

NOTICE OF MOTION

Metrolinx Accountability on Joe Shuster Way Fence Graffiti and Public Art

Moved by: Deputy Mayor

Malik

Seconded by: Councillor

Perks

SUMMARY

Engaged residents of Joe Shuster Way have long raised concerns regarding the Metrolinx-owned fence on the north side of their street. This fence is a hub for graffiti, sometimes of an offensive nature. My office organized a community walk of the area alongside residents in Summer of 2025 to identify local issues, and this was an outstanding concern.

In the absence of sustained and committed action from Metrolinx on this issue, residents have taken to using their own time and resources to clean this fence, which is unacceptable.

Since last Summer, there have been ongoing efforts from the local councillor's office and residents to engage appropriate teams at Metrolinx and to get clear commitments for a regular cadence of graffiti clearing on Metrolinx property. Local residents have clearly and consistently expressed the desire to pursue community art on the fence as a long-term strategy to deter graffiti: despite this, no substantive action has been taken. Community art programming is upcoming at select sites on the Ontario Line, and so there is precedent for this type of work to be led by Metrolinx with input from our local communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council request Metrolinx, with the engagement of residents of Joe Shuster Way, to provide ongoing graffiti removal services on the Metrolinx-owned wall on the north side of Joe Shuster Way as soon as possible, and to provide funding and a plan for community artwork on the fence to beautify the neighbourhood and deter future graffiti.

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