

June 27, 2016

Metrolinx,
97 Front Street West,
Toronto, ON
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Dear Decision-Makers

Re: Metrolinx stop at Park Lawn Rd.

As President of MTCC 965, Grand Harbour, (a condo corporation with 279 units) I am very familiar with the lack of transportation options in the area of Park Lawn Road and Lake Shore Blvd. W., drive a car or take the streetcar.

This issue has been building within the last ten years as more and more condos have been built over a relatively short period of time and within a small area. The current density has overwhelmed the two options available to us. Current and future planned condo developments will add another 30,000 people to Humber Bay Shores. When the Gardiner Expressway is congested during rush hours, cars turn to Park Lawn Road and then Lake Shore Blvd. W. to head east to downtown Toronto. All lanes are moving at a snail's pace which means the TTC vehicles are stuck behind cars. A member of our board recently spent 40 minutes travelling from Park Lawn Rd. to Palace Pier Court, less than a kilometre. There was no accident, just an overwhelming number of cars.

Having a GO stop at Park Lawn would greatly assist local residents with a viable and reliable alternative method of travelling to downtown. Because of the number of condo buildings in the immediate area, I predict a high number of riders within walking distance. We need urgent help and a GO station is our only hope at this point in time.

Toronto City Council recently announced plans to investigate the implementation of "revenue tools" including a congestion tax and a tax on parking. Both of these initiatives are being considered in an effort to alleviate congestion and reduce pollution. Without a parallel plan to encourage the use of public transportation these taxing measures will simply become a "tax grab" and do nothing to address their stated purpose – reduce congestion and pollution.

The time has come for Toronto to take a forward view and devise plans that encourage the use of public transportation. We in the Humber Bay Shores Community implore Metrolinx to be part of this future planning and provide our community with another option for travel to the downtown core by opening a GO Transit station at Park Lawn Avenue.

Please reconsider your decision to exclude Park Lawn. It is of critical importance to the residents in this area.

Regards,

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President, MTCC 965

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