



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

February 22, 2023

Dear Chair and members,

Re: Agenda item TE3.43 - Striking a Sub-committee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction

We are writing on behalf of the BOLD (Build Ontario Line Differently) Coalition in support of the motion by Councillors Ausma Malik, Chris Moise, and Paula Fletcher to strike a subcommittee for the Ontario Line.

The BOLD Coalition is a growing coalition of community groups, representing several thousands of residents and workers within the boundaries of the Toronto and East York Community Council – all impacted by the Ontario Line and all dismayed by Metrolinx's lack of meaningful engagement to date.

Public transit should always be built with meaningful consultation with the public it serves. Our communities want to provide input into the planning, designs, construction, and implementation of the Ontario Line, for infrastructure within their local neighbourhoods. We welcome the initiative to form an Ontario Line subcommittee for the purpose of hearing from the public and developing recommendations to be brought forward to Metrolinx and the Ontario Government by City Council.

The BOLD Coalition is resolved to work together with the subcommittee and relevant staff to develop recommendations that are both reasonable and robust. We believe it is critical to build these projects in a way that is inclusive of all the people in our communities, acknowledges specific concerns, and minimizes short-term disruption for the very communities the Ontario Line is intended to serve.

Sincerely,

Liz Driver & Walied Khogali, Co-Chairs, BOLD Coalition

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