

October 28, 2019

Mayor John Tory and Councillors  
City of Toronto  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

**Attn: City Clerk**

**Re: EX 9.1 Toronto-Ontario Transit Update**

On December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, Toronto City Council approved a motion moved by Mayor Tory which included the recommendation to 'City Council reaffirm its support for keeping ownership of the Toronto Transit Commission in the City of Toronto'. The motion passed with near unanimous support reaffirming our collective will to ensure public transit was owned, controlled and accountable to the people of Toronto. The recent retreat of the provincial government from their intended uploading the subway system is a major victory, for which we are grateful. We thank members of Council, city staff, and civil society organizations for their work in this effort to say no to the flawed plan of the Ford government.

Fundamentally our belief is that transit planning should always be determined by City Council, and that the building, operation, financing and the maintenance should be performed by the TTC and not through public private partnerships. Furthermore, we believe that all lines in Toronto should be within a single payer system, fully operated and maintained by the TTC to ensure seamless and quality deliver of public transit.

Within the current update, there are many positive outcomes for the City of Toronto. However, there are also a number of areas where we believe further clarity must be achieved. It is still unclear whether future lines will have a full fare integration, and the maintenance for future lines is also to be determined. Our assertion to Council includes the need to ensure the TTC is responsible for operations and full maintenance of all transit in the city, and to move forward with Scarborough East and Waterfront LRT projects. The Ontario Line proposal leaves many unanswered questions on cost, timing and nature of the above-ground proposed as an alternative to the currently approved Relief Line.

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As a whole, we believe this update outlines significant positive outcomes, and we congratulate City staff, the Mayor and Council for achieving such. We do hope that this is the last of the change of plans for transit, as the urgency to build transit becomes even more pressing with every day. Many in Toronto have lost confidence that new transit will ever truly be build, especially in Scarborough. We believe it is incumbent on all levels of government to create the best plan and stick to it in order to get the city running at its optimal efficiency both for economic opportunity and a good quality of life.

Sincerely,



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