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Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
100 Queen Street W  
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**Re: IE1.4 - Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit: Traffic Regulation  
Amendments, New Traffic Signals and Long-term Road Closures (Ward 5, 8, 12, 16, 20, 21)**

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing this letter in support of Councillor Mike Colle's motion to remove recommendations #10 and #11 of item IE1.4 from consideration by the Committee, as they pertain to the Metrolinx/Crosslinx-proposed closure of Bathurst Street at Eglinton Avenue West.

Councillor Colle and I were concerned with Metrolinx/Crosslinx's announcement in December 2018 due to both the lack of consultation with our residents and absence of City permits that would allow for such a closure to take place. I believe the consultation with residents should have come before, not after, announcements of a decision. That is why Councillor Colle and I have demanded Metrolinx/Crosslinx organize a town hall for the community so residents are able to make an informed decision on whether or not they support this proposal.

The feedback that my office has received thus far indicates that there is widespread disapproval of the proposed plan. While Metrolinx/Crosslinx has stated that the closure could shorten the construction at Bathurst and Eglinton, there is no evidence that this will speed up the Eglinton Crosstown LRT completion date. Moreover, there are significant concerns about the bus detours, and traffic infiltration into neighbourhoods this closure could cause, further exacerbating the situation residents are already living with every day.

Therefore, I am writing this communication in support of Councillor Colle's motion to remove these recommendations from the item, and urge the members to support the motion as well.

Sincerely,

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