

His Worship John Tory
Mayor of Toronto, and
Members of City Council
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 2nd Floor
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April 4, 2019

Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors,

We write as leaders of the largest public institutions in the east end of Toronto, representing more than 15,000 staff that work in Scarborough, 35,000 students that study in Scarborough and 500,000 patients that receive services at our doors.

We write to urge members of Council to approve funding for both the Eglinton East LRT and the construction of the Scarborough subway extension to develop a comprehensive transit network for Scarborough. These projects will generate vital transit infrastructure to underserved communities and provide more affordable access to education, health care and employment. In addition, investment in these projects will support our efforts, as anchor institutions, and those of our community partners to engender economic growth and social development in Scarborough, thereby helping to rejuvenate its constituent neighborhoods.

As you can appreciate, it continues to be extremely constraining, and frustrating, for us to deliver the opportunities and services that we provide without adequate public transit. While Scarborough is geographically the largest part of the city and home to 685,000 Torontonians, it has consistently been neglected in transit investment, with repercussions for its ability to develop its full potentials.

On behalf of our students, staff, faculty, and the public that we serve, we stand united as advocates for a comprehensive transit network that considers the best interests of all of Scarborough, because we understand and value the collective positive impact that it will make.

The two new lines are immediately and urgently needed to serve the citizens of Scarborough and to facilitate the transformation of our communities.

We, therefore, ask that you move forward with approval of funding for both the Scarborough subway extension and the Eglinton East LRT up to, and including, Malvern as the terminal stop without any phasing of the project. These transit initiatives will unlock new local investment and intensification, resulting in strong redevelopment opportunities for housing, employment and services. In addition, they present an opportunity to develop walkable, transit-oriented communities in Scarborough and connect it to the rest of the City.

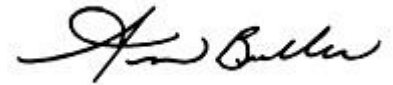
Sincerely,



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