



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

June 2, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Hon. Steven Del Duca, MPP
Minister of Transportation
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
77 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON
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Dear Hon. Steven Del Duca,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 24th, 2016, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following motion:

Resolution # 20160524-239 - That Council SUPPORT Taras Natyshak's letter to the Minister of Transportation urging the Liberal government to complete the widening of Highway 3 to allow for a safer and more effective roadway.

Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex
Tracey Ramsey, MP, Essex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Attached: Open letter from Taras Natyshak – May 24, 2016



Open Letter

May 24, 2016

Hon. Steven Del Duca, MPP
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Dear Minister Del Duca,

Commuters, industry, and local municipalities can no longer tolerate continued inaction and delay on the completion of Phase 3 of the widening of Highway 3 in Essex County. People continue to be killed or seriously injured as a result of crashes on this road.

Recently several Essex County municipalities have again passed resolutions calling on your government to act now.

Essex County believes that much of this carnage could be prevented by your government fulfilling your promise to complete the widening and improvements to allow for a safer and more efficient roadway.

Minister, as you know, the late Bruce Crozier MPP fought for this project throughout his political career dating back to his days in municipal politics. In 2006, it was announced that this project was approved. The people of my riding were told that it would be completed by 2014. Now its completion sits stalled in your Southern Highways Program identified as "future planning" beyond 2019 with absolutely no commitment to the completion of the final phase.

I am calling on you to:

- immediately investigate and compare fatal and serious injury crashes between the sections of Highway 3 which were completed as Phases 1 and 2 and the remaining section referred to in the plan as Phase 3, and make the results of that investigation public
- increase enforcement by the OPP of all current Highway Traffic Act violations
- improve signage and public awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and safe passing targeted to the drivers in this region and specifically to the section of Highway 3 from the Town of Essex to the Town of Leamington
- commit to an accelerated timeline and allocate the funds required to complete this project

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This Liberal Government was able to find \$1 billion to buy their way out of poorly located gas plants in order to save Liberal seats in the GTHA. Why can you not find the money to save the lives and livelihoods of the people of Essex County?

Dithering is deadly Mr. Minister. We demand that you act now.

Sincerely,



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Member of Provincial Parliament - Essex

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