To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 8, 2022 Executive Committee meeting on item 2022.EX33.2, Advancing City Priority Transit Expansion Projects - Eglinton East Light Rail Transit and Waterfront East Light Rail Transit

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Executive Committee,

York Quay Neighbourhood Association (YQNA) represents the section of the Waterfront between Yonge Street and Spadina Avenue. We are fortunate to enjoy excellent transit service on the 509 and 510 streetcar lines, as well as the ability to walk to Union Station. We are keenly interested in the planned extension of streetcar/LRT service to the eastern Waterfront so that this burgeoning area can enjoy similar facilities. Currently it has only a few partial bus routes.

The project has been under study for many years; the first Environmental Assessment was completed in 2009; and the concept has evolved along with planning for the Portlands. The project has widespread support from the community and many interests beyond the Waterfront, especially those who come down to the lakeshore to enjoy the fresh air and amenities.

YQNA is in support of the staff report before you today, but we would like you to go further and accelerate the planning of the Waterfront East LRT so that funding can be secured as soon as possible.

We are asking for the goal of 60% design by the end of 2023, and adequate budget allocations to keep the work going.

Thank you.

Regards, Carolyn Johnson for YQNA Planning Committee