

# Ontario Line West Segment

### Land acknowledgement

Metrolinx wishes to recognize that it operates on the traditional territories of the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat Peoples.

In particular, we acknowledge that the Ontario Line project takes place on Treaty 13 territory with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on these lands and has a responsibility to work with the original keepers of this territory and the many diverse Indigenous Peoples living here today.

Metrolinx remains committed to engaging with Indigenous Peoples and Nations on the Ontario Line project.

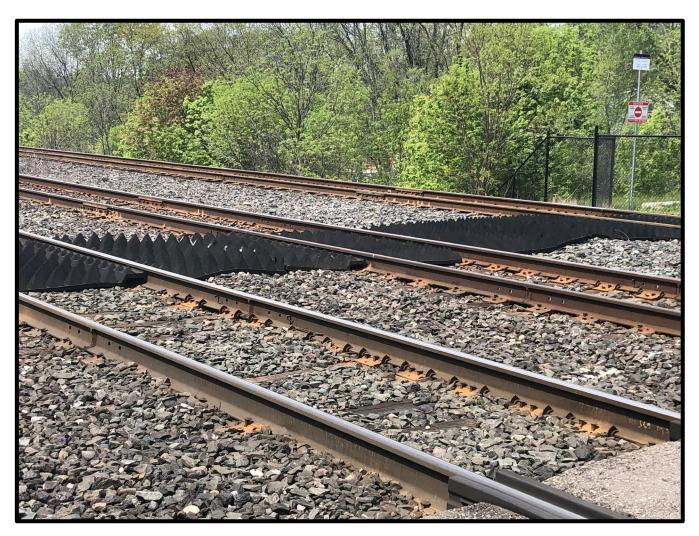


### **Safety moment**

Safety near rail corridors, tracks, bridges and crossings is paramount.

Metrolinx has been working to improve safety infrastructure across the network, but with the warmer weather and more people outdoors, it's important to remain vigilant.

If you see someone dangerously close to a rail line, call 9-1-1 or Transit Safety, 24 hours a day at 1-877-297-0642.



The anti-trespass panels create a hard and uneven surface making it nearly impossible to walk over. Their primary function is to make people think twice before they trespass into the rail corridors.

## Introduction to panel









Richard Tucker

Malcolm MacKay

Susan Lin

Carrie Sheaffer

Renee Afoom-Boateng

Ontario Line Project Director Ontario Line Project Sponsor Manager, Property Team Senior Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment Senior Manager, Third Party Adjacent Works



### **Agenda**

- Ontario Line West Segment Presentation:
  - o Station Updates:
    - West Segment Overview
    - Exhibition Station
      - > Early Works at Exhibition Station
    - King-Bathurst Station
    - Queen-Spadina Station
    - Heritage Considerations
    - What's Next for the Ontario Line's West Segment
  - Building Transit Faster Act, 2020 and Transit Corridor Lands
- Q&A



### **West Segment**

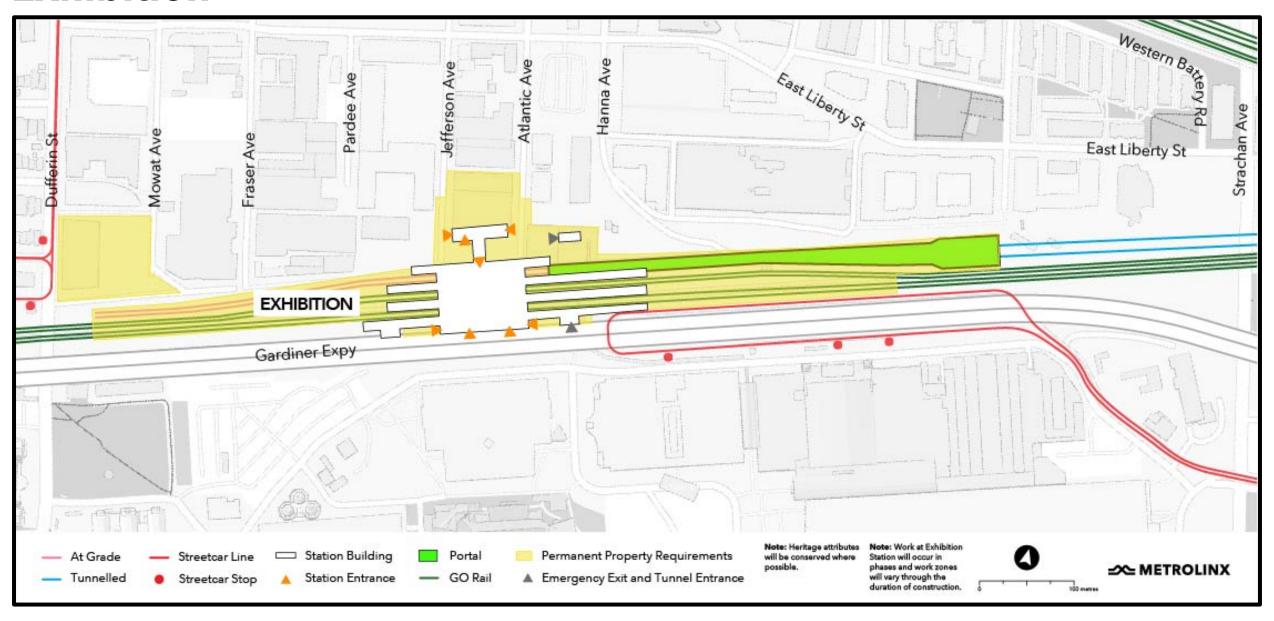


Project plans updated to fit the tunnel portal exclusively within the rail corridor.



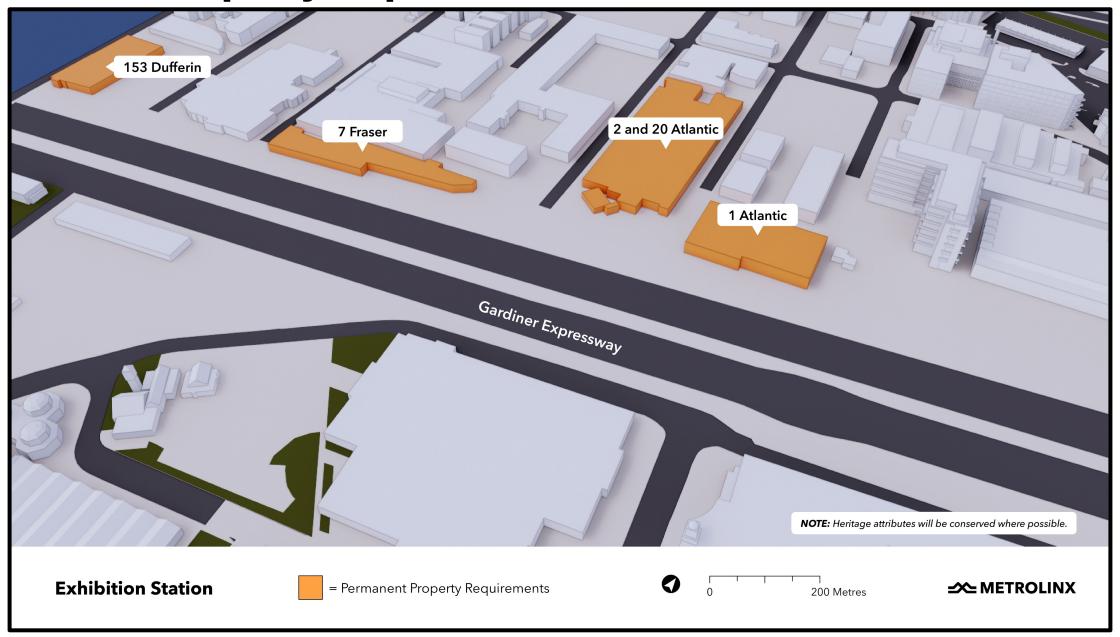
### **Exhibition**

**★** METROLINX

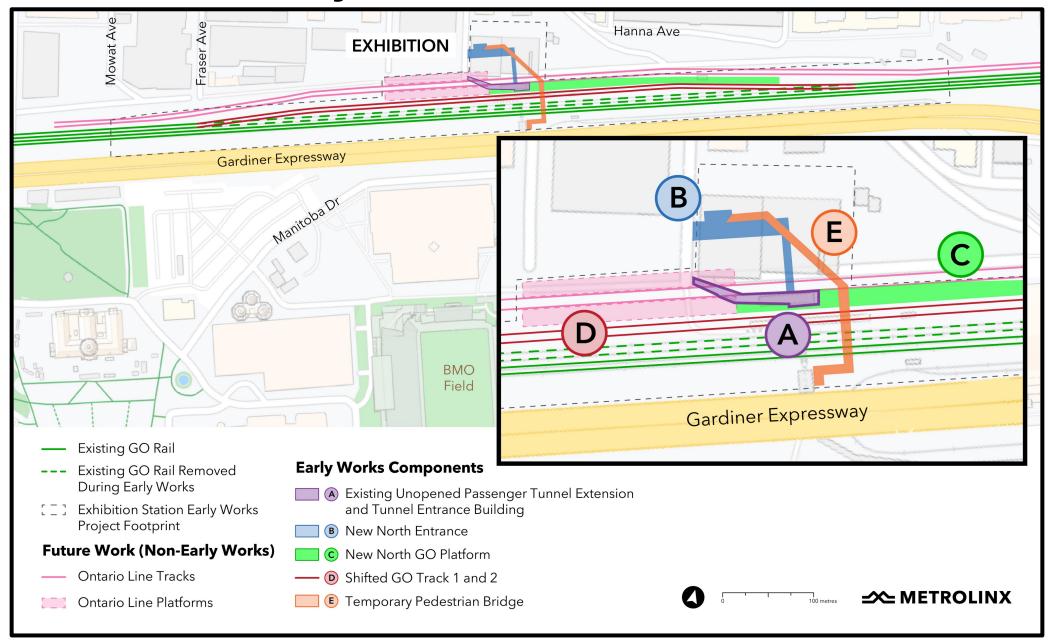


12,100 residents and over 17,000 jobs will be within a comfortable 10-minute walk.

# **Exhibition: Property Impacts**

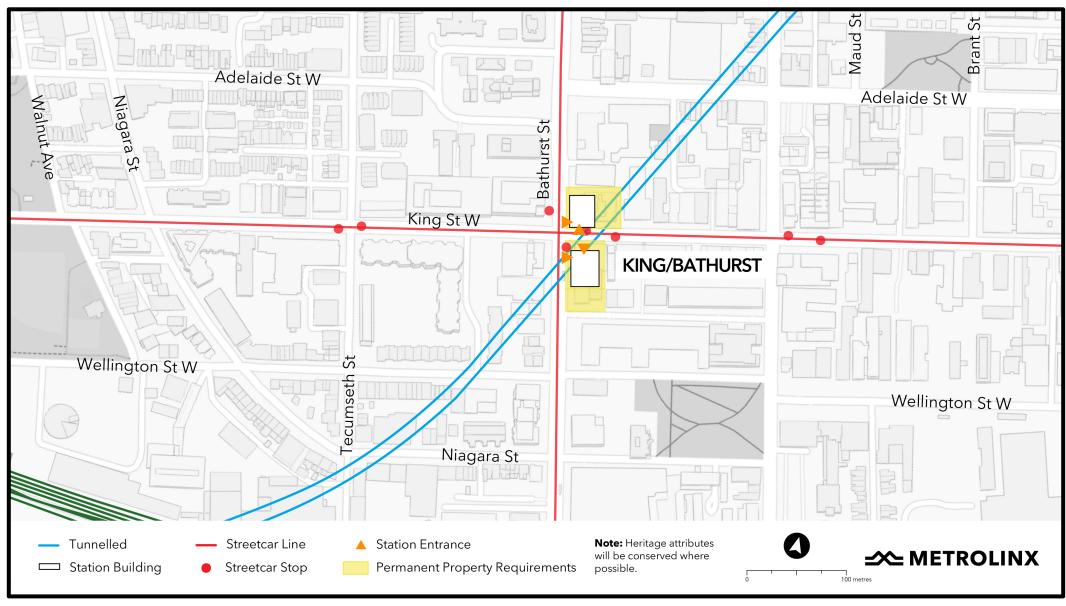


## **Exhibition Station Early Works**



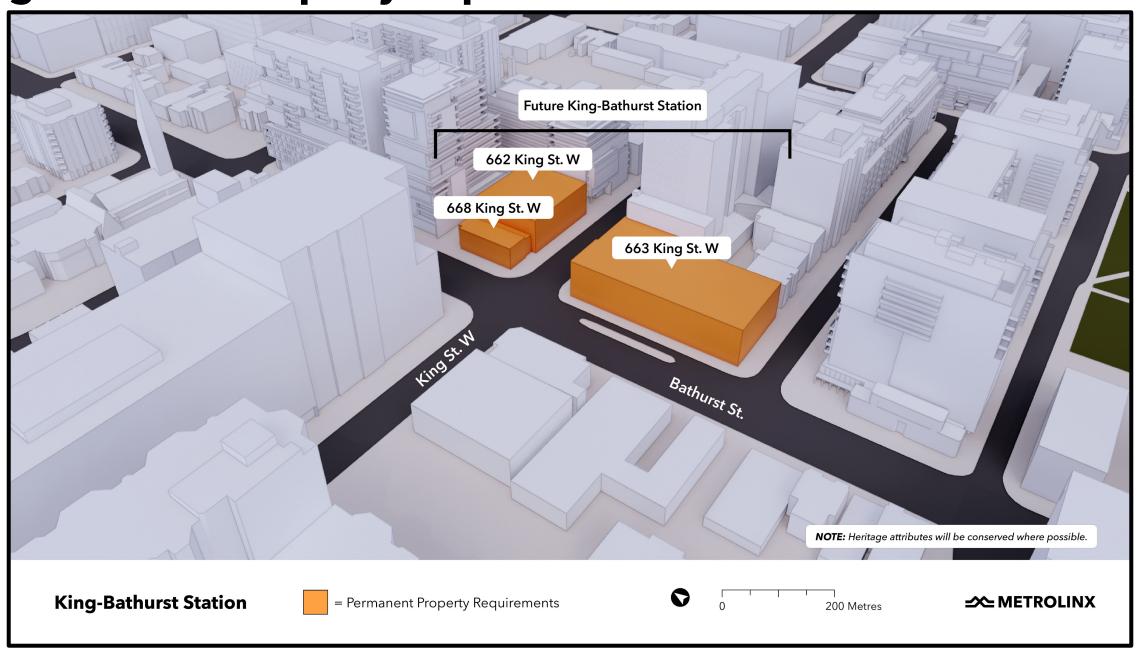


# **King-Bathurst**

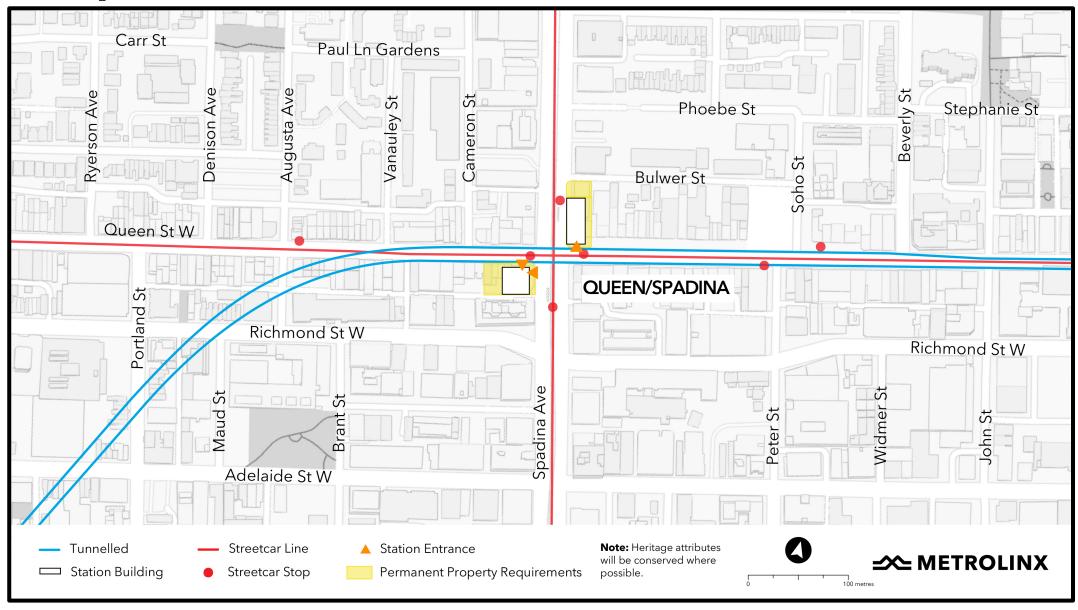


27,000 residents and over 24,000 jobs will be within a comfortable 10-minute walk.

## **King-Bathurst: Property Impacts**

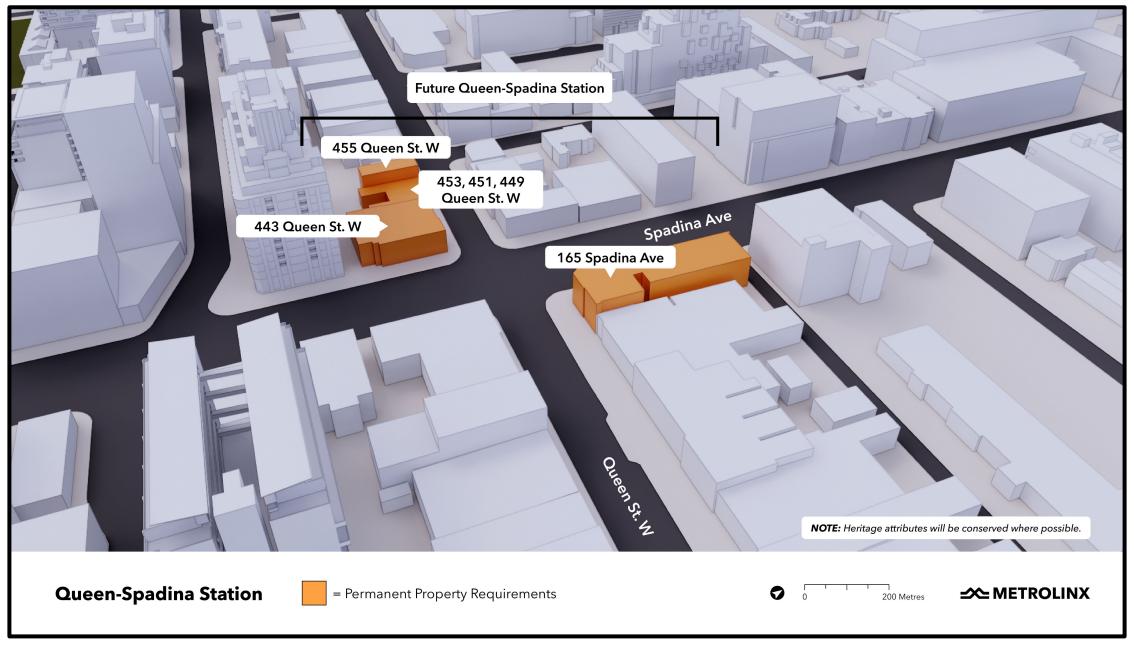


### **Queen-Spadina**



22,800 residents and over 42,000 jobs will be within a comfortable 10-minute walk.

## **Queen-Spadina: Property Impacts**





### **Heritage Considerations**

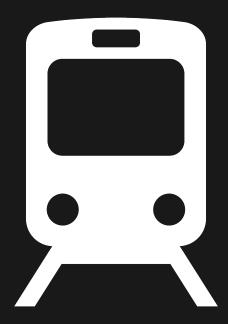
- We know how important the heritage properties are in this area and we're committed to retention of buildings or heritage attributes where possible. We included an initial survey of known and potential heritage properties along the Ontario Line route in the **Cultural Heritage Report**, part of the **Existing Conditions Report** published in November 2020.
- How are we balancing heritage conservation with construction requirements?
  - Working within the framework of the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties
  - We're actively working with heritage conservation specialists, including City of Toronto Heritage Planning to identify the best solutions
  - Exploring a range of conservation options for heritage properties and customizing approaches for each site.
    - Options include retention of façades while stations are built and careful dismantling of exteriors into panels which can be stored and then reassembled as part of the stations.
- Next steps:
  - We'll be back to share more about our proposed solutions, and seek feedback on these solutions, as the work advances over the coming months
  - We will include recommended solutions in our **Heritage Detailed Design Report**, which we plan to issue in draft for review and comment in early 2022 as part of the **Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)**.



### What's next?

- Regular updates, more virtual events and opportunities to provide feedback and ask questions
- In-person meetings and events when safe and public health restrictions allow for gatherings
- Exhibition Early Works construction begins early fall 2021
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
  - January 2022: Draft report and opportunity for public feedback
  - April 2022: Final report with feedback incorporated





# **Building Transit Faster Act**Designation of Transit Corridor Lands

### **Transit Corridor Lands**

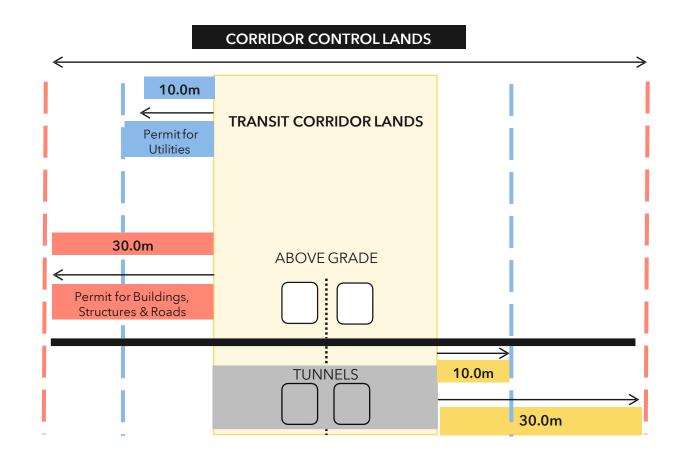
- Building transit in built-up urban areas means working with property owners along proposed transit routes to support the planning, design and construction of important projects.
- Under the Building Transit Faster Act, 2020, the Province now allows land that may be needed for transit construction to be designated as transit corridor land. This change will help Metrolinx build transit faster, resulting in fewer inconveniences for neighbouring communities while avoiding issues that have caused delays in the past.
- Transit corridor lands are being identified for priority transit projects.





### **Determining Transit Corridor Lands**

- The borders for transit corridor lands were set by looking at existing infrastructure in the area, the route and design of the transit line, and how it can be built.
- A 30-metre buffer area was then set around the transit corridor lands to allow for any other needs that could come up during further design and construction work - the same changes that apply to transit corridor lands apply to these buffer areas as well.





# What does this mean for your property?

- Many who own or occupy transit corridor lands will likely experience little to no impacts. For others, it may mean a small change to business as usual.
- If your property is on or within 30 m of transit corridor lands, there will be some changes in the following areas:
  - Permits required for planned work
  - How titles of properties appear in the land registry
  - How properties can be accessed for transit planning and construction



## Getting permits for planned work

If you are planning to build, change or place a building, other structure or road on or under your property, a permit from Metrolinx may be required.

- Examples for things that would require a permit include extensions of homes, decks, pools or sheds. Interior renovations would not require a permit.
- Metrolinx permits would be required in addition to (and prior to) any necessary municipal permits;
   no application fee will be charged for a permit from Metrolinx.

This new permitting requirement will help avoid conflicts with nearby transit construction and reduce the likelihood that you might have to stop or redo your work in the future.

• If you are currently undergoing or planning any of these activities, please contact Metrolinx at <u>development.coordinator@metrolinx.com</u> to determine if a permit is necessary.



### Notice on title

# The title of your property will include a notice about it being on or within 30 metres of transit corridor land.

- This notice will appear on the title of your property in the land registry. Having this notice on title will also help ensure any future owners of the property are aware of the designation.
- This does not restrict or prevent you from renting, leasing or selling your property now or in the future.
- The notice will be in effect during planning and construction, but will be removed once the project is complete.



### Allowing access for transit planning & construction

### Metrolinx may need to visit your property to help prepare transit plans.

- This could be for inspections, to make records or to conduct tests related to the planning or construction of a transit project.
- Typically, Metrolinx will work with you to negotiate a "permission to enter" agreement, which outlines the details of where, when and how Metrolinx will visit your property.
- If an agreement can't be reached within project timelines, Metrolinx will schedule a visit providing you are given 30 days advance notice. If this is the case, workers will not enter any homes and will follow all necessary health measures to ensure your safety.

# The plans Metrolinx prepares may identify a need to remove something that could interfere with construction, such as a shed, tree, or hedge.

- If this applies to your property, Metrolinx will also give you at least 30 days advance notice. If an object or structure poses an immediate construction safety risk, providing advance notice may not be possible.
- Metrolinx will work with you to come to an agreement on how to best carry out the work, restore
  property if required and determine compensation.



## How will I know if my property is affected?

- If the property you own or occupy is on transit corridor land or within the 30 metre buffer area, you will be notified by letter.
- If you live in a condo, it is the condo boards who will be notified and asked to share this information through their usual communication channels.
- We will also be asking property owners to notify tenants of this designation through their usual communication channels.
- Receiving a letter does not necessarily mean your property is needed in any way it is only to notify you of the designation.
  - If your property is needed, you will receive separate letters outlining what is needed in more detail.



# **Property acquisition process**

- If we confirm your property is needed, you will receive **separate written notification** from us.
- We only acquire properties that are **absolutely necessary** for projects and we strive to **minimize the footprint** of our land requirements through careful planning and design.
- Our preferred approach is direct, one-on-one negotiations with owners, with the goal of reaching amicable agreements.
  - Expropriation is a **backstop tool.** Even when expropriation is initiated, Metrolinx continues to negotiate with owners in the hopes of reaching agreements.
- Whether we have to acquire a portion of a property or the entire property, the property owner will be compensated at fair market value.
- Whenever Metrolinx needs to acquire property to support a new transit project, our commitment is to ensure that owners and tenants do not experience a financial loss.
- Metrolinx strives to communicate with property owners **early and often** so that there is ample time to work through solutions.









#### **Learn more**

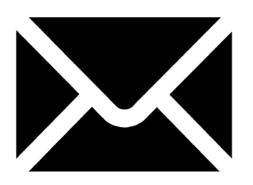
Visit **Metrolinx.com/Property** to learn more about property and transit corridor lands.



#### **Contact us**

Your feedback is vital in helping us to move the Ontario Line forward in a way that strengthens the community. We are grateful for your input.

To stay up to date on upcoming virtual events and the latest Ontario Line news, sign up for our e-newsletter at Metrolinx.com/OntarioLine.







OntarioLine@Metrolinx.com

416-202-5100

Metrolinx.com/OntarioLine