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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 13, 2026 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting on item 2026.TE28.27, Ontario Line - Construction Update - Fourth Quarter 2025

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Please make this submission public.

Gerrard-Carlaw Parkette and Dog-Off Leash Area

The dog off-leash area (DOLA) at the Gerrard-Carlaw Parkette closed in November 2025 due to Ontario Line construction<sup>5</sup>. A temporary DOLA located across the street at the southeast corner of Gerrard Street East and Carlaw Avenue opened in June 2025. It is expected to remain open until 2030/2031, at which point Metrolinx will complete construction of Gerrard Station, which will include a new plaza and reinstallation of a permanent DOLA. Metrolinx is designing the permanent DOLA with input from the local councillor and City staff, and it will be submitted to the appropriate Council committee for review per IE26.19 and constructed in accordance with City standar

Don Valley and Joint Corridor Tree Restoration

Through TE24.66, City Council directed staff to publicly share the tree replanting plan and maintenance for the Don Valley. In 2023-2024, tree removals took place in the Don Valley and Minton Place to facilitate bridge construction in the Don Valley. Urban Forestry (UF) Division staff worked with Metrolinx to minimize tree impacts through the permit process. In total 477 trees were removed from these natural areas and UF staff collected compensation payments of \$494,052 for these removals in Ward 14. Metrolinx is required to restore 1.9 ha of natural areas that include, at a minimum, 3,705 trees and 8,645 shrubs. This will be achieved through a mix of on-site plantings and cash-in-lieu.

As directed in TE24.66, City staff requested Metrolinx undertake mitigation actions to minimize rodent activity caused by project construction and provide supports to residents impacted by rodents. Metrolinx has pest and rodent management plans in place for work sites, which includes daily monitoring for signs of pest activity, along with general best practices like setting cage traps and daily waste removal. Individual property owners who suspect rodents are on their property due to Ontario Line construction can contact Metrolinx's Community Engagement team, which will assess the situation and determine supports on a case-by-case basis.

So you destroyed the animal's home, and are now trapping the animals? Near a dog park? I sure hope you are using live traps exclusively, and release the animals right away. Please do

not poison or kill trap animals. And please no glue traps. Humane companies can be found here. <http://www.rodenticidefree.ca>  
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