

His Worship John Tory
Mayor of Toronto, and
Members of City Council
Office of the Mayor
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October 22, 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 support the preliminary agreement between the City and the Province for the construction of the Line 2 East Extension (Scarborough subway). As long-time transit advocates for Scarborough, our institutions have consistently supported the need to address the lack of transit investment in this part of the City.

We are pleased that the agreement clears the way for the City to re-allocate funds for other transit priorities and urge members of Council to approve funding for the Eglinton East LRT (EELRT) in order 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 stimulate economic development and growth and contribute to the revitalization of the surrounding communities.

On behalf of our students, staff, faculty and our residents that we serve, we stand united as advocates for a comprehensive transit network that considers the best interests of all Scarborough, because we understand and value the collective positive impact that it will make. The two new lines are immediately and urgently required to serve the residents of Scarborough and to facilitate the transformation of our communities.

We urge that Council endorse the new cost-sharing arrangement for the provincial priority projects and that you move forward to re-allocate funding for Eglinton East LRT up to and including Malvern as the terminal stop without any phasing of the project. Together with the Line 2 East Extension (Scarborough subway), these transit initiatives will unlock new local investment and intensification resulting in strong redevelopment opportunities for housing,

employment and services. In addition, it presents an opportunity to develop walkable, transit-oriented communities in Scarborough and connect it to the rest of the City.

Sincerely,



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