



Toronto Industry Network

EMAILED

May 3, 2022

Mayor John Tory and Members of the Executive Committee,
10W – City Hall,
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Ontario,
M5H 2N2.

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members,

Re: EX32.3 - Removal of Harbour Lead Line and Keating Rail Yard

The Toronto Industry Network which has three members resident in the Port, respectfully requests that:

1. the right-of-way for the Harbour lead line from the Don Metrolinx storage yard to the Ports Toronto Unwin Avenue facility be preserved in the form recommended in the Dillon Report (December, 2021) which includes provision of a new rail yard beside Unwin Avenue,
2. the City request that the province arrange to have Metrolinx deed over to the City the Metrolinx section of the Harbour lead running east from the Don storage yard, and,
3. that a new rail right-of-way be developed running west from Leslie Street to the Lafarge facility on Polson street.

Given the huge resurgence in Great Lakes shipping that provides an economical and environmentally responsible way of moving goods and that most ports on the Great Lakes offer rail service in addition to trucks, we believe it is short-sighted to disperse the rail right-of-way which is also a very green form of transport. Effectively designed ports use rail to market to potential shippers and grow their services and there are many examples in North America of disused rail lines being brought back to life to meet a new need. Our major concern is that creating a new right-of-way will be almost impossible once the area has been further developed.

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The staff report specifically mentions the removal of the the Keating Yard which has already been removed without Council approval (Recommendation 2) and it is our understanding the reason there has been no service to the Ports Toronto facility is that the track along Unwin Avenue was allowed to deteriorate to the point CN Rail would not allow its trains to run on it.

We encourage you to think not of what the situation is today but what the Port will need to survive and grow over the next 20 years served by all main modes of transportation thus allowing the efficient and sustainable flow of goods into and out of our City.

We thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. McLuckie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig McLuckie,
President