

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Re-opening of Item 2025.EX23.3 - Metrolinx Ontario Line - Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

Moved by: **Councillor Fletcher**

Seconded by: **Councillor Nunziata**

SUMMARY:

City Council, at its meeting on May 21 and 22, 2025, adopted Item 2025.EX23.3, entitled “Metrolinx Ontario Line – Temporary Lane Closures on the Don Valley Parkway and F.G. Gardiner Expressway and Temporary Delegation of Authority”. Recommendations 6, 7, 8e, and 8f approved temporary overnight lane closures for up to two days between August 1 and August 31, 2026 facilitate the installation of access scaffolding for the Lower Don Bridge.

Additional overnight lane closures in the month of August 2026 are now required to safely complete the previously approved work due to the complexity of the construction activities, site constraints, and the sequencing required to install the access scaffolding over the Don Valley Parkway. Accordingly, this motion recommends amending Item 2025.EX23.3 to permit up to four overnight lane closures, rather than two, for each applicable closure configuration between August 1st and August 31st, 2026, inclusive.

Staff will continue to be coordinate the overnight lane closures to accommodate the Civic Holiday weekend, the Canadian National Exhibition, the Eastern Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project, and other major City events to minimize traffic impacts.

Subject to City Council approval, all other delegated authorities approved under Item 2025.EX23.3 remain unchanged.

Reason for Urgency: City Council approval is required at its July 2026 meeting, as the temporary overnight lane closures are scheduled to commence in August 2026 and there are no subsequent City Council meetings before January 2027.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

City Council Item 2025.EX23.3 (May 21 and 22, 2025)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council amend Item 2025.EX23.3 by deleting the words “two nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026” wherever they occur in Recommendations 6, 7, 8e, and 8f and inserting the words “four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026” so that those

Recommendations now read as follows:

“6. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, to facilitate the installation of access scaffolding in August 2026 and its removal in November 2026 related to the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge, despite Section 937-4 of Code Chapter 937, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic:

a. the eastbound inside lane on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between Parliament Street and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, from, 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;

b. the east-to-northbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, between the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;

c. the northbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 100 metres south of Eastern Avenue, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;

d. the southbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between Dundas Street and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive; and

e. the south-to-westbound inside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, between the Don Valley Parkway and 150 metres south, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive,

and exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so, requested by the local Ward Councillor.

7. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, to facilitate the installation of access scaffolding in August 2026 and its removal in November 2026 related to the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge, despite Section 937-4 of Code Chapter 937, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic:

- a. the southbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between 50 metres north of Eastern Avenue and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;
- b. the south-to-westbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway on-ramp, between the Don Valley Parkway and 150 metres south, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;
- c. the eastbound outside lane on F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between Parliament Street and the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;
- d. the east-to-northbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp, between the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive;
- e. the northbound middle lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 200 metres south of Eastern Avenue, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive; and
- f. the northbound outside lane on the Don Valley Parkway, between the Don Valley Parkway-F.G. Gardiner Expressway off-ramp and 100 metres south of Eastern Avenue, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including

four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive,

and exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so, requested by the local Ward Councillor.

8. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic:

e. the Don Roadway, southbound, between the Don Valley Parkway and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive, to facilitate the installation of access scaffolding in August 2026 and its removal in November 2026 related to the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge; and

f. the Don Roadway, northbound, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and the Don Valley Parkway, from 11:00 p.m. of one day to 5:00 a.m. on the following day for up to and including four nights between August 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, inclusive, and for up to and including two nights between November 1, 2026 and November 30, 2026, inclusive, to facilitate the installation of access scaffolding in August 2026 and its removal in November 2026 related to the Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge,

and exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.”

Date: July 29, 30, and 31, 2026