



# Office of the Mayor

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James B. Kane, Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Kane:

It has now been more than three months since you and I spoke and you committed to setting up a meeting with me in early March. To date I have not heard from you.

I also understand there is a proposal for a competing bridge several kilometers downstream of the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor very similar to the Ambassador Niagara proposal downstream of the Peace Bridge here in Fort Erie. I read last week in the April 28<sup>th</sup> Globe & Mail an article entitled "A bridge too far?" wherein your owner, Mr. Matty Moroun, is quoted as saying:

*"It's a frontal attack, no question about it. It's lunacy – just unbelievable. It clogs my thinking. You can't build another bridge that's so close to ours. It's stupid."*

*Mr. Moroun insists that his proposal makes the most sense because it carries the lowest cost and he already has a head start with land purchases. If the DRIC bridge forges ahead, both sides will lose, he warns. The Ambassador Bridge would lose business to the new structure and neither could eke out any profit, he argues. "DRIC is almost asking for a bullet in the head. They're slowing things down and confusing people."*

It would appear that Mr. Moroun has now come to the same conclusion that I and the Town of Fort Erie did several years ago. Specifically, building a competing bridge so close to the Peace Bridge makes no business sense and is "slowing things down and confusing people." This view was confirmed and ratified some time ago by a public bi-national integrated Environmental Impact Statement process.

I can only assume that Mr. Moroun's statements are why you have not contacted me and the Ambassador Niagara has abandoned its efforts to pursue a new bridge over the Niagara River between Fort Erie and Buffalo.

I am, therefore, closing my file in this matter.

Yours truly,

Douglas G. Martin  
Mayor

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