City Council

Notice of Motion

MM22.14	ACTION			Ward: All
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Ontario Line Update - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

* 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 Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to report to the July 21, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee with an update on the Ontario Line, including all previous City Council recommendations regarding the section of the proposed Ontario Line running above ground in a rail corridor.

Summary

At its meeting of October 29 and 30, 2019, City Council adopted a number of recommendations regarding safety concerns and community impacts of the Ontario Line. Subsequently, at its January 29, 2020 meeting, Council took further steps to strengthen the Ontario Line's community consultation process including calling for a full, formal Transit Project Assessment Process and for that process to consider alternatives for the technology, station locations and alignment, including putting underground those sections proposed to be above ground in the Ontario Line Initial Business Case.

Metrolinx has continued to work on the planning for the Ontario Line throughout our current public health crisis. Key Requests For Proposals are currently being developed. Metrolinx confirmed at an online Community Advisory Committee meeting on May 13, 2020 that they are not considering putting underground those sections proposed to be above ground in the Ontario Line Initial Business Case, as requested by City Council.

A project of this magnitude will have a wide range of serious and potentially costly impacts on Toronto's residents and infrastructure. Given the public health and accompanying economic crisis enveloping Toronto and the entire world, an update on City Council's previous recommendations is needed immediately.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM22.14