

March 31, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
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Via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

Re: Mayor Crate/Deputy Mayor Metcalf - Proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Corridor – Municipal Position

At its meeting of March 24, 2026, Council considered the Proposed Alto High-Speed Rail Corridor – Municipal Position brought forward by Mayor Crate/Deputy Mayor Metcalf and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260324-30

Moved by Councillor Rob Pope
Seconded by Councillor Daniel Giddings

Whereas the Government of Canada has initiated planning and consultation for the proposed Alto high-speed rail corridor between Toronto and Québec City;

And Whereas preliminary study corridor mapping released by the Alto project indicates that potential route options could pass through the Municipality of Trent Hills;

And Whereas the currently identified study corridor would have significant potential impacts within Trent Hills, including passing through two of the Municipality's three primary urban settlement areas, Campbellford and Hastings, as well as extensive agricultural lands that are central to the local economy;

And Whereas the proposed corridor raises serious concerns regarding impacts to agricultural operations, municipal roads, infrastructure, private property, and established rural and urban communities;

And Whereas there are significant unknown costs to municipalities associated with the proposed corridor, including impacts to municipal infrastructure, service delivery, transportation networks, and emergency response;

And Whereas Trent Hills and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications;

And Whereas the Municipality of Trent Hills supports responsible transportation infrastructure that strengthens regional connectivity while respecting the needs of local communities;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills formally opposes the currently identified Alto high-speed rail study corridor routes that would pass through the Municipality;

And Further That Council requests that the Government of Canada and the Alto project team remove Trent Hills from the study corridor and pursue alternative routing that avoids impacts to the Municipality's agricultural lands, infrastructure, and settlement areas;

And Further That this resolution be circulated to the Government of Canada, the Alto project team, Philip Lawrence, MP for Northumberland–Peterborough South, Northumberland County, other affected municipalities, and AlderVille First Nation.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,



Robert Crate
Mayor



Mike Metcalf
Deputy Mayor

CC: Alto Project Team
Philip Lawrence, MP for Northumberland-Peterborough South
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AlderVille First Nation