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Ouellette Questions McGuinty Government on Highway 407 Costs to Oshawa

QUEEN'S PARK – Today in the Ontario Legislature Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette questioned the Minister of Transportation on the downloading of costs to the City of Oshawa and its taxpayers for the areas surrounding the Highway 407 extension at Harmony Road in Oshawa.

A recent consultant's report now says that it will cost Oshawa \$31 million to make the necessary local road upgrades to accommodate the phased terminus at Harmony Road. This represents a substantial tax increase for the residents of Oshawa.

“All these additional costs to Oshawa are the result of the McGuinty government's backtracking on its commitment,” stated Ouellette. “If the highway was completed to 35/115 in one phase as planned, these upgrades would be unnecessary.”

The Minister said he was totally unaware of the report in question, and said he would look in to the issue, but failed to commit to assisting the residents of Oshawa.

“The residents of Oshawa simply cannot afford for these costs to be downloaded to them,” added Ouellette, “The McGuinty government needs to commit to review the report, sit down with the City and Region and commit to find a method to minimize the tax impact on the people of Oshawa.”

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