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**To: Toronto East York Community Council**  
[teycc@toronto.ca](mailto:teycc@toronto.ca)

**Re: CRBA comments for 2024 —**

**TE 10.40 Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction within the Toronto and East York District - First Quarter Update for January 24, 2024**

Dear Members of the Toronto East York Community Council,

The Corktown Residents and Business Association (CRBA) is a non-profit, volunteer run organization representing both the residents and businesses in the Corktown neighbourhood of downtown east Toronto since 1996.

As president, I serve on the Metrolinx Community Council and have done so since 2019. I also participated in the First Parliament Site Working Group arranged by former Councillor Wong-Tam which has since regrouped under Metrolinx direction and without notice to those who initially served.

On a number of occasions, I have asked Metrolinx community representatives to know what benefits/support they plan to offer the CRBA as we are not a BIA. In addition, this was part of a discussion with Councillor Moise in June of 2023. The response from Metrolinx is always the same i.e., that they'll get back to us.

The issue is that on all communication[s] regarding community benefits/support Metrolinx continues to say one thing while stating on paper another i.e., **Page 7 of Metrolinx First Quarter Report** states, "...to support BIAs, Metrolinx stated they are planning to launch an annual funding program by March 31, 2024, which will provide \$10,000 to each of the BIAs along the Ontario Line alignment to support marketing initiative during construction."

**The Corktown Residents and Business Association (CRBA) is requesting that an addendum be added to this report to reflect support for non-BIA communities which at the moment this report makes no mention of.**

We request that TEYCC members vote in favour of this addendum.

Sincerely,

Coralina Lemos, President, Corktown Residents & Business Association

cc: Board of Directors.