To the Chair and Members of the Metrolinx Board of Directors,

I only recently learned about the plan to build a 1.5km elevated guideway through Mount Dennis parkland with huge passenger stations over both Jane Street and Scarlett Road.

I have lived in York South-Weston my entire life. During the pandemic, I discovered the Humber Valley Trail for the first time. I was amazed at its natural beauty and I spent many days walking various sections of it. I am strongly opposed to this plan which will certainly cut down mature trees, harm fragile ecosystems and forever disrupt this peaceful oasis in our city.

York South-Weston is one of the poorest and most diverse neighborhoods in our city. I’m concerned about the lack of community consultation about this plan. I understand from my reading that it is technically and financially feasible to build it underground.

Why should our neighbourhood have to live with this eyesore while other more affluent communities will be spared?

I urge Metrolinx to revisit the below grade option and continue tunneling the entire LRT line from Renforth Drive to Mount Dennis station.

York South-Weston residents care about the well-being and livability of our community, which includes the protection of our precious parks and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vanda Zanini,
Resident, York South-Weston

Sent from my iPhone