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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

Councillor Gord Perks
Chair, Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall
100 Queen St. W

Ensuring Transparency for Metrolinx Permits in Ward 14

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

Recently community members were told that Metrolinx has applied for permits for different types of work on City land. However residents have been unable to get additional details from Metrolinx. This has caused concern in the community as there have been other instances where the community has been surprised by Metrolinx work in the local neighbourhood. City Staff identified this issue in *TE 13.27 Metrolinx Ontario Line - Right-of-way Permit Process and Requirements*. I have heard from residents who are asking to be kept in the loop.

I am hoping that you support my motion to ensure that the community is properly consulted. I believe this process is the only way to ensure that residents in Toronto – Danforth can be sure that they are fully informed about work in City Parks, on City Right of Way's or that otherwise impacts City resources. s

Recommendations:

1. City Council request the Director of Urban Forestry to report to Toronto and East York Community Council on any tree removal applications by Metrolinx in Ward 14, before any approvals are granted.
2. City Council request Transportation Services to report to Toronto and East York Community Council on any Right of Way Occupation, Park Occupation, or other permit applications by Metrolinx in Ward 14, before any approvals are granted.

Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher
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