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Subject: [External Sender] Comments for 2026.NY33.26 on May 26, 2026 North York Community Council, from the Leaside Residents Association
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Re: Construction impact of the Ontario Line on TTC operations at Line 5 (Don Valley Station) and Restoring full TTC bus service/connections between Thorncliffe Park Drive. and Line 5 Laird Station, and in Leaside

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 26, 2026 North York Community Council meeting on item 2026.NY33.26, Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction within the North York District - Second Quarter 2026 Update

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Comments:

Dear Chair and Members of North York Community Council.

The Leaside Residents Association is in full agreement with the submission submitted by Jason Ash and Liz Morellato, Co-chairs of the Leaside Towers Tenants Association of Thorncliffe Park, with whom we work closely on mutual issues.

We are concerned that the non-operating elevator at Don Valley Station presents major difficulty for would-be users of Line 5, particularly for disabled riders, as well as for those with strollers. As the LTТА's letter to you points out, there is no information available to indicate that there even is a date for hope of a functioning elevator in the future.

Regarding the new temporary 156 Millwood bus route, we agree with the LTТА on every point. Neither they nor we were aware that this was not to be an adequate transit connection among Line 5 and Laird Stations and within inner Leaside. We urgently request that the frequency of Route 156 be improved as per the LTТА's recommendations.

The LRA feels it is important to remove these important disincentives to Line 5 ridership, and asks for your consideration and support.

Thank you,

Carol Burtin Fripp, Co-chair,
with Geoff Kettel
Leaside Residents Association