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NY28.32 - Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction within the North York District - Fourth Quarter 2025 Update

To North York Community Council:

Established in Thorncliffe Park in the 1980s, the Leaside Towers Tenants Association of Thorncliffe Park (LTTA) is a volunteer, resident-led group that represents the 2,500 Torontonians residing at 85 and 95 Thorncliffe Park Drive on concerns relating to their rental apartment tenancies, as well as matters of broader importance to the community.

The LTTA would like North York Community Council to know we are disappointed and frustrated in the project management of utility relocation and road reconstruction in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park, including Metrolinx and its contractors, as well as the Transit Expansion Division and Transportation Planning.

This frustration is not new. The extreme traffic congestion experienced by Thorncliffers in 2025 was a repeat of what we experienced throughout the 2024 construction season. And it is what our community warned Metrolinx and the Transit Expansion Division about as early as 2021, in residents meetings organized by MPP Kathleen Wynne.

Our community has one street running through it, Overlea Boulevard, and one major street running around it, Thorncliffe Park Drive.

It is well known that there are no alternative routes in or out of Thorncliffe Park, population 30,000.

All of us, myself included, have witnessed ambulances and Toronto Fire struggle to drive through the construction zones for many months now, including some of the first responders to the fire at 11 Thorncliffe Park Drive and 21 Overlea Boulevard just last week.

We believe our personal safety living in Thorncliffe Park, living in high-rise buildings, is at greater risk due to slower response times caused by how construction has been staged, regardless of what is stated in this report.

The report is also silent on how construction adversely impacted TTC bus operations. Major TTC routes like the 925 Don Mills Express are on what the TTC terms "reliability watch" because bus routes that normally take five

minutes to drive through Thorncliffe Park are regularly taking 20 to 30 minutes. This impacts thousands TTC riders from all over Toronto.

Traffic has been regularly backed up, weekdays and weekends, not just in Thorncliffe Park, but across the Leaside Bridge and further south into East York, up Millwood Road into Leaside, and up Don Mills Road into North York.

On November 8th in particular, a trip from homes on Thorncliffe Park Drive to just outside of our neighbourhood took close to one hour by car and way longer by TTC.

There were no Paid Duty Officers present on November 8th. On most days, there have been no PDOs in Thorncliffe Park at all. And, on many days, there have been no construction workers. Just empty construction vehicles blocking what should be live lanes of traffic.

The LTTA feels this report minimizes, generalizes, and omits important information that you should know.

We ask North York Community Council to ensure the 2026 construction season in Thorncliffe Park is proactively coordinated and managed to minimize construction delays, including Metrolinx's closure of Beth Neilson Drive; construction of Thorncliffe Park Station; elevated guideways, and the MSF; and City work on the Overlea Bridge.

Further, the LTTA requests the City of Toronto to:

1. Begin co-leading the monthly Construction Liaison Committee meetings with Metrolinx for Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park, to ensure residents are aware of the meetings, fully informed, and have their concerns heard and addressed in a timely manner.
2. Work with Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario to ensure that repaving of Overlea Boulevard due to utility relocation and street realignment required for Ontario Line construction is completed. Approximately 315 meters of westbound traffic lanes of Overlea Boulevard, located between 42 and 60 Overlea Boulevard, has not been repaved as of December 2025.
3. Guarantee that a TTC bus terminal will be built at Thorncliffe Park Station, and that it is sufficient in size to serve multiple bus routes, as was advocated for by residents, regardless of any proposed changes to the Province's TOC proposal.

4. Initiate a Thorncliffe Park Transportation Connections Study, including but not limited to opportunities to restart the Leaside Park Drive north extension to Banigan Drive cancelled by Metrolinx, opportunities to extend Pat Moore Drive, and opportunities to connect Thorncliffe Park to the Village Station Road / Millwood Road / Redway Road intersection.
5. Engage residents, Metrolinx, and Infrastructure Ontario to ensure future Community Improvement Supports investments (Pillar 3) are directed to existing and/or potential City-owned and operated community spaces in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon, including but not limited to realizing the recommendations of the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre Needs Assessment initiated by Councillor Jaye Robinson ([2019.MM1.13](#), [2021.EC25.7](#)).
6. Advocate to the Province of Ontario and Metrolinx to extend the Ontario Line north from Don Valley Station to the Line 4 Sheppard Subway and up to Steeles Avenue as a priority project, to open after the planned Sheppard Subway Extension, to create economic opportunity and growth for Torontonians.

Thank you,

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