

SMALL URBAN GTHA MAYORS MET WITH THE HONOURABLE CAROLINE MULRONEY, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

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“Today the Small Urban GTHA Mayors met with The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors thanked the Minister for the recent announcement and financial investment made by the Federal and Provincial government to move transportation projections forward across the GTHA. The Province’s \$28.5 billion dollar transit plan will see four priority subways being constructed. In addition, the Provincial and Federal government have committed \$3.4 billion towards the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. Both these projects will have a significant impact on relieving grid lock while improving connectivity across the entire Golden Horseshoe Area.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors also took this opportunity to engage in productive conversations about critical transportation infrastructure specific to their communities. Today’s meeting could not have come at a better time. It is evident that all levels of government are committed to investing in rapid transit projects benefitting those that live and work across the Greater Toronto Area and the Small Urban Mayors applaud this initiative.

The Mayors also discussed the recent extension of the Stay-At-Home order to June 2nd. We understand the need for continued restrictions until our new infections and hospital ICU occupancy continues to come down. The Mayors encourage the Province to open outdoor recreation amenities prior to the June 2nd extension date. The COVID Science Table, Ontario Medical Association and many doctors and health experts have advocated for opening outdoor amenities. We add our voices to their call to return outdoor activities, which are necessary to the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents.”

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