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**Member Motion**

**City Council**

**Notice of Motion**

MM2.16	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Business Protection Planning for Major Transit Projects - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*  
*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to report on the business protection options identified in Motion MM32.44 regarding major transit infrastructure projects to the Executive Committee in the second quarter of 2019.
2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, to make business protection a foundation thread of Relief Line planning and City Council direct that a Business Protection plan for the Relief Line Route be developed for report to the Executive Committee by the end of the third quarter of 2019.

**Summary**

On October 2, 3 and 4, 2017, City Council adopted Motion MM 32.44, as amended, headed "Supporting a Vibrant Eglinton Avenue during Crosstown Construction".

Transit is a cornerstone of our City's economy. So are thriving business districts. Major transit projects can adversely affect the surrounding business community. It is never the intention of a major transit project to cause business failures, however the City has not made business protection and survival a cornerstone of the planning for these projects.

Some of the 24 recommendations in Motion MM32.44 dealt with issues faced by small business along the route of the Crosstown. There has been no report on the following Parts which deal with business viability during these construction projects:

- a. exploring a business tax deferral program for Eglinton Avenue businesses and building owners;
- b. requesting an assessment freeze from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

for the duration of construction on retail properties behind construction hoarding and/or within 200 metres of future Light Rail Transit stations;

c. conducting Economic Scans of Eglinton Avenue Business Improvement Area areas impacted by construction, including the Eglinton Hill Business Improvement Area, the Fairbank Village Business Improvement Area, the York-Eglinton Business Improvement Area, the Upper Village Business Improvement Area and The Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area;

d. requesting Metrolinx and Crosslinx Transit Solutions to cover Toronto Transit Commission diversion fees for permitted Business Improvement Area street festivals on Eglinton Avenue; and

e. negotiating arrangements similar to easement agreements that offer financial support and/or incentives for businesses that are directly behind station construction hoarding.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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