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Subject: Waterdown Overpass

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Good afternoon,

I am writing because of the disappointing news that Council voted to sole source the Waterdown Overpass and use taxpayer money unwisely. As was articulated last night at Council sole sourcing the project gives no incentive to companies to price the job well and it would take roughly 4 months to get more than one quote. I understand that constituents have been waiting eagerly for this project and that by rushing this decision Councillor Partridge will win favour in her riding but this is **shortsighted and mismanagement of public funds**.

Councillor Partridge was critical of other's around the table last night stating, 'that's not how we do things around this table.' This is deeply concerning especially in light of Councillor Partridge's anti-LRT support during the election. I live in Ward 3 and will benefit from the LRT and am supportive of the Waterdown overpass even if I won't directly benefit from it if the funds are used wisely and getting more than ONE quote is a step towards ensuring this. Councillor Partridge however seems willing to take from one ward to give to her own. **THAT should not be how things happen around the council table.** There is a public perception that some councillors vote along with allies and there are backroom deals. Last night's vote does nothing to alleviate those fears.

Sincerely,

Deborah Tomlinson-Veit