

February 22, 2022

From: Sandra Shaul, Chair, Toronto Preservation Board
To: Ellen Devlin, Administrator
Toronto and East York Community Council
Toronto Preservation Board

Re: Request for Metrolinx to Give a Presentation related to the Ontario Line and the vicinity of Queen Street West and University Avenue

The following request is based on information received during a deputation related to during agenda item PB30.5 of the Toronto Preservation Board Meeting 30, held on 24 January 2022, related to the former Bank of Canada building located at 250 University Avenue, on the southeast corner at Queen Street West.

The deputant stated that the developer of the new building to rise over the heritage building had proposed that the new main station of the Metrolinx Osgoode stop on the Ontario Line, could be built under the existing building. The Board was told that Metrolinx is recommending that the main station be built on the northeast corner of the intersection within the property associated with Osgoode Hall. The new structure would extend above grade.

Three of the corners of University Avenue and Queen Street West contain important heritage buildings: Campbell House on the northwest corner, Osgoode Hall on the northeast corner, and the Bank of Canada on the southwest corner. The Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts occupies the southeast corner. Together they form a very important cultural heritage landscape for our city.

Therefore, The Toronto Preservation Board requests the Planning and Housing Committee to direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Office to invite Metrolinx to give a presentation to the Toronto Preservation Board on May 5, 2022 on the current plans related to the Ontario Line in the vicinity of the section of Queen Street West and University Avenue, as they relate to heritage conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours sincerely,

Chair, The Toronto Preservation Board