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Dear Mr. Wright & Mr. Verster

Re: Vegetation Removal in the Joint Corridor

Save Jimmie Simpson is baffled, not to mention appalled, by the notice of vegetation removal between Eastern and Pape Avenues e-mailed to us several days ago. SJS has written assurances from Metrolinx that no early works are expected until summer of 2022, so we are troubled by plans for this immediate assault on the joint corridor.

Additional SJS concerns regarding this premature and potentially unnecessary tree clearing include:

- The environmental impact assessment report that examines the cumulative impact of GO, VIA, freight and OL has yet to be published or reviewed.
- The public has not been consulted on ANY alternatives that mitigate impacts on host communities.
- Metrolinx has not costed out the hybrid underground option as requested by the City of Toronto.
- Metrolinx has ignored the potential health impacts for thousands of South Riverdale residents. Our community paid for our own Health Impact Assessment because Metrolinx's flawed EA will not look at health impacts.
- The Board of Health is reviewing the above vs underground OL Health Impact Assessment. Since Metrolinx itself will not engage any public health experts, the assessment of Board of Health should be carefully considered before any further actions are taken.

Save Jimmie Simpson's position is that there must not be any vegetation removal nor construction work that presumes an above-ground OL in the joint corridor (between





Pape and Eastern Ave.) carried out until EIAR and Board of Health response have been made public and the community properly consulted.

Sincerely,

**Maggi Redmonds**  
Save Jimmie Simpson

**Eon Song**  
Save Jimmie Simpson

**Save Jimmie Simpson** is a grass-roots community group, fighting to have the Ontario Line buried in order to save our community's parks, health & well-being. We are 700+ community members who support public transit that is evidence-based, environmentally responsible and planned with genuine input from the neighbourhoods in which it is built.

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**JIMMIE**  
**SIMPSON!**