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Dear Mr. Emmerson:

Thank you for your letter of October 14, 2016, regarding the Regional Municipality of York's update and spending outlook for the Yonge North Subway Extension project. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Government of Canada has a long history of making strategic investments in a wide range of infrastructure categories. Infrastructure is the foundation of sustainable and inclusive communities—it removes barriers, brings people together and allows all Canadians to be active participants in their community. Moreover, good infrastructure fosters an environment where the best of Canadian innovation can grow.

As you may be aware, on June 16, 2017, the Government of Canada along with the Province of Ontario, announced the approval of funding for the Planning and Preliminary Engineering component of the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension project under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.

The Government of Canada remains committed to investing more than \$180 billion in infrastructure. Our priority is to promote infrastructure that will create good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper today. Key areas for investment include public transit, green and social infrastructure, transportation infrastructure that supports trade, and infrastructure in rural and northern communities.

Through Budget 2017, the Government has also announced plans to build public transit networks and service extensions that will transform the way Canadians live, move and work—with an investment of \$25.3 billion. Green infrastructure projects are another priority that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, deliver clean water, safely manage wastewater, help communities prepare for challenges that result from climate change, and help build cleaner, better-connected electricity systems—through an investment of \$21.9 billion over 11 years. First Nations and Inuit communities will also receive \$4 billion over 10 years for social and green infrastructure that will build and improve their communities.

Thank you for writing on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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