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Councillor Norm Kelly
Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee
Ward 40, Scarborough-Agincourt
100 Queen St. West,
Toronto City Hall, Suite C43

Dear Councillor Kelly,

I am putting forward an item of new business that I would suggest is an important issue of coordination between the City, the TTC, and through Metrolinx, the Province. Both Metrolinx and the TTC have identified a subway line running east-west through the downtown core, but this item is absent in the Official Plan. I believe that it is our responsibility as the Planning and Growth Management Committee to coordinate all these different plans and ensure that the City, TTC, and Metrolinx/Province are all on the same page.

I am providing to the Committee background information on this corridor, known today as the Downtown Relief Line (DRL), known previously as the Queen Subway, with references dating back as far as 1944, with a consolidated map at the back that combines all past study areas into one conglomerated study scope that could be used as the definition of the corridor.

The TTC is moving ahead with a detailed study of this corridor starting in the fall. This will be a 2-year study process, with engineering studies and public consultations. Metrolinx, as you, Councillor Kelly, will be aware of with your previous membership on the Metrolinx Board, has included the DRL in its Regional Transportation Plan, and is part of their model for a balanced transportation network. Logically, the Official Plan should be coordinated with the Metrolinx Plan.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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