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To whom it may concern:

We are the Presidents of MTCC 1031 and 1056, located at 2287 Lake Shore Blvd West and 2289 Lake Shore Blvd West respectively.

Over the past ten years we have seen the rapid expansion of the Humber Bay Shores community, from total number of residents of about 6,000 to over 20,000 today, with another 10,000 estimated in the 5 years ahead. This rapid population expansion has not been supported by a commensurate expansion of the rapid transit options for residents.

We were shocked to hear recently that Metrolinx had decided not to proceed with the option of a new stop at Parklawn. One of the reasons given was that the possible new ridership would not justify the cost of a new station. It is hard to believe that any objective review of the population increase, both in the recent years and projected over the next five years would not demonstrate an extraordinary opportunity for new ridership.

- The population in this area is almost all within a ten minute walk of the potential station at Parklawn.
- The planned move of the existing streetcar loop, and the existing bus route would be perfectly aligned for a combined TTC/GO stop, bringing in more riders, and providing opportunities for transfer on to the GO train for services (501 streetcar and 66D bus) which are already overcrowded
- The opportunity to acquire the land for a stop is immediate, given the sale of the Christie's lands
- All political representatives for this area are strongly supportive of a proposed Parklawn stop

We strongly encourage the Metrolinx Board to reconsider their decision and place a Parklawn stop back on the short list.

Thank you,

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