

January 16, 2023

Sent via email:

Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Re: Request to the Province to Temporarily Remove Tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region

Please be advised that at the Town of Whitby Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 15, 2024, Committee endorsed the following resolution, which is expected to be formally ratified by Whitby Council at their regular meeting on January 29, 2024. Committee of the Whole is comprised of the Mayor and all Members of Council of the Town of Whitby. This correspondence is being sent prior to formal Council ratification due to its time sensitive nature.

Whereas Highway 407 from Brock Road (Regional Road 1) in Pickering to Highway 35/115 is provincially owned and tolls are set by the province; and,

Whereas planned Regional road construction work to widen Winchester Road (Regional Road 3) from Anderson Street to Baldwin Street (Regional Highway 12) will necessitate reducing Winchester Road to one lane of traffic in one direction over an expected two construction seasons impacting travel times for residents and businesses; and,

Whereas the temporary removal of tolls on Highway 407 during Winchester Road construction work would improve overall travel times and alleviate the traffic impacts on surrounding Regional and local municipal roads.

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Province be requested to temporarily remove tolls on Highway 407 in Durham Region during the duration of the planned Winchester Road construction work; and,
2. A copy of this request be sent to all Durham local area municipalities, Durham MPPs, and the Minister of Transportation.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.

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