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January 12, 2022

His Worship Greg Wilson  
Mayor  
City of Dryden  
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Dear Mayor Wilson:

I am writing to extend my thanks to you and City Council for meeting virtually with my staff Jamie Taylor and John McClelland at the January 10, 2022 council meeting. I regret I was not able to attend myself.

I wanted to confirm the new information they presented, which is an update from my May 7, 2021 letter to Mr. Nesbitt. As John McClelland noted, if the ministry were to assume Gordon Road as an extension of Highway 502:

- The Duke Street Connecting Link would remain compliant and eligible with our Connecting Link Policy for eligibility as long as an at-grade railway crossing exists on Gordon Road; and
- Should a railway overpass be constructed in the future, the ministry would not seek to revoke the Duke Street Connecting Link unless there was a change in direction requiring us to do so.

Additionally, the ministry will work with Dryden to put in place measures, such as business district signage, to direct travelers to Dryden's downtown for services. It is not our desire to direct traffic away from Dryden's downtown; our interest is to resolve the challenges with Gordon Road's shared administration and its placement in the Local Roads Board program.

As a next step, we are seeking a resolution from the City of Dryden approving our proposal to proceed with establishing the new route for Highway 502 along the corridor that was selected as part of the 2006 Dryden Area Highway Planning Study.

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Should you have any further questions or concerns during your deliberations with Council, please do not hesitate to contact John McClelland at [john.mcclelland@ontario.ca](mailto:john.mcclelland@ontario.ca) or 807-627-1264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Franca Sacchetti".

Franca Sacchetti  
Director

cc     John McClelland  
       Jamie Taylor