



Federation of
South Toronto
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATIONS

February 22, 2023

Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen St W
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Motion to Create a Sub-Committee on Metrolinx Ontario Line Construction

Dear Chair and Members,

On behalf of the Federation of South Toronto Residents Association (FoSTRA), I am writing to support the motion by Councillors Ausma Malik, Chris Moise and Paula Fletcher to strike a Subcommittee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction. City staff should be made available to the Subcommittee as necessary to explore issues that may arise.

FoSTRA is a federation that currently represents 23 residents' associations in the five downtown Wards – Wards 4, 9, 10, 11 and 13 – i.e., thousands of Toronto's citizens. We have become increasingly concerned about the reported lack of meaningful consultation by Metrolinx on:

- 1) The land that may potentially be expropriated and developed along the Ontario Line.
- 2) The locations and proposed developments surrounding the proposed stations.
- 3) The failure of Metrolinx to reconvene its Community Liaison Committees for over a year.
- 4) The sidelining of communities who refused to sign Metrolinx's highly restrictive non-disclosure agreements (NDAs).
- 5) The reluctance to seriously consider alternative locations for stations along the Ontario Line.

To address the above issues in a transparent and constructive fashion, and provide a means of reporting to City Council, FoSTRA endorses the creation of an Ontario Line Construction Subcommittee of the TEYCC.

Sincerely yours,

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Chair
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