To the members of City Council:

**Re: MM34.3, Members’ motion on Park Lawn GO station**

We are writing on behalf of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network, an umbrella group that brings together a number of community organizations that share concerns about the planning of our city, particularly our neighbourhood of Mimico.

MLCN supports the proposal for a GO station as part of a transit hub to be located on or near the Christie lands, now owned by First Capital Realty, provided only that this will not entail the closing of the existing Mimico GO station on Royal York Road.

The community in the immediate neighbourhood of Park Lawn Road and Lake Shore Boulevard West will soon reach a population of over 30,000 people. A population centre of that size needs, and deserves, a train station of its own.

The advent of electrification, and 15-minute service, on the Lakeshore West GO train route, opens up the possibility of having GO trains stop at one or other, but not both, of the two stations within the boundaries of Mimico. This is a possibility that should be seriously considered: each of the stations in Mimico would have 30-minute service, and no extra time would be added to the running time of any one train.

We therefore urge you to vote in favour of the recommendations in item MM34.3, so that this proposal can be thoroughly studied by representatives of the City and Metrolinx.

For the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network,

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