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Ajax-Pickering

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Tony Prevedel  
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Dear Tony,

I wanted to touch base with you following my staff's recent meeting with representatives from the Whitevale and District Residents' Association. I was unfortunately caught in traffic on my way back from London on government business, but my assistant Kassandra met with the group to hear their concerns before relaying them to me. I have since spoken briefly to some Whitevale residents at the Greenbelt meeting at the Pickering Recreation Centre on April 16<sup>th</sup>. I understand the issue of the pedestrian bridge over Duffins Creek is one you are familiar with.

The representatives expressed their sincerest concerns about the safety implications that may come from only providing the 8.1 km detour for those who wish to cross the creek. While there are a number of other commerce-related issues that can be raised, I believe the issues of overall safety and reasonable convenience are those that should be focused on as City staff work towards a resolution.

While I understand that no application has been made to Infrastructure Ontario or any provincial Ministry by the City as of yet, I wanted to let you know that I am willing to follow up with all of the appropriate Ministers and Ministry staff to ensure this project is addressed expediently and without unnecessary red tape.

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The Hamlet of Whitevale is unique in its history and its sense of community. It is my hope that the common sense matters of safety and relative convenience will be considered by the City of Pickering prior to the removal of the current bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Best personal regards,



L.J. (Joe) Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering  
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cc. Mayor Dave Ryan, City of Pickering  
Peter Rodrigues, Regional Councillor for Ward 3  
David Pickles, Municipal Councillor for Ward 3  
Hon. Tracy MacCharles, MPP for Pickering-Scarborough East  
Brian Denney, Chief Executive Officer of TRCA  
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