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Dear Chair Donald Wright and CEO Phil Verster,

We hope this message finds you well.

We are writing to follow up on your communication, dated November 14, 2024, indicating that Metrolinx would provide a written response to the BOLD Community Coalition's statement on the "Final Version" of the Ontario Line Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) Terms of Reference (TOR) by the end of last week.

As of today, we have not yet received the promised response. We have been patiently waiting to hear back from Metrolinx representatives since submitting our statement on November 13, 2024, and we kindly ask for an update on the status of your response. A timely reply is crucial to ensuring productive dialogue and advancing next steps.

To reiterate, the following key points were raised in our statement:

1. **Reinstatement of the Community Co-Chair Position** to foster shared leadership and balanced representation.
2. **Transparency in Meeting Documentation** by restoring draft meeting minutes for community review.
3. **Clear Criteria for CLC Membership** to allow for fair representation without undue exclusion.
4. **Clarification of Membership Commitments** to support flexible, long-term community involvement.
5. **Flexible Meeting Durations** to allow sufficient discussion on complex topics.
6. **Adequate Advance Notice for Meeting Agendas** to facilitate effective preparation by all members.
7. **Enhanced Access to City Staff Input** to empower CLCs in engaging relevant city expertise.
8. **Regular Updates on Community Benefits** to keep stakeholders informed of progress.
9. **Reporting of Noise and Vibration Level Exceedances** at each CLC meeting to ensure accountability.

These points represent significant community concerns that must be addressed to ensure the CLC framework is transparent, equitable, and community-focused. We remain committed to collaborating with Metrolinx to improve this process and ensure it serves all stakeholders effectively.

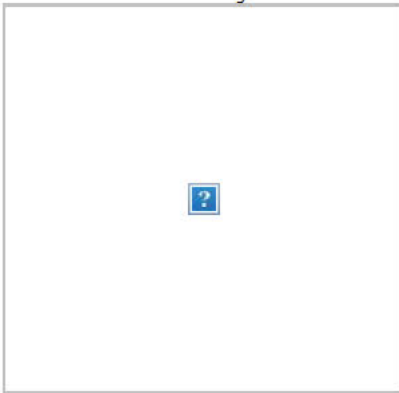
We look forward to your response and an updated timeline for when it will be provided.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

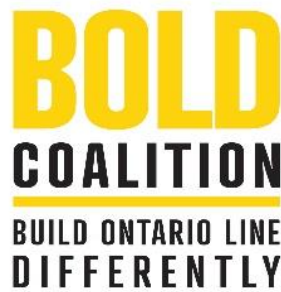
Sincerely,

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**Attachment: BOLD Community Coalition Statement on Ontario Line CLC TOR
(November 13, 2024)**

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November 13th 2024.

Re: BOLD Community Coalition Statement on the “Final Version” Ontario Line Subway CLC Terms of Reference (TOR)

The BOLD Community Coalition (BOLD) acknowledges receipt of the “final version” of the Ontario Line Subway Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) Terms of Reference (TOR) issued by Metrolinx on October 31, 2024.

We are disappointed that it has taken 10 months to bring forward a “final version”. We do not agree that this should be a final version without our consensus, which was the point of undertaking edits with our community input. The consensus that was reached over serious discussion is not reflected in this document. While we recognize some efforts toward collaboration, we have serious concerns that must be addressed to ensure the CLC fulfills its purpose of **transparent, equitable, and community-focused engagement**. Below, we outline our key responses:

- 1. Removal of the 'Community Co-Chair' Position:** We are alarmed by the removal of the Community Co-Chair role. This exclusion amounts to bad-faith consultation. The absence of a Community Co-Chair eliminates shared leadership and dilutes community influence in the CLC. BOLD urges Metrolinx to reinstate the option for a dedicated Community Co-Chair, which empowers community voices and fosters balanced representation.
- 2. Elimination of Draft Meeting Minutes:** The decision to eliminate draft minutes is a significant setback for transparency and accountability. Without preliminary minutes for community review, the risk of omissions or inaccuracies increases, which weakens trust. We call for the reinstatement of draft minutes, delivered in a timely manner, ensuring that community members have a mechanism to verify and contribute to accurate documentation.
- 3. Membership Control and Participation Barriers:** The revised TOR grants Metrolinx disproportionate control over CLC membership, allowing Metrolinx the “discretion to ensure appropriate representation” and to exclude participants without explanation or any criteria for making this impactful decision. The community should have a strong voice in determining what is appropriate representation, especially from those residents who are greatly impacted by the construction. BOLD demands that Metrolinx ensures concise and transparent criteria for membership participation, free from undue exclusion that we can agree with. Once constituted, membership of a CLC should be regularly reviewed by CLC members to ensure that the community is being adequately represented. This important concept should be added to the TOR.

4. **Clarification of Membership Criteria:** While the TOR includes provisions for both individual and organizational participation, more explicit language on short-term versus long-term commitments is essential. BOLD recommends refining this section to emphasize inclusivity and flexibility, recognizing that individuals may have varying capacities for sustained involvement and that construction areas will move around communities impacting new areas.
5. **Reduced Meeting Duration:** The shift from a 60-90 minute meeting format to a 60-minute cap is insufficient for comprehensive discussions. Given the complexity of the issues at hand, we advocate for maintaining flexibility in meeting durations to accommodate thorough dialogue.
6. **Decreased Advance Notice for Meeting Agendas:** The reduction of agenda distribution timelines from 48 to 24 hours is inadequate. Communities need sufficient time to prepare for meaningful participation. We urge Metrolinx to adhere to the original 48-hour minimum notice.
7. **Request for input from City Staff:** Ambiguities around the right to request City of Toronto staff attendance or input should be clarified to empower CLCs, not just local councillors, to make such requests. This change will strengthen CLCs' capacity for meaningful engagement with relevant city expertise.
8. **Commitment to Regular Updates on Community Benefits:** BOLD stresses the need for the TOR to require Metrolinx to provide regular updates on community benefits.
9. **Exceedances:** The TOR should require the Project contractor to report any noise and vibration level exceedances at the next CLC meeting following their occurrence.

Next Steps and Engagement:

BOLD requests that Metrolinx holds an orientation session, as soon as possible, to review these requested changes above in the new revised TOR with all stakeholders, providing an opportunity to discuss these critical changes and their implications and reach shared consensus, which was the point of this community collaboration. Additionally, we recommend setting a clear timeline for future reviews and adjustments of the TOR, ensuring the document evolves with community needs. The first review should occur no later than 12 months after the publication date of the final document.

Conclusion:

BOLD remains committed to ensuring that community voices are not sidelined but instead serve as a guiding force to Metrolinx in the CLC's collaborative process. The revised TOR, as presented, poses significant challenges to this vision. We look forward to Metrolinx addressing these issues to create a more inclusive, transparent, and effective forum.

BOLD Coalition members: *Campbell House Museum, Don't Mess with the Don, [Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations\(FoSTRA\)](#), [Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations\(FoNTRA\)](#), Friends of Smalls Creek, Garment District Neighbourhood Association, Gooderham and Worts Neighbourhood Association, Grange Community Association, Harbord Village Residents Association, Liberty Village Residents Association, Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee, Moss Park Coalition, Regent Park Neighbourhood Association, Corktown Residents and Business Association, Parkdale Residents Association, Save Jimmie Simpson Group and the Thorncliffe and Flemingdon neighborhoods.*

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