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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 that the Leaside Residents Association, the Leaside Business Park Association and TNO-The Neighbourhood Organization are strongly in support of the Motion that:

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.

We believe that public, transparent, and accountable information urgently needs to be extended to Wards 15 and 16, so that it is available to both the representatives of, and the residents and businesses of Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park, Leaside, and beyond.

The Leaside Residents Association (LRA), the Leaside Business Park Association (LBPA) and The Neighbourhood Organization (TNO) have important interests in the Ontario Line construction and its associated impacts on the Leaside and Thorncliffe

Park communities. Wards 15 and 16 include the Ontario Line Guideway, stations at Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park, and the Ontario Science Centre, plus the Ontario Line Maintenance and Service Facility (MSF) and Transit Oriented Development. The three organizations share a mutual concern that the communities are not being informed and engaged in City of Toronto processes regarding the Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario Projects, unlike other wards impacted by the Ontario Line.

The Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC) established a sub-committee in February 2023 to monitor and report on Metrolinx's Ontario Line construction within the Toronto and East York District. On Jan 23rd 2024, a First Quarter report was provided to TEYCC (and to City Council on February 6). 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 report provided informative and helpful information pertaining to progress of the Ontario Line in relation to Wards 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, and as such did not include information on Ward 15 and 16 in North York District.

Yours truly,

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