



Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

MP CARRIE CALLS ON THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO HONOUR 407 AGREEMENT

June 24, 2010. Oshawa – In March of 2007, in co-ordination with the Government of Ontario, the Government of Canada announced a new federal initiative to reduce traffic gridlock, improve the environment and strengthen the economy in the Greater Toronto Area.

The multi-billion dollar agreement, titled FLOW, included several significant investments into transportation infrastructure in Ontario; including a written commitment to extend Hwy. 407 by 67 kilometres from Brock Road in Pickering to Hwy 35/115 in Clarington. The target completion date for the project was established as 2013, a target which was maintained by the Government of Ontario until recent weeks.

“In 2007 there was an agreement that was signed on by both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. This is a firm commitment, not an idea to mull over and change at ones desire. The Government of Ontario has indicated a clear breach both in the spirit and word of the FLOW agreement as related to the Hwy. 407 extension. The residents of Oshawa will not stand for this and the Provincial Government must realize that there are consequences to breaking ones word. This funding agreement had strict rules to stick to, the money is not the Provincial Governments to throw around”, states Oshawa MP Colin Carrie.

Comments from the office of Minister Brad Duguid the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure that there is no date for the completion of Hwy 407 to Hwy 35/115 and that the project would only be completed on an “as needed” basis underscores the need for immediate attention. These comments are quite different from those of former Minister Greg Sorbara who in the 2007 provincial election described the project as a “Liberal government priority”.

“We are not going to allow the Government of Ontario to hijack this project and in turn put undue pressure on our roads and congestion throughout the city. If the Provincial Government does not honour its agreement, I will be calling on our Government to suspend all allocated funding for the project” concluded Carrie.

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