many employment and higher education opportunities. While the growth of the West End of the Golden Horseshoe has been overwhelmingly positive, we now face issues such as a shortage of housing and increasing gridlock on our roads and highways, which threatens this success. Along with our municipal partners, there is a universal consensus among local stakeholders and residents that two-way all-day GO Train service on the Niagara Line is key to addressing these issues and enables us to unlock the full potential of the City of Hamilton and Town of Grimsby.

“More trains and increased GO service through Hamilton to Grimsby and Niagara not only will improve the lives of residents stuck in gridlock, but it will enable new housing supply to address the housing crisis by unlocking the potential of Transit Oriented Communities,” stated West End Home Builders’ Association CEO, Mike Collins-Williams.

Our region’s population and employment is growing, which demonstrates a dire need for more GO Trains through Hamilton on the Niagara Line to combat congestion and build more homes. We believe the West End of the Golden Horseshoe can play a critical role in being part of Ontario’s solution to building more housing, reducing highway gridlock with transit, and creating more jobs with the implementation of two-way all-day GO service on the Niagara Line.

Minister Sarkaria and Premier Ford, the time is now to make the required investments to build the Grimsby GO Station and enable two-way all-day GO service on the Niagara Line as soon as possible, to help build a better region and Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Collins-Williams', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mike Collins-Williams, MCIP, RPP
Chief Executive Officer
West End Home Builders’ Association