



# *The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan*

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## **Re: Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Resolution - ALTO High Speed Rail**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 passed the following resolution:

### **R83-2026**

The council of the Township of Otonabee South Monaghan wishes to formally register opposition to the ALTO High Speed rail project as it is currently proposed. We find the first round of consultation to be inadequate, and critical information is lacking. This includes but is not limited to:

- the location of the route and the social and economic impact that will divide communities,
- how landowners directly and indirectly affected by this route will be compensated,
- how much agricultural land will be taken out of production,
- how environmental impact will be mitigated,
- how municipalities will be compensated for land assessment loss,
- how many rural roads will be dead ended at the tracks,
- where overpasses will be constructed,

- how municipalities will be compensated for increased road maintenance and emergency response costs due to these closures,
- how a project which travels through a small section of Canada and benefits a very small percentage of our urban population can be considered “Nation Building”,
- a very weak and extremely long-term business case with no unknown long term financial impact,
- a project that will add substantially to an already crippling national debt load of approximately \$1.4 trillion, which currently costs Canadians about \$75 million/day to service.

Moved by: Nick Powers; seconded by: Bonnie Clark

**Yes:** Bonnie Clark, Joe Taylor, Mark Allen, Terry Holmes, and Nick Powers

**Carried 5-0**

Yours truly,  
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross  
Deputy Clerk