



GOODERHAM & WORTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 28, 2023

City of Toronto Council
12th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Via email

Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki, Manager, Council Secretariat Support

**SUBMISSION RE: MM5.22 - The Need for More Openness at Metrolinx Board of Director Meetings
City Council Meeting March 29, 2023**

Dear Acting Mayor McKelvie and City Councillors:

On behalf of the Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association, I would like to voice our strong support for the motion proposed by Councillors Moise and Colle regarding the need for more openness at Metrolinx Board of Directors Meetings.

Our residents live in and around the Distillery District, between two of the Metrolinx Ontario Line Construction Sites (Corktown Station / First Parliament Site and the Don Yard / Mill St. School Site). We have consistently endeavoured to understand Metrolinx's plans and have been involved in all Metrolinx consultations about the planning of these sites. We, like most of the residents in the downtown core, have been deeply frustrated by the lack of substantive detail about plans and consultation with both Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario, despite many communications and meetings.

We would greatly value having all regular matters discussed by Metrolinx's Board in open board sessions so that we can gain a better understanding of Metrolinx's plans and decisions impacting our community. Metrolinx should also provide opportunities for local community members or groups to appear in person or online at Metrolinx board or committee meetings. This is typical practice for publicly owned-and-operated entities. We believe that such public engagement is an essential facet of democratic publicly owned institutions.

Sincerely,

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