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Deputation to Executive Committee meeting, 9.1

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Good morning. As Ben mentioned, my name is Leanne Kloppenborg, with Fontbonne Ministries. One of my responsibilities is the building at 791 Queen Street East and the women who live there.

When I mentioned to someone recently that we were planning to make a deputation to the City regarding the Ontario Line, the response I received was: why waste your time – you are not a condominium, the women don't pay \$3,000 a month to live there – no one will listen to the voices of those who live on limited means and pay 30% of their income for housing. I truly hope and trust that recommendations of this committee are not weighted that way.

Some of the women who live in our building had hoped to come today, but it was not possible. They wanted me to re-iterate that they will most certainly be impacted by the above ground densification of service and the accompanying additional noise and vibrations. It is important to take into account the environmental impact that the Ontario Line will have– on the people who live beside the tracks (our women and their neighbours), on their mental health and on the physical environment – the noise pollution, the negative impact on the physical buildings, the air pollution and the impact on our natural beauty. They are concerned that we will lose our gardens and parking lot, and they worry that perhaps the building itself will be expropriated, leaving them with no where to live.

The tag line for Fontbonne Ministries is “doing the ordinary with extraordinary care” – and this is our daily challenge to ourselves. I hope you take up this challenge as well today – how can we resolve our need for more transit service while caring for the neighbour and our environment?