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Planning and Growth Committee
Toronto City Council,
100 Queen Street West, Toronto
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Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Finch West LRT Zoning By-law Amendments

As the Finch West LRT moves toward realization great care must be taken to ensure the long-term benefits of the project outweigh local costs. Two properties along the route will be unnecessarily harmed as plans now stand while relatively minor changes would significantly reduce the impact of the project on these locations.

Specifically at 11 Four Winds Drive plans currently call for construction of a large utility box. 11 Four Winds Drive is in very close proximity to the entrance to the Finch West subway station. Locating a utility box here will hinder the future development of a prime location with immediate access to rapid transit. No one benefits from this choice.

Secondly, plans call for a utility box on the Northminster Baptist Church property, 1725 Finch Avenue West, with wires on the adjacent York Woods Public Library site at 1785 Finch Avenue West. This adversely affects both properties when choosing to put the wires and box at a single location would be less disruptive.

I have spoken to Metrolinx staff and they are studying these issues.

Therefore, I ask the Committee to support the following motion:

1. That City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to work with Metrolinx to:
 - a. Relocate the utility box from 11 Four Winds Drive so that it does not encumber future development so close to a subway station; and

b. Locate a utility box and wires either at 1725 Finch Ave. West or at 1785 Finch Avenue West so that the location of the utility box does not span over two different sites.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Anthony Perruzza
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