

To: The Chair and Members of the Toronto Executive Committee

From: Ron Parkinson, Spokesperson, **SUN** (Scarborough United Neighbourhoods)

EX22.8 - Community Parking at Terminus Transit Stations at Sheppard-McCowan Station

SUN is advocating on behalf of all Scarborough, Agincourt, North Scarborough, Rouge, Markham and Pickering Residents who would use this new Scarborough Subway Extension, if it was more accessible to them.

SUN supports Councillor Myers' motion and asks City Staff to explore the need and development opportunities for Parking at the new Sheppard-McCowan Subway Station.

Sheppard-McCowan Station is at the east end of the Bloor Danforth Subway line. Providing Parking at the end of this line would allow residents of all of Scarborough, especially those in the northeast, the opportunity to "ditch" their cars and "commute" throughout downtown Toronto. In addition, the Station would also become a transition site to public transit for Pickering and Markham drivers. These drivers would then become regular commuters!

Scarborough communities were built based on the car with homes built on crescents, cul-de-sacs and circular streets. It is often a kilometer or more for a resident to walk to a TTC bus stop to access public transit that may include many transfers and wait times at bus stops. Yes, this may change in time - but that reality is years away for residents of Scarborough! A parking lot at this station is necessary to encourage the drivers in these communities to become commuters.

Toronto has a congestion problem! Drivers on the 401 through Scarborough and on the Don Valley Parkway are at a stand-still not only during rush hours but throughout the day. Then there is the downtown congestion to contend with in a vehicle. Much valuable time is wasted when driving from Northeast Toronto, Markham and Pickering to work, to appointments, and to events. Providing Parking at the Station would encourage these drivers to become commuters. It would be a win-win situation both for resident's quality of life as well as for the downtown congestion challenge!

Let's enhance our access to public transit by providing sufficient parking at Sheppard-McCowan Subway Station - the end of Subway Line 2 as has been done at the ends of other subway lines. It's also important to acknowledge that Line 1 @ Finch & Vaughan stations and end of line 2 @ Kipling & line 4 @ Don Mills have lots of parking. We recommend the city investigate the same benefits by providing **MORE ACCESS to Parking** in all the Scarborough Stations at STC, Lawrence-McCowan, Kennedy, Warden & Victoria Park.

Let's work together to Increase TTC Ridership, Revenues, Safer roads and Decrease Vehicle Congestion, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and wasted time spent in a car on streets and highways!

Respectfully,

SCARBOROUGH CARES!

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