To: Scarborough Community Council  
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie  
Re: Sidewalks and Railway crossings at Poplar Rd. and Galloway Rd.

Street sidewalks do not extend all the way to the railway tracks on Poplar Road and Galloway Road in Ward 43, which causes unsafe and potentially dangerous situation as residents have to walk on the road to the train tracks. The locations of the train tracks are south of Coronation Drive, north of Guildwood Parkway on Poplar Road and Galloway Rd.

The at-grade railway crossings on the above streets are in disrepair, causing unsafe and dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and motor vehicles.

On Morningside Avenue south of Coronation Drive, north of Guildwood Parkway, which is a parallel street to the East the sidewalk is extended to the train tracks and does go over the tracks in a safe manner for people to cross.

I personally visited each crossing at Poplar Road and Galloway Road and find it unsafe for residents to use for walking across the train tracks. The issues had also been brought to my attention by local Community Association and area residents as one of the community safety priorities. In order to promote safety in our City and provide safe environment for pedestrians and vehicles on our roads, I am proposing the following recommendations.

Possible recommendation:

1. Scarborough Community Council direct the Transportation Services Division, Pedestrian Projects to develop a work plan in accordance with Transport Canada Regulations and the limits of City of Toronto, as the "Road Authority" on extending the sidewalks on Poplar Road and Galloway Rd towards the railway tracks south of Coronation Drive, north of Guildwood Parkway as at the Morningside Avenue train crossing, and report back to Scarborough Community Council on January 22th, 2013.
   a. Scarborough Community Council direct Transportation Services Division, Pedestrian Projects to include a proposal to approval authority Metrolinx, GO Transit Operations – Railway Corridors on extending/connecting the sidewalks over the railway in the proposed locations.

2. Scarborough Community Council direct Transportation Services Division to work with and request GO Transit Operations – Railway Corridors to repair the at-grade crossings, prior or during the sidewalk extension project.

Sincerely,

Councillor Paul Ainslie  
Scarborough East Ward 43