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Councillor - Ward 16, Eglinton Lawrence

Chair Frank Di Giorgio and Members
City of Toronto Budget Committee
100 Queen St. West, 10W
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

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Dear Chair Di Giorgio and Members of the Budget Committee:

Re: BU 50.1 Recommendation 146 – Allocation for Scarborough Subway Extension and associated property tax increase in 2014 Budget

I have been the proud representative for Ward 16 since 2003. I know Ward 16's 54,000 constituents value the three subway stations we have in our ward. I want Scarborough's 630,000 residents to have more than just the three subway stations it currently has. This view is shared by the majority of Council, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government.

All requisite funding for an extension of the TTC's Bloor-Danforth subway, from Kennedy Station to Sheppard Avenue East, has been approved by Toronto City Council, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. The one-third allocation of the capital costs to the municipal level of government is no different than the arrangement which exists for the Spadina Subway extension into York Region (the TYSSE).

It should be noted that the TYSSE would have lower ridership on its first day of operation than the extension of the Bloor-Danforth subway to the heart of Scarborough will have.

This allocation will cost the average property taxpayer in Toronto about \$1 per month for 2014.

The funding for this subway is committed. I ask that you accept the recommendation in line 146 so we can move forward to build our transit network, as approved by Council with the full financial support of the provincial and federal governments.

Sincerely,

Karen Stintz
Councillor, Ward 16 (Eglinton-Lawrence)
Chair, Toronto Transit Commission