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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM2.1	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Request for Metrolinx Accountability and Financial Compensation Regarding the Ongoing Construction Delays of the Eglinton Crosstown - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Province of Ontario to launch a Public Inquiry into the causes of the ongoing delays and increased costs in the construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT.
2. City Council request the Mayor and City Manager to request Caroline Mulroney, Provincial Minister of Transportation, and Phil Verster, Metrolinx Chief Executive Officer to appear at the first meeting of the Executive Committee on January 31, 2023 to make a presentation and answer questions regarding the current status of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT including:
  - a. the reasons for the continued delays;
  - b. when the project is expected to be complete;
  - c. the nature of the structural problems at Yonge Street;
  - d. what is the expected additional cost to the project; and
  - e. how they can provide meaningful compensation to local residents and businesses.
3. City Council direct the City Manager to report to the March 29, 30 and 31, 2023 meeting of City Council with an update on the actions taken in response to 2020.MM16.8 passed by Council on February 26, 2020 concerning the request that the Province of Ontario and Metrolinx immediately implement an Eglinton Avenue Small Business survival plan.
4. City Council direct the City Manager to engage with the Province of Ontario and Metrolinx with a request to finance property tax rebates for the residents in impacted communities who have suffered through 12 years of disruption, traffic chaos and loss of quality of life due to the never ending construction.

5. City Council direct the City Manager to request the Province of Ontario and Metrolinx to provide immediate funding for the provision of free Toronto Transit Commission bus fares along the Eglinton Avenue corridor until the completion of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT.
6. City Council direct the City Manager to request Metrolinx to provide funding for traffic wardens to be deployed at existing hot spots along Eglinton Avenue and, in particular, in the vicinity of the Cedarvale Station at the terminus of the Allen Expressway to mitigate the uniquely unmanageable traffic safety and neighbourhood infiltration issues until the completion of the project. Such program should be created similarly to the Yonge-Eglinton Construction Hub that was directed by City Council in Member Motion MM7.3 on May 14 and 15, 2019.

## **Summary**

Residents and Businesses throughout the City of Toronto living along 19 kilometres of Eglinton Avenue have been enduring over 11 years of hardship due to construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT. They have suffered incredible disruption and unmanageable traffic and safety issues as well as greatly reduced customer traffic, loss of revenue and in many cases business closure.

Despite repeated calls by City Council demanding greater transparency and accountability, Metrolinx remains silent to explain the repeated delays, cost overruns and now is incapable of even setting a new forecasted completion date.

This Motion calls upon City Council to once again request Metrolinx and the Provincial Minister of Transportation to appear before the Executive Committee to publically report on the status of the project as well as funding various initiatives to compensate the residents and businesses from the negative impacts that they continue to experience with no end in sight.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM2.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-230360.pdf>