



January 24th 2024

Cathrine Regan
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Catherine Regan,

Re: Deputation to Toronto City Council and TEYCC on Ontario Line Construction and Community Engagement - B.O.L.D.

We, Walied Khogali Ali and Liz Driver, co-chairs of the Build Ontario Line Differently (BOLD) Coalition, respectfully submit this deputation regarding agenda item **TE10.40**. Our focus is to highlight key aspects of community engagement in the Ontario Line construction within the Toronto and East York District.

We wish to clarify the role of the City in amending Metrolinx's draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for Community Liaison Committees (CLCs). The report from Transit Expansion, mentioning the City's involvement, does not capture the depth of community-led discussions and amendments that have taken place.

Since the summer of 2023, BOLD and Metrolinx have been engaged in monthly meetings, a testament to our commitment to effective collaboration. These meetings have been instrumental in shaping the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Community Liaison Committees (CLCs). It is with a sense of accomplishment that we share the culmination of these discussions with the near finalization of the draft ToR on January 15, 2024.

Our engagement with Metrolinx began with the foundational work of the Moss Park Coalition and Lake Shore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC). The insights and revisions provided by these groups, combined with BOLD's contributions, have greatly influenced our constructive dialogue with Metrolinx. We are grateful for the consistent support and involvement of Mark Clancy in these discussions. Although Mark's temporary leave has introduced a delay in some processes, we eagerly await the resumption of our work upon his return.

The Toronto Community Benefits Network has been a pivotal ally, providing essential advocacy and insights, particularly regarding public realm improvements and community benefits. We also acknowledge the vital contributions of the Corktown Residents and Business Association.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all BOLD members and stakeholders, including the Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC), Gooderham & Worts Neighborhood Association, Moss Park Coalition, West

Don Lands Committee, Save Jimmie Simpson (SJS), Federation of South Toronto Residents Association (FOSTRA), and Regent Park Neighbourhood Association, for their unwavering commitment and valuable input.

We note a concerning communication gap between Metrolinx and the City's Transit Expansion team. This gap highlights the need for more transparent and efficient information sharing, especially regarding the progress in the ToR process.

Regarding community benefits, the report lacks detailed information on public realm improvements, a crucial component of Metrolinx's Pillar 3. We urge a focus on meaningful outcomes, such as the enhancement of Queen & University intersection and the development of University Park.

We also seek clarity on the Ontario Line's impact on parkland, compliance with municipal by-laws, and plans for park restoration. Detailed information and concrete steps from Metrolinx and the City are essential in this regard.

In conclusion, we call for an enhanced focus on communication and collaboration between Metrolinx, the City, and community stakeholders. We request a meeting to further discuss these matters, particularly the advancement of University Park, and look forward to constructive dialogues for the betterment of our community and the city at large.

Thank you for considering our deputation.

BOLD Coalition members: Campbell House Museum, Don't Mess with the Don, Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations, Friends of Smalls Creek, Garment District Neighbourhood Association, Gooderham and Worts Neighbourhood Association, Grange Community Association, Harbord Village Residents Association, Liberty Village Residents Association, Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee, Moss Park Coalition, Regent Park Neighbourhood Association, Parkdale Residents Association, Save Jimmie Simpson Group, West Don Lands Committee

Sincerely,

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Co-Chair(s)

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