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Mr. Robert S. Prichard
Chair
Metrolinx
20 Bay Street, Suite 600
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Dear Mr. Prichard:

Re: Prioritization Framework – Yonge Subway

I am writing to actively seek your support for ensuring the Yonge Subway extension is a top priority project for funding and construction. To that end, I submit to you the “Yonge Subway Business Case – The Missing Link”.

I encourage you to consider, holistically, the total return on investment that the subway will bring – not just to York Region and Toronto, but to the GTHA as a whole and the strategic fit of the Yonge Subway extension to the entire regional transit network.

Consider that:

- The Yonge Subway extension will provide the critical missing link to achieve the seamless, functional and reliable region-wide transit network envisioned in MoveOntario 2020;
- Convenient and reliable transfers between multi-modal transit services in the Yonge Street corridor can be significantly leveraged as a result of the Yonge Subway extension to the Richmond Hill Langstaff anchor hub;
- A huge daily ridership of over 165,000 people (**or 2 people per second**) would connect between four modes of transit services and lead to:
 - A very high return on investment
 - A massive reduction in car travel and concomitant greenhouse gas emissions from the collective 27 million annual ridership

The ridership volume cannot be accommodated by any other transportation mode; and

- Today, a diversity of investors in the corridor are laying the foundation for 60,000 new residents and 24,000 jobs, and are reliant on the Yonge Subway to meet Provincial growth objectives.

York Region appreciates the investments Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario have already committed to improving public transit in the GTHA, including our vivaNext rapidways. On our part, York Region has ensured an advanced state of readiness for the Yonge Subway extension having invested over \$3.5 million of its own money to complete both environment and conceptual design work.

We look forward to our continued partnership as together we build the future. The Yonge Subway extension is a vital part of that future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Fisch".

Bill Fisch
Chairman and CEO

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