

This submission is on behalf of the 200 Condominium Unit Owners of 8111 Yonge Street.

Point of Order—Request for postponement of Presentation by Metrolinx. Prior to hearing the submission of Metrolinx, we wish to express our reservations as to the expedited nature of this presentation to the General Meeting of the City of Markham. We were only advised of this meeting on Thursday March 18, 2021 and were provided only 2 business days to prepare our submission. Consequently, we have not had sufficient time to review the information provided by Metrolinx prior to this meeting and to prepare an informed response. That is not an acceptable time table for community participation given the distraction of the Covid pandemic. We request that the information submission by Metrolinx be postponed until after Easter, which will provide time for us to review the Metrolinx submission and to prepare an informed response. Nevertheless, should the General Meeting of the City of Markham deny our request for a post ponement, we provide the following submission, with the caveats described above.

Subway Diversion Routing is not Equitable.

Thornhill has been a unique community for over 150 years. It is our view that its uniqueness rests on being fair and equitable to all residents so that uniqueness can be protected. Any subway route should affect all residents equitably. The entire community will benefit equally with the Yonge Street route for the proposed subway extension because it will encourage beneficial redevelopment with the least disruption to our existing community. The benefits will enhance residents equally.

Rather than adding value to the affected residences and residential condominiums, the proposed routing diversion from Yonge Street could sacrifice the value of those residences which will be affected by the train tunnels below them. We would be sacrificing some neighbours although there may be overall benefits to the community. That is contrary to the values of our Thornhill community.

In our opinion as residents of Thornhill, only the Yonge Street routing will be consistent with the values of our community that all residents should benefit from an improvement without sacrificing some neighbours.

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