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January 13, 2025 Date:

To: Mayor Olivia Chow, Chair and Executive Committee Re: Good Roads November Advocacy and Board Meeting.

Recommendation:

1. Toronto City Council receive for information the Good Roads – Advocacy Meetings of November 27 and Board Meetings of November 28.

Background:

In November 2024, I represented the City of Toronto at Good Roads' Queens Park Advocacy Days and served on the Board of Directors. During the Advocacy Days, I, along with other municipal representatives from across Ontario, advocated to Members of the Provincial Government, including Ministers. Our focus was on two key issues: Relieving municipalities of excessive liability under the OHSA and reversing the downloading of road and bridge infrastructure to municipalities. GRQ Preview -**Good Roads**

Good Roads also advocated for supporting Ontario's rural roads, which face disproportionately high fatality rates. Proposing a five-year, \$168 million partnership with the Government of Ontario to:

- Introduce Road Safety Audit Grants, Infrastructure Grants, and Analysis Grants.
- Develop an Action Plan to effectively lower fatalities and serious injuries on Ontario roads.

My participation at the November meetings included attending Advocacy Briefings with Members of the Provincial Government, attending the Good Roads Board Meeting, and participating in meetings of the Executive Committee, Public Affairs Committee, and Research and Product Development Committee.

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The next Good Roads Conference will take place on March 30 – April 30, 2025. Conference - Good Roads

Sincerely,

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