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**Ulli Watkiss** City Clerk Toronto City Hall 100 Queen St. W.

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

## Administrative Inquiry Re: Metrolinx Sunk Costs Associated with Scarborough **LRT**

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry (under Municipal Code S27-61) to obtain clarification and information regarding CC 39.5 Scarborough Rapid Transit Options: Reporting on Council Terms and Conditions presented to the October 2013 session of City Council.

Recommendation A5 from CC3 9.5 reads:

- 5. Direct the City Manager to further negotiate the following with the Province and Metrolinx, and to report back to City Council with the results of such negotiations:
  - a. an agreement for the payment by the City to Metrolinx of such actual sunk costs as are independently verified as accurate by a third party auditor that were incurred by Metrolinx prior to or as a result of Council's July decision for work undertaken by Metrolinx on the Scarborough LRT project under the Master Agreement, including any potential costs associated with the LRT vehicle supply contract.

This recommendation directs the City Manager to report back to Council regarding the sunk costs associated with the Scarborough LRT project. However, an article by Jennifer Pagliaro in the January 23, 2015 edition of the *Toronto Star* quotes the City Manager stating that the funds to pay Metrolinx are in the 10-year capital plan for this year's City budget but "you'd not be able to see it".

While there was no date associated with the recommendation, it is reasonable for Council to expect Staff to report back on items prior to them being allocated for in a budget.

## **Questions:**

- 1. Has the City Manager executed the agreement with Metrolinx to pay for sunk costs associated with the Scarborough LRT project on behalf of the City of Toronto?
- 2. What is the total allocation in the 10 year Capital Plan of the 2015 City of Toronto Budget to pay Metrolinx for sunk costs associated with the Scarborough LRT project?

Sincerely,

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