Gilford E Boyd

28 june 2011

905 Geneva St

St Catharines ON

L2N 5S7

Telephone number 1-905-937-9950

Mr Andreas Gramnienz

**EA Project Leader** 

**GO Project** 

20 Bay Street Suite 600

Toronto ON M5J 2W3

Dear Sir

I viewed the Environmental Assessment project for the GO Train expansion into the Niagara Peninsula at the St Catharines main public library on Saturday June 4, 2011 to find the answer to one problem that I was not sure of regarding the railway line from the Burlington station to the station in Niagara Falls station. I was not

interested in any of the other situations such as station and parking lots.

In order for there to be a first class service via rail there are a few basic rules to be in place in order to establish the best possible service. I write this because I have been associated with rail travel in Southwestern Ontario since the 1920's. My father worked for the New York Central/Michigan Central Railway for forty-five years that had a superior passenger service like on time delivery between Chicago Illinois and New York City, New York through Detroit, Michigan southwestern Ontario through Fort Erie/Buffalo, New York.

The following parties have to be on board with full support of a project of this magnitude; IE Federal, Provincial, Region and Municipal governments plus the St Lawrence Seaway Authority. The Seaway Authority should in no way hold this project up by insisting that there is a bridge or tunnel to delay shipping in the canal. Long before the Seaway Authority came on the scene there were six railroads that crossed the Welland canal with no problem from the Great Lakes Shipping otherwise how could the New York Central establish on time service between Chicago and New York.

I have travelled on the Michigan Central railway passenger service as well as Canadian National and railroads in France, England and Scotland.

There are two other requirements before any of these others but I am not willing to reveal just as yet but only in a meeting concerning the Environmental Assessment in due course so that everyone is aware of the importance of these other items

## Copies to the following addresses;

City of Niagara Falls

Niagara Region

Clerk's Office

Clerk's office

4310 Queen Street

2201 St Davids Rd

Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6X5

Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

City of St Catharines,

Town of Lincoln

Clerk's office

Clerk's office

50 Church Street

4800 South Service Road

St Catharines ON L2R 7C2

Beamsville, ON LOR 1B1

City of Hamilton

Go Transit

Clerk's office

20 Bay Street. Suite 600

77 James Street, north

Toronto, On M5J 2W3

Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

Mr. Andreas Gramnienz

Mr. Leonard Rach

**EA Project Leader** 

**Project Manager** 

**Go Transit** 

R.J. Burnside & Assoc. Ltd.

20 Bay Street, Suite 600

15 Townline, Orangeville, ON

Toronto, ON M5J 2W3

L9W 3R4

Minister of Environment

Ministry of Environment

Ferguson Block

17 Wellesley Street. West, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Isiford & Boyd