

Greetings to the City Clerk, Toronto Councillors, and Mayor Tory,

Re: Park Lawn GO (MM34.3) – City Council Consideration on November 7, 2017

My name is Randy Barba and I am a resident of the rapidly expanding Humber Bay Shores neighbourhood. I am very active in our community and sit on a variety of local committees and boards – even creating and chairing one – and I thank you all in advance for considering the following:

I am writing today to provide specific considerations for Councillor Grimes' Member Motion in the hopes that they will better inform further feasibility study and consideration of the Park Lawn station. While I certainly appreciate Councillor Grimes' efforts for greater study of this station, it is important that a variety of concepts and contexts are considered to ensure that study results in maximized data and possibilities. Please consider the following for possible amendments/additions to the proposed study:

- Investigate keeping Mimico GO and building a Park Lawn station, then staggering stops between the two. 15 minute Regional Express Rail service will be in place by the time a station will be constructed and operational, meaning two trains per hour will reach each station.
- Assess means of reducing capital costs, such as reducing the length of the station platforms to avoid the Mimico Creek watershed.
- Include a comprehensive reassessment of the ridership data for the station with a better reflection of current and future population numbers, inclusion of TTC riders from the west switching to GO trains at the potential transit hub, and consideration of further development throughout the broader area. Please understand that our population will grow immensely between now and the possible construction of this station – more than the 6,000 people Council projected to join the whole of Ward 6 by 2030 – and there are serious doubts about the legitimacy of ridership data used by Metrolinx in their initial business case. These numbers will be key in reassessing that business case and better justifying the capital costs.
- Consult with First Capital to determine their considerations for the Christie's lands to best inform potential ridership, population, traffic, and safety data, and model all possibilities.
- Please make all data and ridership numbers used in any assessments public, and include them in the report from this study.
- Investigate Development Charges funding options as well as private sector partnerships

Our community's population will exceed 30k people at full occupancy, and there is no justifiable reason to oppose a Humber Bay Shores GO station (even with the high capital costs). Our community has submitted countless dollars into City and Provincial coffers in the form of tax dollars and Development Charges from the rapid intensification of the area, and it is time we see a return on that contribution – we more than need and deserve it. Furthermore: sites continue to be purchased by developers in the Park Lawn GO catchment area with high hopes for high density redevelopment, and the members of this community need options for rapid transit which keep cars off our already congested roadways. Please ensure this feasibility study is comprehensive, current, and considerate of every possible opportunity. We need all the evidence and diversity in research possible for submission to Metrolinx and their reconsideration of the station, and we need loud and public advocacy from all of Council and Mayor Tory on this matter. Let's do something real for Humber Bay Shores and South Etobicoke transit.

Thank you again,
Randy Barba