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Subject: Re: On The Public Intervention during the Sept. 14 MetroLinx Board Meeting

Dear Mr Sharkey,

Thank you for writing and for your interest in our work at Metrolinx.

I was disappointed others in your group refused to identify themselves at our board meeting on Thursday. It is important to accept personal accountability as you have in debates of this kind.

I will not detail my disagreement with various of your assertions. Suffice it to say, as we have announced, there will be a thorough review of the case for these two stations and the Minister has stated in advance that he will respect our conclusions.

I will ensure your letter and this response are included in the posted correspondence for our last meeting and circulated to members of the board.

Have a good weekend.

Best, Rob

J Robert S Prichard
Chair
Metrolinx

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: September 15, 2017 3:58 PM

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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Subject: On The Public Intervention during the Sept. 14 MetroLinx Board Meeting

To J. Robert Prichard, Chair, and the Board of Directors of MetroLinx;

I am one of the Torontonians that presented A Pink Slip at the Board meeting yesterday morning, September 14, demanding the resignation of yourself and the entire Board of Metrolinx.

This intervention in the meeting was a direct result of the serious ethical miss-judgement by the Board in including the Kirby and Lawrence East GO Transit stations in the proposed additions to the system. This is based on the widely reported investigation in the Toronto Star as well as in a

Sept. 7 follow-up article by respected municipal journalist Joyson James.

As reported, MetroLinx did not include the Kirby and Lawrence East stations in its initial decision in June 2016 on the network expansion based on your own organization's expert analysis and advice. Advice which specifically excluded these two stations. Yet at the next meeting of the Board these two stations, at an additional cost of over \$120 million, were included in the expansion. What happened? Why the change?

According to the Star investigative reporting this change was a direct result of political pressure brought to bare by the Ontario Liberal Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca whose riding would include the Kirby station. This accusation was based on material only obtained through a freedom-of-information request. It is also quite possible, although not reported in the Star, that input was received from the Mayor's Office of the City of Toronto as the Lawrence East station addition fitted in with his questionable SmartTrack proposal. This is clear political interference with the work of an arm's-length public agency!

It appears quite clear from your Sept 8 letter to Minister Del Duca that you are only reconsidering your decision to add the two GO stations as a direct result of the Star investigation. And there is no commitment in your 're-investigation' to publicize why the Board changed its decision to include the Kirby and Lawrence East stations in the network expansion.

We are quite aware of the sterling public service reputations of many of your board members, so it is a shockingly disappointing to become aware that, given the depth of experience in these matters, the Board could give in to such blatant political pressure brought to bear on the agency's decision-making process at great cost to the public treasury.

While we acknowledge your expedient response to the damaging information to the reputation of MetroLinx, we believe this response is far too little and far too late. We suspect many people in the Province agree with us. This is why we are demanding the resignation of yourself and the Board.

I have been assured by staff of Metrolinx that this correspondence will be circulated to all Board members of MetroLinxs. I also anticipate it will be posted to Metrolinx website.

This email is also a follow up to the same message left with staff of MetroLinx during a phone conversation on Friday, Sept. 8.

I look forward to your response.

John Sharkey

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