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Subject: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – June 20, 2016

Agenda Item PW14.10 - Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT Corridor Long-Term Road Closure and Temporary Traffic Signal Approval (Ward All)

From: ARECA – The Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association (ARECA)

Date: June 17, 2016

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Councillors:

For a variety of reasons, ARECA is very concerned with the above noted Agenda item. Most important on this list of concerns is the fact the “BACKGROUND INFORMATION” as of the time of sending this email, is not available online. Further, we understand the BACKGROUND REPORT is not available to you at this time.

How is it possible that for you, as Committee Members and therefore Decision Makers, arrive at an informed, thoughtful and considered decision?

How can the Public respond to a Report that is not available?
ARECA is aware of

- The proposed bulldozing of trees and land on the southernmost part of Eglinton Park.
- The proposed lane closures on Eglinton Avenue
- The proposed easing of local parking regulations
- The potential of street closures
- The list goes on ...

What ARECA is NOT AWARE of are any of the details around this project.

ARECA asks and urges the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to DEFER this item until its next meeting – September 27, 2016. In so doing, it is hoped the community will have been informed and consulted on the details of this project. To move forward with no information available to the residents and therefore no opportunity to participate in a meaningful consultative process is wrong.

We count on and ask for your agreement to defer this item on your Agenda. Can we count on your support?

Please let ARECA know by return email - information@areca.info

For and on behalf of ARECA
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