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To: Chair of Metrolinx; CEO (Metrolinx)

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To the Board and CEO of Metrolinx,

I write to express my extreme disgust, disagreement and opposition to your corporate rape of a cherished greenspace.

The plan by your Crown Corporation – Metrolinx – to place a large hydro station in an established City of Guelph park, within close proximity to schools and resident's homes, is a threat to all the people of Ontario who value community and the environment. This will be a precedent setting move that will put at risk all of Ontario's parkland. Which city or provincial park will next be sacrificed to the desires of corporate interests?

The City of Guelph has unanimously voted its disapproval for the placement of the TPS in a city park and you have been informed of the city's position. On August 6th at a public meeting, our community posed 18 questions to Metrolinx. To date we have received *zero* answers from any of you.

In this time of crisis, when people's normal routines have been totally disrupted and stress is at an all-time high, it is even more important for people to help strengthen their immune systems by accessing the physical and psychological benefits of nature. Community parks are particularly important for seniors and individuals on limited incomes, who do not have backyards or personal access to nature. Instead of working together to create a future where this importance of the environment is celebrated, you took advantage of a time of crisis to push through this project and prey on these vulnerable populations, stripping them of this space that they hold so dear. You knew the people of Guelph and the surrounding neighborhoods would be so distracted by COVID-19 that you would face little opposition. You are the lowest of the low.

I do support the electrification of rail lines, but bulldozing cherished space to do so is not the way to go. There are many different places that could be used.

We will not give up. We will not stop fighting. Find a more appropriate site for your TPS.

Sincerely,
Guelph, On"