

To: Metrolinx Board of Directors
From: Karla Avis-Birch, Chief Planning Officer
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Re: Planning & Development Quarterly Report

Metrolinx formally kicked off the 2022 Rob Maclsaac Fellowship Program on January 17, 2022, welcoming two new Fellows to Metrolinx's Planning & Development team.

The [Rob Maclsaac Fellowship Program](#), which was named in honour of Metrolinx's first Chair, has supported innovative student research since its launch in 2011. The Fellowship Program offers a unique academic study and work opportunity. Fellows are paired with an academic advisor at their college or university for an academic term (January - April 2022) and a Metrolinx senior advisor for a work term (May-August 2022). Our latest cohort will be examining the impacts of rapid transit on accessibility to jobs and essential services and mobility and crowding analytics through WiFi. To date, there have been 27 Maclsaac Fellows across seven cohorts.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Planning Officer