



Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore

June 27, 2016

J. Robert S. Prichard
Chair, Metrolinx Board of Directors
20 Bay St, Toronto, ON
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Dear Mr. Prichard,

I am writing to the Metrolinx Board of Directors regarding the decision to forgo Park Lawn GO from the short list of transit stops in the GO Regional Express Rail 10-Year Program: New Stations Analysis report to be reviewed on June 28, 2016.

I cannot stress enough how disappointed the residents of Etobicoke-Lakeshore are with Metrolinx's decision to omit consideration of a Park Lawn GO station. Public transit service in Etobicoke-Lakeshore is inefficient, unreliable, and often inaccessible to many users – refusing consideration of the Park Lawn GO stop is simply short-sighted. By the time construction of residential developments in the Park Lawn and Lake Shore Blvd. W area are complete, there will be approximately 28,000 residents living within a few square kilometres. Much of this density was approved at the Provincial level by the Ontario Municipal Board, with no consideration of the pressures this would place on our municipal infrastructure.

As representatives of Wards 5 & 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Councillor Mark Grimes and I are speaking on behalf of thousands of residents, overwhelmed by congestion, traffic and a lack of transit infrastructure, who support a Park Lawn GO station. The condominium development and population density in South Etobicoke has continued to create congestion, confusion and chaos in Etobicoke and it is clear to residents that a new GO station at Park Lawn is needed.

In order to effectively plan for the future, Park Lawn Go must be considered now. I strongly encourage Metrolinx to reconsider their position and encourage the Board to review this location as a potential transit stop in the GO Regional Express Rail 10-Year Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Justin Di Ciano
City Councillor
Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore