

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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### **RE: AU11.3 - UPDATE ON AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE 2026 WORK PLAN RELATED TO CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR SMARTTRACK INVESTIGATION**

The residents of Scarborough North and Toronto expect elected officials and City staff to spend their hard-earned tax dollars wisely and achieve good return on investment. I have heard legitimate questions from numerous residents about how their taxes are being spent on infrastructure projects in our city, including SmartTrack. Those questions deserve serious and responsible answers, and it is vital that we are transparent with them about how decisions are made and what results have, or have not, been achieved.

My motion at [AU10.1](#) calling for a SmartTrack audit was intended to achieve precisely that kind of transparency and honest accounting. I am therefore concerned about the Auditor General's decision not to proceed and her proposed reduction of scope to the City's Transit Expansion Division alone.

I fully appreciate her position that a meaningful audit requires access to Metrolinx's internal records, procurement decisions, and contract management processes, and I understand that, as the provincial agency delivering the project on provincially owned corridors, Metrolinx is not currently subject to audit by the City's Auditor General under existing agreements. As a former ESG lawyer with approximately nine years of experience serving Wall Street and Bay Street clients, I find it troubling that such audit clauses are absent from these agreements. None of my clients would have accepted the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars of their money without appropriate oversight, and neither should the residents of Toronto.

I am therefore calling on the Auditor General to request all relevant data from Metrolinx so that the audit can proceed as directed by Council. I also strongly recommend that appropriate audit rights be included in all future agreements where the City is providing the majority of capital funding — a straightforward governance protection that safeguards taxpayers in any future partnerships.

Accountability is not about rhetoric. It is about building systems that work.



**Councillor Jamaal Myers**