



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

## Media Release

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### **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES HIGHWAY 6 MORRISTON BY-PASS IN CAPITAL PLAN**

**PUSLINCH-** The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation, held a press conference this afternoon to announce that the Government of Ontario has included the Highway 6 Morriston By-pass in its 5 Year Capital Plan for highway construction.

"The Township of Puslinch is very pleased with today's announcement and the commitment to move this project forward," said Puslinch Mayor Dennis Lever. "The Highway 6 Morriston By-pass project has been in the works for over 30 years. The traffic bottleneck puts the safety of our residents at great risk. Highway 6 is a key economic corridor connecting the 401 to the Hamilton/Niagara region, as well as to the U.S. border."

"The County of Wellington is pleased that the Government of Ontario has decided to invest in the Highway 6 Morriston By-pass," commented Warden George Bridge. "This investment will have a very positive economic impact on all of Wellington County and the region."

There has been long widespread support for the Highway 6 Morriston By-pass. Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott has championed the cause for many years. In 2014, Mr. Arnott tabled a Private Member's Resolution calling attention to the need for the Highway 6 Morriston By-pass.

The County of Wellington, the City of Guelph, and the City of Hamilton have all supported the Highway 6 Morriston By-pass. In 2013, the Morriston Coalition was formed by Mayor Lever, Jana Burns, the Director of Economic Development for the County and Rory McAlpine, Senior Vice President, Government and Industry Relations with Maple Leaf Foods. Other members include: the Guelph and Hamilton Chambers of Commerce, Tim Hortons, Nestlé Waters, Canada Bread, and Cargill.

"On behalf of the Township of Puslinch, I would like to personally thank Mr. Ted Arnott, the County of Wellington Economic Development Department and the members of the Morriston Coalition for their tireless efforts," said Lever. "The Morriston Highway 6 By-pass project would not have been possible without the enormous collaboration of many parties."

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