

**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors  
**From:** Karla Avis-Birch, Chief Planning Officer  
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**Re:** Planning & Development (P&D) Quarterly Report

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This report provides an update on recent activity and key milestones over the past quarter:

**The GO Rail Station Access document was published on February 1, 2023.** This document presents use of transit as a first choice and provides strategies to help make connecting to GO services easier for customers. Concepts are focused on making it easier for customers to get to and from GO stations by walking, local transit, cycling, passenger pick-up and drop-off and parking.

**A Vegetation Control Room was created to address the significant amount of planned project vegetation activities and mitigation plans around tree removals and restoration.** The Control Room is actively identifying process improvement opportunities, mapping vegetation activities throughout the project lifecycle, and advancing technology solutions that give sightline to vegetation, tree removal and restoration activities across our projects. Our goal is to minimize the impact on ecosystems, and to provide clarity to the processes we undertake when vegetation is affected.

Respectfully submitted,

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