

**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors  
**From:** Karla Avis-Birch, *Chief Planning Officer (A)*  
**Date:** March 25, 2021  
**Re:** **Planning & Development Q4 - 20/21 Report**

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### **Recommendation**

That this report be received for information.

### **Highlights**

- **2020 Metrolinx Accessibility Status Report** is required to fulfill Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) reporting requirements. The Report has been translated to French and made available to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for information purposes and will be posted on the Metrolinx public website.
  - The report supports the Metrolinx commitment to accessibility and includes timelines for making non-accessible GO stations accessible.
  - Other non-infrastructure accessibility commitments include updates on the accessibility of PRESTO devices.
  - Members of the public were offered an opportunity to provide input into reports through annual accessibility consultations. These consultations typically include in-person meetings but were replaced by online consultation due to COVID-19.
- **Advancement of Fare and Service Integration** was formalized at the Feb. 18 Regional Roundtable meeting with municipal representatives from across the GTHA. Attendance included Honorable Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation, who officially kicked off a new provincial-municipal table that will provide a forum to collaborate on an implementation plan in 2022.
  - Metrolinx is supporting the province with technical transit advice on a fare and service integration model by seeking best practice input from other transit agencies and consulting with transit partners across the GTHA.
  - Several foundational early actions are proposed and are under consideration as building blocks to making transit more convenient, seamless and affordable for riders and by removing obstacles that make it difficult for people to use transit.
- **Metrolinx Workplace Accommodation Transformation** will have an optimize-and-decentralize approach:
  - Optimization includes reducing Metrolinx footprint
  - The proposed decentralization model that supports work and services across the network
  - A strategic approach for implementation continues to be evaluated that will take the current COVID-19 restrictions into consideration, as well as decisions around new leasing expirations and emerging team needs.

Respectfully submitted.

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