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To: Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC)  
Re: TE 3.43: Striking a Sub-committee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction

The Grange Community Association (GCA) endorses the establishment of a subcommittee of the TEYCC to address issues arising from the impact of construction of the Ontario Line. Members of the Grange community are directly affected by the construction of a station house at Queen and University as well as the location of other stops along Queen.

We have urged Metrolinx to reconsider the redesign of the site at Queen and University, including a relocation of the station house outside of the Osgoode fence if a three-dimensional enclosed station house is even required. To that end we had provided an alternative which also included plazas and the closure of a lane of traffic on University Avenue.

In May 2022, when this issue was before the Planning and Housing Committee, we noted that the proposal to include Osgoode:

- does irreparable harm to the Osgoode Hall landscape by the removal of historic trees and fencing; landscape mapping has not been offered by Metrolinx.
- The siting of the Osgoode Hall station has not been done in the least damaging way. An alternative has been offered by the community.
- Metrolinx has not revealed the engineering feasibility or utility infrastructure studies they promised during our consultation on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Moreover, Metrolinx has not provided information requested by the Parsons team to complete a full report on alternative locations.

The most recent actions of Metrolinx to destroy many trees on the Osgoode site requires that a historically sympathetic plan for this site be prepared, as well as the identification of alternative locations for laydown areas for equipment during construction. The establishment of this subcommittee provides a forum and a mechanism to improve the proposal by Metrolinx.

**We remain fully committed to public transit. We also believe that transit planning must be a respectful consultative process.**

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