



Centennial Community Recreation Association

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To: Executive Committee

**Re: Eglinton East Light Rail Transit 2019 proposed construction schedule**

The Centennial Community Recreation Association (CCRA) strongly opposes the proposed delay and reclassification to Phase 2 of the Eglinton East Light Rail Transit (EELRT) to its terminus at the Malvern Town Centre. This change to the original transit plans, being proposed by City Staff is a disappointment. Such a delay in building this stretch of the EELRT is bound to create hardship to our fellow Scarborough residents in the Malvern Community.

It is with concern that our Transportation Chair, has alerted our Board of this “short changing” to Scarborough residents of modern and reliable public transit - in as much as the extension from UTSC to Malvern Town Centre will not be built in the initial phase as planned. The CCRA, apart from being a community organization, is also deeply concerned, inter alia, about the well being of our Scarborough Community in general, and specifically in our lack of public transit prospects which appear to be sabotaged by City Staff and Councillors.

It is difficult to ignore the fact, that whenever Scarborough and public transit are mentioned in the same sentence it is implied that Scarborough, yet again, will be deliberately bereft of either subways or light rail transit.

The CCRA's concern is for the well being of Scarborough. This proposed delay, of linking the Malvern Community to modern and efficient public transit will make it difficult for residents to seek employment outside of their already underserved transit communities. This delay, will undoubtedly result in much higher costs in the future, and will add an additional financial burden to the taxpayers. Additional stress and strain on family time, job prospects and basic modern public transit for these north Scarborough residents and Scarborough in general will continue to be reality. Why?

We respectfully request that all 25 Councillors, or as minimum the Councillors who represent Scarborough, stand together and support Scarborough's need and right for efficient public transit which the rest of Toronto seems to have in abundance.

Respectfully submitted by the board of the CCRA



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