



February 1, 2010

The Honourable John Baird
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister,

It has been four months since we first wrote you to offer our support for the City of Greater Sudbury's submission to the Build Canada Fund.

Since that time, our Board of Directors formally adopted a resolution outlining the chamber's support for the Maley Drive project. Please find that motion enclosed.

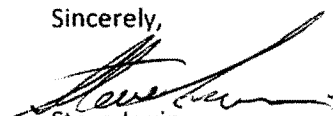
As we indicated in our letter last fall, this Class EA certified road construction and rehabilitation project would relieve growing congestion and benefit our globally-significant mineral mining industrial complexes. Since 1992, the amalgamated city and its previous regional government have invested more than \$1 million to maintain the construction-ready status of this project. Access to Build Canada funding would support construction on the first and most crucial piece of the project – a \$65.5 million, four-lane divided road stretching 5.75 kilometres.

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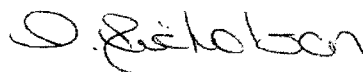
While we appreciate the fiscal constraints facing your government and understand that the approval process is a deliberate one, we are nonetheless discouraged with the lack of progress. Your government has been very skilful in communicating its efforts and overall success in distributing stimulus funding across the country and we are at a loss as to understand why this worthwhile project has not yet received funding.

We urge you to intervene immediately so that our city may secure funding for the Maley Drive Extension.

Sincerely,



Steve Irwin
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



Debbi M Nicholson
PRESIDENT & CEO

Cc: Honourable Tony Clement, Minister Responsible for FedNor, MP Parry Sound – Muskoka
Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, MPP Scarborough Centre
Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, MPP Sudbury
Glenn Thibeault, MP Sudbury
Claude Gravelle, MP Nickel Belt
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Mayor John Rodriguez, City of Greater Sudbury
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce
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October 28, 2009

The Honourable John Baird
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister,

I am writing you to discuss an important community infrastructure proposal and the Build Canada Fund.

This past June, the City of Greater Sudbury submitted a funding application to the Build Canada Fund for the Maley Drive Extension Proposal. This \$115 million, Class EA certified road construction and rehabilitation project, would see a new east-west arterial road built north of the city to relieve growing congestion and benefit our globally-significant mineral mining industrial complexes.

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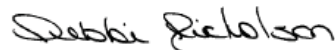
Unfortunately, this important infrastructure initiative for the City of Greater Sudbury has yet to receive approval and threatens to be the only project deprived of Build Canada support. This would be terribly unfortunate and would inevitably idle the growth and economic development of the city and region. This is the only Build Canada Fund application our city has submitted for consideration.

The Government of Canada's response to the global economic downturn has been remarkably effective in investing in job-creating stimulus for our economy while improving Canada's public infrastructure. I urge you to continue in these efforts and assist our city in securing funding for the Maley Drive Extension.

Sincerely,



Steve Irwin
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



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PRESIDENT & CEO

Cc: The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister responsible for FedNor, MP Parry Sound - Muskoka
The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, MPP Toronto Centre
The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Corrections and Community Safety, MPP Sudbury
Glenn Thibeault, MP Sudbury
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September 25, 2009

Ms. Debbi Nicholson
 President and CEO
 Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce
 40 Elm Street, Suite 1
 Sudbury ON P3C 1S8

Dear Debbi:

Thank you for having the Maley Drive Extension Project added to your agenda for discussion on Wednesday, September 30th.

The Maley Drive Extension Project would create jobs, improve mobility, efficiency and safety by removing bottlenecks and reducing congestion, and enhancing the environment. The decreased traffic and increased safety will encourage more local destination oriented traffic to existing businesses as well as encouraging new businesses on both the Kingsway and Lasalle Blvd.

This project is a three part construction-rehabilitation project over approximately five years (estimated completion in 2014) at an estimated construction cost of \$115 million.

Create Jobs

- Create approximately 1,400 new jobs.
- Contribute \$156 million toward the national gross domestic product.

Improve Mobility, Efficiency and Safety

- Reduce congestion along the Kingsway and Lasalle Blvd. Traffic along these two corridors will be reduced by 2,000 to 4,000 and 3,000 to 10,000 vehicles per day respectively.
- Attract 1,000 to 1,500 trucks and transports away from the arterial road system, including the Kingsway and Lasalle Blvd. on a daily basis.
- Diversion of truck traffic will improve safety along the Kingsway and Lasalle Blvd. Trucks and transports require more room to start, accelerate, maneuver, decelerate and stop. As a result, they contribute to congestion, driver frustration and increased collisions.
- Diversion will also minimize the rate of pavement damage and the degradation of the road structure along the Kingsway and Lasalle Blvd. The impact of one pass of a large truck is equal to several thousand passes of a passenger car.

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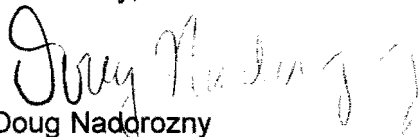
Enhancing the Environment

- Reduce travel times and fuel consumption for traffic across the north end of the City, saving Greater Sudbury drivers an estimated \$1,500,000 in fuel every year, money which can be redirected to other segments of the economy.
- It is also estimated that this extension project will eliminate 45 tonnes of greenhouse gases from being emitted into the atmosphere every year.

I have enclosed a copy of the Maley Drive Expansion Project Proposal for Build Canada Funding. This proposal was forwarded to various Ministries earlier this year.

Thank you for bringing this very important community project forward for discussion and support. The more we can demonstrate community support and economic value the better chance we have of obtaining Build Canada Funds for this project. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Yours truly,



Doug Nadrozny
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure

Cc: Mayor Rodriguez
Greg Clausen, General Manager, Infrastructure Services