

BACKGROUND

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METROLINX

[Metrolinx](#) (the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority) is a Crown Corporation of the province of Ontario. We were created to address the transportation challenges in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA--the metropolitan region encompassing the Greater Toronto Area, the regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and York, and the City of Hamilton).

Metrolinx operates within the legislative framework of the [Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, 2006](#) and the province's [Places to Grow - A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#). Metrolinx is the final piece in a three-part approach by the Government of Ontario to prepare the GTHA for growth and sustained prosperity.

Mission

Metrolinx's mission is to create a state-of-the-art transportation system that moves people and goods efficiently, economically and in an environmentally sustainable manner. The agency is working to create an integrated transportation system for the GTHA that enhances prosperity, sustainability and quality of life. Every Metrolinx project and program works towards improving existing transportation services or introducing new services.

As part of its legislative mandate, Metrolinx:

- Provides leadership in the coordination, planning, financing and development of an integrated, multi-modal transportation network;
- Acts as the central procurement agency for local transit system vehicles, equipment, technologies and facilities on behalf of participating Ontario municipalities;
- Operates the GO Transit system; and
- Administers the Presto smart card system allowing customers to traverse transit systems throughout the region.

Governance and Board of Directors

Metrolinx is chaired by Rob Maclsaac and is staffed by experts in relevant fields. The 11-member Board of Directors includes representatives of three regional municipalities and the cities of Toronto, Mississauga, and Hamilton. They are as follows:

- Rob Maclsaac, Chair
- Peter Smith, Vice-Chair
- Roger Anderson (Durham)
- Paul Bedford (Toronto)
- Gary Carr (Halton)
- Fred Eisenberger (Hamilton)
- William Fisch (York)
- Adam Giambrone (Toronto)
- Norm Kelly (Toronto)
- Hazel McCallion (Peel)
- David Miller (Toronto)

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