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New terminal site good possibility: MP

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Mississauga Member of Parliament Tony Abbott is "reasonably optimistic" that Canadian National will find a suitable relocation for a freight terminal originally planned for a site just north of Malton.

Abbott made the statement following a Friday meeting with CN officials in Toronto.

Both Mississauga and Peel councils are opposed to the Malport Intermodal

Terminal proposal.

Abbott said he has held several meetings with the railway officials and stressed the sound reason for optimism.

"It seems that with the public pressure they (CN) are looking at the issue of relocation favorably," he said in a telephone interview from Ottawa.

Regional council stopped its technical study of the Malport proposal after Premier

William Davis wrote council that he would ask his staff and CN officials to try and find a more acceptable terminal site.

The railway has not given up on its continuing study of the Malton site, however, and in a recent letter to regional council, CN officials asked that the regional study group's findings not be destroyed, but instead forward them to the company

for consideration.

Data from the technical committee would be useless to railway planners, the council reasons, because virtually all of it was based on information given to them by the CN.

Abbott added that the CN was still waiting for a report on the Malport proposal from the provincial government before committing itself to another site.