

## City Council

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**Silent Nights and Peaceful Days - Providing relief to residents from Metrolinx’s Whistle Sounding at Manse Road Rail Crossing on the Lakeshore East Corridor - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.  
 \* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to request Metrolinx immediately work with City of Toronto staff on safety options that may be implemented quickly to stop whistles at the Manse Road crossing as soon as possible.
2. If such measures cannot be implemented quickly and in advance of the holidays, City Council direct the City Manager to request Metrolinx post a safety worker at the Manse Road at grade rail crossing to stop the whistles.
3. City Council delegate all necessary authorities to the City Manager to approve and implement safety measures requested by Metrolinx for their at-grade crossing on Manse Road as quickly as possible.

**Summary**

Metrolinx has advised the continued operation of the Manse Road at-grade crossing in its current state has been assessed by its safety division as an unacceptable risk to the railway and the public that may traverse the crossing. To address these safety concerns, on November 23rd, without letting residents know in advance, Metrolinx began sounding the whistle as the GO trains approach the at-grade crossing at the intersection of Manse Road and Copperfield Road.

The train whistles are disruptive and alarming for local residents, and during peak commuting times, is nearly constant.

Metrolinx has requested the City of Toronto to implement safety improvements related to signage, lighting and removal of brush to improve the safety of their crossing. City staff are working as quickly as possible to conduct this work on behalf of Metrolinx.

Recognizing the immense disturbance the whistles have on the community, this motion is to request that Metrolinx post a safety worker 24/7 at the crossing, if necessary, to observe and ensure safety so that the whistles can stop. This would provide relief to the community from the disruptive whistle noise as the City of Toronto works through Metrolinx's requests.

The holidays are coming, and residents deserve silent nights and peaceful days with their family.

Reason for Urgency: Metrolinx has initiated whistles at the Manse Road Rail Crossing and residents require relief from the noise disruption.

### **Background Information**

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<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-241610.pdf>