

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM16.8	ACTION			Ward: All
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The Delay of the Eglinton Crosstown by the Province's Metrolinx - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** 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.*

Communications MM16.8.1 and MM16.8.2 have been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager and Mayor John Tory to request an emergency meeting with the Provincial Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney and the Metrolinx Board of Directors Chair, Donald Wright, for the purpose of helping small businesses encompassed within the 12 Business Improvement Areas along and adjacent to Eglinton Avenue survive given the Eglinton Crosstown Project has been delayed again; the purpose of this meeting is to request that the Province of Ontario and Metrolinx immediately implement an Eglinton Avenue Small Business survival plan that includes:

1. an Eglinton Avenue small business recovery and sustainability compensation plan so remaining small business can keep their doors open through another 2 years of construction until the end of 2022;
2. a report on the feasibility of phasing in the opening of the Eglinton Crosstown by separating out the portion of the Eglinton Crosstown from Mount Dennis Station to the Cedervale Station (Eglinton West), so that at minimum one section of the Eglinton Crosstown line is operational at an earlier date than sometime "well into 2022"; and
3. an immediate construction equipment clean-up to remove as much as possible of the heavy equipment trailers from public sidewalks and road allowances, so that small businesses will no longer have their storefronts blocked and obstructed.

Summary

The announcement by the Ontario Government's Metrolinx that the Eglinton Crosstown Project will be further delayed until "well into 2022" adds to an extraordinary burden on small business owners on Eglinton Avenue where the Crosstown has been under construction since 2011. Over

100 small businesses have already closed on Eglinton West because of the impact of unprecedented levels of heavy construction, which has resulted in road and sidewalk closures, construction trailers and heavy equipment obstructing store visibility and access resulting in millions of dollars in lost income and hundreds of job losses for small business.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM16.8

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-146346.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

(February 24, 2020) E-mail from Hamish Wilson (MM.Supp.MM16.8.1)

(February 24, 2020) E-mail from Lais Fabricio, The Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area (MM.Supp.MM16.8.2)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/mm/comm/communicationfile-101335.pdf>