

February 19, 2020

Metrolinx Board,

We are very happy to see the Bowmanville Extension (“Bowmanville Initial Business Case”) report on the February 20, 2020 agenda. We fully support “Option 2” and the use of the existing bridge over the 401.

The benefits of Options 2 and its alignment on the north side of the 401 are clear and it's worth the investment.

We have relatives who live in Courtice and the Bowmanville Extension will make it easier to visit them, and for them to visit Toronto. Further, one of the officiants for a recent family wedding<sup>1</sup> lives in Oshawa with her family and we know she's looking forward to the Extension.

We have in-laws who live in Peterborough, Ontario, and so we hope that when the Bowmanville Extension opens the Oshawa-Peterborough GO bus (No. 88) can shift to the new Bowmanville Station as there can be congestion on the 401 between Oshawa and Bowmanville that slows the bus down. Further, there are a lot of turns to get from the bus platform at Oshawa onto the 401.

Finally, our Grandfather Drew worked on the Maintenance-of-Way team for CP Rail for 40 years, with only a four year pause while he served in World War II in the bailey bridge engineering team<sup>2</sup>. The last portion of his career saw him maintain the the CP Rail tracks in the GM yard in Oshawa and the rail bridge over the 401. It would be neat to take the GO train over a route he worked on. Building and maintaining track even with today's technology is still very hard work in all kinds of weather conditions so a big thank you to the future crews who will be installing and maintaining the track for the Bowmanville Extension.

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<https://blog.metrolinx.com/2019/06/22/talk-about-a-long-wedding-train-groom-uses-unique-ride-to-stand-beside-his-bride/>

<sup>2</sup> Where he coincidentally trained in Peterborough, Ontario.

In closing, below are pictures our Grandfather Drew took of the Royal Hudson travelling through Oshawa in the 1970s on the Option 2 route. Look forward to seeing a future picture of this scene with a GO train operating.



Best wishes from the Drew Family,

Jack Drew, Bev Drew, Mark Drew, and Chris Drew