Laura Zeglen, Chair
Options for Davenport



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Dear J. Robert S. Prichard,

As you know, Options for Davenport undertook an independent environmental assessment of the Metrolinx Davenport Diamond Rail Grade Separation out of widespread community concern with the current overpass-only study approach. Toronto City Council, city planning staff, and every single one of our local elected representatives have publicly expressed that they share these concerns.

Our assessment, entitled "Our EA, Our Say," uniquely considers the future of the corridor from the perspective of the community. We tackled this ambitious project with three primary goals: identify key community concerns and ideas for the Barrie Corridor; identify outstanding questions about each of the options for the Barrie Corridor: trench, tunnel, overpass, "do nothing"; and find answers to questions that we had the capacity to investigate

The Davenport community has felt grossly overlooked by Metrolinx and the province in their work on this project to date, particularly in the early, crucial planning stages. A final decision had been made before anyone — even the city — was consulted. We feel that our community was robbed of the opportunity to consider the risks, benefits, and opportunities between a bridge, tunnel, or trench.

We are proud of our work and hope that you take the time to carefully review this report and consider it in your feedback to Metrolinx's Environmental Project Report.

We would appreciate a chance to explain our findings to you in person at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Laura Zeglen Chair of Options for Davenport