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Dear Mr. Prichard and Members of the Board
Re: Stouffville Corridor

For consideration at the upcoming Board of Directors' Meeting June 28, 2017:

On June 8, 2017 Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca announced the increase of Metrolinx/GO trains on the Stouffville Corridor to 34 trains on weekdays. That means for our Agincourt Community trains will stop at Agincourt Station southbound at 6:02 am and northbound at 11:16 pm and pass through our community at 31 minute intervals.

The Agincourt Community since 2014 has requested grade separations at the tracks for safety, noise walls for quality of life, and increased station parking for community access to trains after 8:00 am.

Particularly upsetting is the fact that Stouffville Corridor trains will be increased June 26, 2017 while students must cross the tracks "at grade" level to attend seven schools at four "at grade" crossings in our community. No pedestrian barriers exist at three of these crossings! Agincourt Village Community Association has suggested at the very least Metrolinx hire a crossing guard for the Marilyn/Lockie Avenues pathway for 8:00-9:00 am and 3:15-4:15 pm school crossing times.

Electrification of the Stouffville Corridor has been promised however our reality is that our community endures diesel train noise, diesel fumes and the screeching of diesel engine breaks for 34 trains now! Our "quiet enjoyment" is totally disrupted. Hydrogen cell electric trains are unreachable for our community – we cannot think past the noise and poor air quality. According to your Metrolinx website the noise walls in Phase 1 on the Stouffville Corridor were to be completed in 2016. It is now mid 2017 and only some noise walls on the east side for Phase 1 are complete. No noise walls for residents on the east side in Phase 1, nor any in Phase 2 and none beside the Agincourt GO Station whose residents' lives are impacted by diesel fumes, breaks, engines and bells; have been installed. AVCA requests that our community be given some consideration from Metrolinx.



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Metrolinx refuses to acknowledge Agincourt Village Community Association suggestions of temporary remote parking to mitigate the street parking on arterial streets with no sidewalks caused by a full Agincourt GO station parking lot by 8:00 am. Should our community wish to take a mid day train no parking is available and TTC connection is sparse. No bicycle paths to the station exist, only 4 carpool spaces exist and kiss and ride happens on our arterial streets east and west of the station. AVCA has suggested three remote areas within 3 minute walking distance of the station.

Stouffville Corridor trains are increasing June 26, 2017 without the completion of our community requests. Metrolinx exhibits no recognition of the community the Stouffville train passes through.

Sadly the conversations held between Agincourt Village Community Association on October 6, 2016 with Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig and Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca and on May 11, 2017 with Metrolinx CEO John Jensen and Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca were fruitless.

Let's take this opportunity to save the Stouffville Corridor Project from the problems discussed with other projects in the Auditor General's Report. AVCA endorses the increase of Stouffville Corridor trains but only after Metrolinx addresses the grade separation, noise and parking issues.

Metrolinx needs to live up to its "Community Charter." Let's ensure that the Stouffville Corridor Project is beneficial to both the residents and the commuters.

Respectfully submitted,

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