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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Proposed Truck Route on Gertrude Place

Dear Councillor Moise and members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

As you are aware Truck Safety along the Ontario Line construction sites is a priority in my ward .My community has pushed Metrolinx to create a Truck Safety plan to hold them accountable to their haul routes. We are now waiting for the promised GPS and decals on the trucks operating at each site.

It has come to my attention that Metrolinx intends to utilize a gate on Gertrude Place for the Pape and Danforth construction site. As two gates already exist at the site, residents have expressed significant worries about safety and disruption, especially since they have faced challenges with garbage trucks on Gertrude Place. This route is not clearly posted on Metrolinx's truck safety page, which causes further confusion and misinformation.

We are approaching the first anniversary of the very serious truck accident at Pape and Mortimer. Prior to any permissions by the city to establish Gertrude Gate, I am recommending that Metrolinx host an in-person meeting with the neighbours to review their proposal with residents including all mitigating measures and conditions that would apply, discuss alternatives and take community feedback. I would appreciate the Committee's support for the following recommendation:

Recommendations:

1. City Council request that prior to any authorization by the City for the use of Gertrude Gate for hauling that Metrolinx be required to host an in-person meeting with neighbours, with senior staff from Metrolinx in attendance and leading the meeting, to review their proposal and the proposed mitigation measures and conditions that would apply, to discuss alternatives and to receive community feedback.

Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher
City Councillor Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth