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CITY OF ABBOTSFORD

Mayor, Henry Braun
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Via email

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Referred To CAO

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: City of Abbotsford Resolution - Continued Expansion of Trans Canada Hwy #1

At the February 24, 2020 Executive Meeting of Council, Abbotsford City Council endorsed a resolution in support of the continued Expansion of Trans Canada Highway #1 for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at their annual convention this year.

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am requesting your favourable consideration and support for this resolution should this resolution be accepted for debate at the 2020 Annual Convention of UBCM.

Resolution - Continued Expansion of Trans Canada Hwy #1

WHEREAS the Province of BC has identified the Fraser Valley as a growth and innovation corridor as part of a framework for improving British Columbians' standard of living to restore the British Columbia Dream;

AND WHEREAS the critical congestion and safety challenges along the TransCanada Highway through the Fraser Valley and toward Hope continue to impact the provincial movement of goods and services and access to the Asia-Pacific gateway, undercut the economic viability of a region with the province's highest population growth, undermine public safety and quality of life for residents and travelers, and create significant environmental and greenhouse gas emission impacts for BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province prioritize funding toward the continued expansion of the TransCanada Highway through the Fraser Valley and toward Hope in order to support HOV, Electric Vehicles, Autonomous Vehicles, Rapid Transit and Truck transportation (HEARTT);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding be made a high priority of the government of British Columbia.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

Yours truly,

Henry Braun
Mayor

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Council Members

Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC

Honourable Darryl Plecas, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, MLA Abbotsford South

Brad Vis, MP Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon

Ed Fast, MP Abbotsford

Mike de Jong, MLA Abbotsford West

Simon Gibson, MLA, Abbotsford-Mission

The Lower Mainland Local Government Association

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention

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