



August 20, 2020

David McGovern, President  
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Dear Mr. McGovern:

I am writing to confirm support for the approval and construction of the CN Milton Logistics Hub on behalf of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and the 900 member businesses that we represent in Halton Region and beyond.

The Burlington Chamber is one of many organizations within the Chamber community, including the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Milton, Oakville, Halton Hills and Hamilton Chambers and Toronto, Vaughan, and Mississauga Boards of Trade, who have strongly encouraged the approval of the proposed Milton Logistics Hub.

The construction of the Hub and the associated investment in critical infrastructure is necessary to stimulate and support our economy by bolstering existing transportation networks that are at capacity and enabling the efficient movement of goods as a key link for critical supply chains. This is now, more than ever, crucial in response to COVID-19 impacts and as part of a comprehensive economic recovery strategy to re-energize and support the sustainable economic growth of the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area. The Burlington Chamber shares the view of many of our counterparts that this investment will enhance competitiveness and attract further investment to the direct benefit of our local communities and the broader Region as a whole.

The Hub's review has been very thorough, and thoughtful conditions stipulated for the project to mitigate harm to local environments and communities arising from its construction and operation. Given the stringent requirements of the EA process, the Hub may well have a more limited impact than if the lands were put to other commercial or residential uses. Furthermore, CN has also demonstrated a commitment to build this project in such a way as to respect the environment and local communities.

For these reasons, it is imperative that this significant private sector infrastructure investment be allowed to proceed and without onerous or unduly burdensome conditions that could cause delays.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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