

# Grange Community Association

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Dear Councillors Perks, Fletcher, Bilao, Nunziata and Bradford,

A staff report about a City-initiated **Ontario Line** subway Zoning By-law amendment will be at the **Planning and Housing Committee** this coming Tuesday as item 2022.PH34.4.

The staff report cries out for **one change** to its recommendations. Your Committee can make that change. We ask that you do so.

**The staff report involves sixteen Toronto locations, fifteen of which are relatively minor and are not controversial.** The sixteenth is 130 Queen Street West, the historic Osgoode Hall lands at Queen West and University Avenue.

This **sixteenth** is a transportation By-law amendment that **unnecessarily endangers an historic site**. It does not need to be – and should not be – part of the City Initiated Request. Details are included in the May 24th email to your Committee members from Ceta Ramkhalawansingh of the Grange Community Association. Briefly:

- 1] The Osgoode amendment as it stands does not benefit the City. It was included in the list of requested amendments as a result of a cut-and-paste request from Metrolinx.
- 2] The amendment allows (in fact, creates) irreparable harm to the Osgoode Hall landscape by the removal of historic trees and fencing; landscape mapping has not been offered by Metrolinx.
- 3] The siting of the Osgoode Hall station has not been done in the least damaging way. An alternative has been offered by the community.
- 4] Metrolinx has not revealed the engineering feasibility or utility infrastructure studies they promised during our consultation on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

In summary, the **sixteenth amendment is premature and dangerous** and should be deleted from the version of 2022.PH34.4 that your Committee forwards to City Council.

Sincerely,

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