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His Worship David Miller
Mayor
The City of Toronto
City Hall, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West
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Dear Mayor ^{David} Miller:

Re: Kipling/Islington Redevelopment Initiative

Thank you for copying me on your letter to the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. In that letter, you noted that the City of Toronto was requesting funding from the Province of Ontario for the Kipling/Islington Redevelopment Initiative. On May 3, 2007, I had the pleasure of meeting with Councillor Peter Milczyn, who has been a tremendous advocate of this initiative. It was a productive meeting on a project with strong merit and I am pleased to be able to respond to the request.

The province's interest in the project is in the Kipling site, where there is an opportunity to build an inter-regional transit hub within the GTA consistent with provincial policy objectives. My staff have been working over the last several months to develop an approach that would allow the province to support the project, while living within the fiscal constraints in our capital plan. I understand that representatives of the Ministry of Transportation, the City of Toronto, the City of Mississauga and GO Transit met recently to discuss how we can move forward with the Kipling/Islington Redevelopment Project. At this meeting, Ministry of Transportation staff presented a proposal for funding of the project that was well received by City of Toronto and City of Mississauga officials.

Provincial participation in the project would be through GO Transit, which would fund and develop the facilities and purchase the lands on the Kipling site. These facilities could include an inter-regional bus terminal, passenger pick up and drop off facilities, parking, pedestrian tunnels and entrances and vehicle access. We have estimated that this participation would be in the order of \$30 million.

This is an exciting project, which will improve inter-regional transit connections in the GTA and is consistent with the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* and provincial objectives for transit. I look forward to seeing this project become a reality in the coming months.

Sincerely,



Donna Cansfield
Minister

- c: The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities
The Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal
Mayor Hazel McCallion, City of Mississauga
Peter Smith, Chair, GO Transit
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