

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

DATE: MARCH 27, 2023

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS the federal government recently made an important decision to modernize the rail network in the Quebec-Toronto corridor; and,

AND WHEREAS the federal government is instead aiming for a high-frequency train (TGF) project rather than a high-speed train (TGV) project, which will only slightly reduce the travel time between the two major cities located on either end of this corridor and therefore make the project much less attractive to the population; and,

AND WHEREAS if Canada wants to significantly reduce its GHG emissions and reach its targets promised to the international community, significant sums will have to be invested in public transit, particularly in rail transportation; and,

AND WHEREAS a TGV could make the Montreal-Toronto trip in 2 hours and 18 minutes and Montreal-Québec in 1 hour and 13 minutes, which would allow real competition with air transport and automobile transport, in terms of efficiency, comfort, and speed; and,

AND WHEREAS the population residing in the Quebec-Toronto corridor represents approximately one third of the total population of Canada, which is an ideal population density for the establishment of a TGV system; and,

AND WHEREAS the TGV could have enormous leverage effects for the economic and cultural development of the major cities located along this corridor, notably Montreal; and,

AND WHEREAS smaller townships to the north and south of this corridor similar to Uxbridge, could also gain substantial benefit economically and culturally from a high-speed train (TGV) Project over that of a high-frequency train (TGF) project; and,

AND WHEREAS over the next ten years, Quebec and Ontario alone plan to spend \$56 billion on their road network, an amount that represents approximately twice the cost of a TGV between Quebec and Toronto; and,

AND WHEREAS Canada is the only G7 country that does not have a TGV system;

AND WHEREAS in agreement with correspondence received from City of Oshawa to wit; a motion derived from their Council meeting of February 22nd, 2023, in which they endorsed and pledged support for The City of Montreal's motion of February 20th, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Uxbridge adds its full endorsement and pledge of support for City of Montreal's motion of February 20th, 2023 (Moved by Craig Sauvé, Conseiller de la Ville du district de Saint-Henri-Est-Petite-Bourgogne-Pointe-Saint-Charles--Griffintown and seconded by Serge Sasseville, Conseiller de la ville du district de Peter-McGill);

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Transport, The Honorable Omar Alghabra; the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, The Honorable Dominic LeBlanc; as well as to members of the House of Commons; The Prime Minister of Canada; The Premiers of Ontario and Quebec and respective legislatures; La Ville de Montreal, The City of Toronto Council, each Municipality and Region on the Toronto Montreal Rail Corridor, VIA Rail, CN Rail, AMO and FCM.

MAYOR