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Donald Wright, Chair
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Dear Mr Wright,

I am writing to you today to express my deep disappointment with Metrolinx's decision to build an Elevated Guideway along Eglinton Ave West as part of the ECWE. This project will result in certain destruction of valuable greenspace and cherished parkland in our community.

The staging of this project will also shut down a considerable portion of our local Pearen Park for an entire generation - a park that is a rarity here and is well-used by a growing community of young families.

I am equally dismayed with Metrolinx's lack of meaningful community consultation in the recent years that led to this current situation. Clearly, there are other options for extending transit from Mount Dennis Station to Renforth Drive, the most suitable being the option to keep the route fully underground. In fact, most of the route is already underground in the more affluent neighbourhoods in Etobicoke, so why not in Mount Dennis?

I ask therefore, that Metrolinx immediately pause the current stage of seeking contracts for the Elevated Guideway project and re-consider the wishes of the community, the health of the environment, and the legacy you will leave behind.

Nobody wishes to be remembered for the destruction of a community merely for the sake of building a concrete train track, knowing full well this can be avoided entirely.

Sincerely,

Tony Pacheco
Tax Payer and Resident of Mount Dennis

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