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Re: **City Council December 17, 2024**
Item number EX 19.6 Assessment of Scarborough Rapid Transit Adaptive Reuse and Next Steps

Dear Mayor Chow and Executive Council,

The CD Farquharson Community Association and its members and residents supports the Agincourt Village Community Association position to maintain the elevated portion of the SRT and connect Scarborough Civic & Town Centre along the entire SRT corridor to Kennedy Subway Station.

The Scarborough Skyway would provide a fully off-street pedestrian and cycling pathway to connect Scarborough neighbourhoods, provide communities with greenspace and public realm amenity space, and serve as a safe active transportation corridor.

We fully endorse the three points made by Rhoda Potter, President Agincourt Village Community Association, Mainly:

1. This **off-street pedestrian and cycling pathway** would not impact any City streets and would support the City's Transform TO and congestion management goals. It would allow for connections to local businesses, Meadoway Trail, Toronto Zoo, Rouge Urban National Park and neighbourhoods. It would provide access at Midland/Ellesmere station for residents in Northeast Toronto who are cut off from cycling south by the 401. The Midland SRT Station is easily accessible as it is just south of Sheppard and 401. We miss that station stop!
2. The Scarborough Skyway would provide greenspace for the residents of the intensified Scarborough Civic Centre condominium developments. 15,000 people! As has happened with the West Toronto Railpath the public realm amenity space would lend itself to small business, art installations, local artisans, pops, etc. It would become a destination for tourists, local residents and even a destination for Toronto downtown residents to enjoy the multi-cultural aspects of Scarborough.
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We trust that City Staff will realize how important the Scarborough Skyway is to the CD Farquharson Community Association membership and Scarborough residents.

Respectfully,

Gary Loughlin,
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