

FRIENDS OF FLEMINGDON PARK



Deputation to Executive Committee, EX9.1, October 23, 2019

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Dear, Mayor Tory, Deputy Mayor Minnan-Wong and Executive Committee Members.

My name is Adil Patel and I am the Vice Chair of The Friends of Flemingdon Park (FOF). FOF is a grassroots association in partnership with local agencies and partners, that supports the residents of Flemingdon Park; we act as community leaders, consult with residents to support a strong voice for the Flemingdon Park community.

I am writing to represent residents of Flemingdon Park who are largely in support of the rapid transit; regarding the proposed Ontario Line, with the City of Toronto and Metrolinx. The proposed Ontario Line will run approximately 16 kilometres from Ontario Place/Exhibition through downtown Toronto, to the Ontario Science Centre.

Community consultations were done to provide and take feedback from the local residents in the early stages. This was to inform the community and report back to you regarding the views of the community for the Ontario Line. Residents from both Flemingdon and Thorncliffe parks have participated in a townhall and completed an online survey in support of the Ontario Line.

Residents have participated in a townhall and completed surveys to support for the Ontario Line. During the consultation, some of the questions and concerns have been addressed by the residents;

- Further resident consultations are needed in Flemingdon and Thorncliffe Parks, with stakeholders.
- Local resident-led groups would like to be part of the planning phases of the project to support and share ideas with City divisions
- Concern of construction in and out of traffic and travelling through Flemingdon and Thorncliffe Parks with direct impact to residents, businesses and children attending schools. Highly populated and dense corridor travelled thorough Overlea Blvd, from Don


Mills Road, passing two local schools, Marc Garneau Collegiate and Valley Park to the end to Millwood Road.

- Concern of the proposed Maintenance Service Facility in Thorncliffe Park. Additional trains will flow through the facility, with noise and traffic issues.
- Residents are strictly opposed to the elevated option as further consultations are needed within the community and City planners.

We acknowledge that communities play an important role in the development, and contributions towards City planning. For this reason, the Ontario Line development requires a more meaningful and robust consultation process to represent the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

on behalf of my community,



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