

City Council

Motion without Notice

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| MM41.36 | ACTION | | | Ward:All |
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Keeping Toronto's Transit in Toronto's Hands - by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council advise Metrolinx of its commitment to ensure that transit within the City of Toronto remains under public ownership through the Toronto Transit Commission.
2. City Council advise Metrolinx that the Toronto Transit Commission should operate the Eglinton Crosstown LRT indefinitely and endeavour to ensure that maintenance of the Eglinton Crosstown be returned to the Toronto Transit Commission.
3. City Council advise Metrolinx that the Toronto Transit Commission should operate and maintain the forthcoming Finch LRT lines.
4. City Council advise Metrolinx that the City of Toronto should continue to own, operate and maintain the Toronto subway system and that transit within the City of Toronto should not be uploaded or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, to the Province of Ontario.

Summary

Prior to 1921, transit was provided to the citizens of Toronto by a patchwork of private transit operators. These operators provided service which was not acceptable and a plebiscite was held in which the citizens of Toronto voted to keep transit public.

Since that vote, the Toronto Transit Commission, previously named the Toronto Transportation Commission, has been operating and maintaining transit in Toronto.

Today, the City of Toronto is committed to ensuring that transit in the City of Toronto remains public and that it is operated and maintained by the Toronto Transit Commission.

However, the Province of Ontario through Metrolinx has engaged in a procurement process for the new light rail transit lines in the City of Toronto, which threatens public ownership,

operation, maintenance and local control of transit within the City of Toronto.

Background Information (City Council)

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