



March 19, 2024

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Sylwia Przewdziecki

**RE: MM16.31 Request for Updates on Northern Segment of the Ontario Line -
by Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside
(Ward 6, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18)**

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,

This is to confirm the strong support of the Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations (FoNTRA) for the Motion:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director, Transit Expansion, to report to North York Community Council with updates on the status and progress of the Province's Transit-Oriented Communities proposals as well as design and construction of the northern segment of the Ontario Line within the boundaries of North York.

There is a great need for public, transparent, and accountable reporting and process information to be available to the elected representatives of Wards 15 and 16, and to the residents of Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park, and Leaside.

FoNTRA previously wrote to City Council requesting this¹. The Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) established a sub-committee in early 2023 to monitor and report on Metrolinx's Ontario Line construction within the Toronto and

¹ (February 2, 2024) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (CC.Supp)
<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/comm/communicationfile-177282.pdf>

East York District (TEYCC). On Jan 23rd 2024 a First Quarter report was provided to TEYCC. The report “consolidates City staff recommendations while incorporating public feedback, reflecting on City Council directives, and provides a clear and comprehensive package of initiatives that the Province and Metrolinx should implement to construct the Ontario Line”. The First Quarter report indicated that Metrolinx generally supported incorporating the City’s recommendations.

The regular reporting to TEYCC provides informative and helpful information pertaining to progress of the Ontario Line in relation to the affected wards in Toronto and East York District. As such it did not include information on Wards 15 and 16 which encompass the Guideway, three Ontario Line stations at Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park, and the Ontario Science Centre, plus the Ontario Line Maintenance and Service Facility (OMSF), and the (newly announced) Infrastructure Ontario Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) development in Thorncliffe Park .

The Ontario Line update reports that the TEYCC receives provide important information and a similar process must be established for the NYCC. We are pleased that the deficiency in reporting may now be rectified going forward.

Yours truly,

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