

From: [Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee LSE CAC](#)
To: [councilmeeting](#)
Subject: My comments for 2021.MM32.27 on May 5, 2021 City Council
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Dear Respected Members of Council,

Our Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee is deeply concerned about the impacts of the proposed Maintenance and Storage Facility on the Thorncliffe Park community.

We support the community's need for better access to transit and support the Ontario Line; however, we cannot accept Metrolinx **replacing a community hub that serves a population of over 30,000 in a 2.2 square kilometer area with a train yard**. In a community that lives vertically, in 34 high-rise and low-rise apartments, more space should be allocated to community resources, not less.

We are **extremely disappointed with the lack of consultation** and the manner in which the community was informed of the decision to place the train yard in the community. Currently, there is a petition to move the train yard from Thorncliffe Park with over 5,000 signatures.

We believe that Metrolinx has options to **move the train yard to a different location**, or even identify several satellite locations. Choosing the densely populated Thorncliffe Park displays ignorance and a lack of responsibility towards the community. It is evident of environmental racism and Metrolinx's biased and discriminatory actions towards a predominantly immigrant population.

Metrolinx has shown itself to be agreeable to "hybrid" solutions. It is their responsibility to dedicate a sincere effort to **finding an alternate location for this potentially hazardous component of the Ontario Line in a high density neighbourhood** and then cost those options for serious consideration.

In conclusion, Metrolinx continues to run roughshod over the communities impacted by the Ontario Line project like ours in Riverside-Leslieville, we know that Metrolinx has not done due diligence nor conducted meaningful consultations with the community that will be detrimentally affected by the train yard.

Sincerely,

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