
City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM26.21	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Future Operation and Maintenance of the New Light Rail Transit Lines -
by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks**

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

1. City Council adopt the position that the Eglinton, Finch, Sheppard and Scarborough LRT projects, once completed, be fully operated and certain sections be maintained by the Toronto Transit Commission; that City staff be directed and the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to adopt that position in any negotiation and memoranda of agreement, into which the City enters; and that the agreement will come to City Council for ratification.

Summary

Metrolinx has recently announced that it intends to operate and maintain all the light rail (LRT) transit new lines that they are building. This would balkanize public transit delivery, leading to possible different service standards, a different security system, contorted responses for when the system goes down.

Independent observers note that the great feature of Toronto's public transit environment is that it operates with a single set of policies, planning, emergency preparedness, etc. Indeed, the original motivation of government in forming the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) in 1921 was to better plan, coordinate and operate the disparate private sector operators that had been running transit.

Public transit needs to function under a consistent operating framework. This Motion directs staff to negotiate from this position and that Metrolinx and the Province be made aware of the City's position.

(Submitted to City Council on October 2 and 3, 2012, as MM25.21)