

June 23, 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 exclude 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.

Humber Bay Shores is a rapidly growing community in the eastern part of Etobicoke-Lakeshore. The population in this area continues to increase significantly each year, and the great unknown regarding the future of the former Mr. Christie lands means that additional transit infrastructure should be considered immediately.

With the changing landscape of South Etobicoke, Councillor Di Ciano and I listened to the concerns of residents calling for increased transit infrastructure. In 2015, we wrote to Metrolinx outlining the rapid growth in both the Humber Bay Shores community and Etobicoke at large, asking that Park Lawn be considered as a location for a potential new GO station in the "New Station Analysis" report.

In addition to this, a petition with more than 1,500 signatures from residents across Etobicoke demonstrates how sorely an additional GO stop in Etobicoke is needed.

A growing community requires significant infrastructure to support it, and the local residents have made their voices heard regarding the need for transit. The addition of Park Lawn GO is a necessity.

In order to alleviate the current congestion issues, and provide necessary transit connections that will benefit current and future residents, I ask that you reconsider the decision to exclude Park Lawn GO in the GO Regional Express Rail 10-Year Program.

While the report released in advance of the June 28th Metrolinx Board of Directors meeting states that the possibility still exists for inclusion of Park Lawn (among other stops) in the GO rail network down the line, I request that you defer any decision until further consultation with myself, Councillor Di Ciano, MP Maloney and MPP Milczyn.

Your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated by the members of our community.

Sincerely,



Mark Grimes
City Councillor
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