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Good afternoon, Members of the North York Community Council.

On behalf of the Yonge North York Business Improvement Area (BIA) Public Realm Committee, we are submitting the attached letter addressing the Metrolinx Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) project.

This is for agenda item [NY34.6](#), which was presented to the North York Community Council on July 7th, 2026 (Meeting 34). We give permission for the letter to be publicly posted.

Best Regards,



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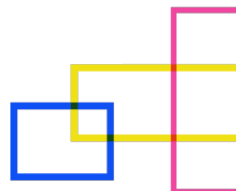
North York Community Council
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Re: NY34.6 - Metrolinx Yonge North Subway Extension - Long-Term Temporary Road Closures, Time Extension of the Temporary Delegation of Authority

Dear Members of the North York Community Council,

As Metrolinx works with its contractors on the main construction works of the Yonge North York Subway Extension (YNSE), it is crucial to ensure there is transparency, sufficient communications of construction timelines, and mitigation of long-term impacts of construction on local businesses and commercial properties. The Yonge North York BIA requests that the City communicates with Metrolinx on the progression of construction of the YNSE and request Metrolinx to address the following:

- Ensuring YNSE construction does not occur simultaneously as Transform Yonge construction, which would cause increased on-site disruption to traffic flow and disrupt local businesses.
- Clear and timely written communications with the BIA and its members detailing upcoming construction works including associated traffic plans and construction mitigation.
- Copies of public, construction, and important notices are provided via both email and hardcopy to businesses, property owners, the Yonge North York BIA, local political offices, and business associations, well in advance of the start of construction.
 - Establishing this process will guarantee the receipt of reliable project information, thereby preventing ambiguous, last-minute communications and ensuring we are not learning of major disruptions through [third-party news outlets](#).
- Written, turnkey communication from Metrolinx that informs impacted main street business communities what is required by contractors, with regards to mitigation of construction run off and cleaning of all public areas, pest control, provision of additional lighting at and around hoarding sites and for wayfinding, contractor parking, and other construction impacts.
- Providing key communications and notices in English as well as Korean, Chinese and Farsi.
- Clear and proactive on-site wayfinding signage for pedestrians and drivers.
- Positive messaging to mitigate the impacts of public impressions of avoiding driving on Yonge Street, as seen on Eglinton LRT project, which would impact worker, visitor and customer travel. For example, implementing a creative PR campaign to support and promote the local business community to counter negative messaging associated with large-scale construction.
- Establish weekly inspections of sites by Metrolinx in addition to responding to complaints to ensure that contractors are acting in accordance with Good Neighbour Principles.
- Provide a public contact at Metrolinx that is available at all hours when active construction is underway.





The Yonge North York Business Improvement Area (BIA) strives to enhance the business community and is one of the largest BIAs in Toronto with over 1,600 members, 35,000 workers and over 60,000 residents within our district, and growing. The Yonge Street corridor is a main arterial and is identified as a Centre in Toronto. Our vision is to be the preferred destination in North Toronto for businesses, residents, visitors, and workers to live, work and play.

If you have any questions or want to discuss further, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Laura Burnham at l.burnham@yongenorthyork.com.

Best regards,

Yonge North York BIA Public Realm Committee

