



For Information

Response to the TTC Board's Proposal for a Joint Meeting of the TTC and Metrolinx Boards

Date: April 11, 2019

To: TTC Board

Summary

At its meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 the TTC Board approved the following motion: "That the TTC Chair be requested to send a letter to the Chair of the Metrolinx Board in order to request a Joint Meeting of the TTC and Metrolinx Boards and report back to the February Board meeting".

The attached correspondence is the response letter received from Metrolinx Chair, Donald Wright.

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February 20th, 2019

Councillor Jaye Robinson, TTC Chair
Toronto Transit Commission
1900 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4S 1Z2

Dear Councillor Robinson,

Thank you for reaching out to us.

Metrolinx is committed to maintaining a collaborative working relationship and dialogue between our two transit agencies. Given the number of joint projects, it is critical that we work together so that we can continue to improve transit for our customers both within the City of Toronto and across the GTHA.

Metrolinx is working actively to connect our region, including new transit construction such as the Eglinton Crosstown and Finch West LRTs. Planning for other major projects is underway, including the Relief Line and Yonge Subway Extension, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to move forward on these projects.

I would be pleased to meet with TTC CEO Rick Leary and yourself to discuss issues of shared interest. Phil Verster, our President and CEO, would join me at this meeting and is available to attend a TTC board meeting to discuss our joint projects.

Please reach out to Alba Briceno at 416-202-3210 or alba.briceno@metrolinx.com to coordinate.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Wright", written over a white background.

Donald Wright
Chair



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January 28, 2019

Donald Wright, Chair
Metrolinx
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Dear Mr. Wright:

At its meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 the TTC Board approved the following motion:

“That the TTC Chair be requested to send a letter to the Chair of the Metrolinx Board in order to request a joint meeting of the TTC and Metrolinx Boards and to report back to the February Board meeting”.

I understand that a joint meeting of the two Boards took place in the Metrolinx Boardroom on April 27, 2016. At that meeting, both the Metrolinx and TTC CEO's provided updates around key corporate goals being pursued by each organization. These updates were followed by staff presentations on specific programs where TTC and Metrolinx have mutual interests. By all accounts the members of the two Boards found the meeting beneficial and expressed interest in exploring other opportunities to work together on issues of mutual concern.

On April 27, 2017 then TTC Chair Josh Colle wrote to the Chair of Metrolinx indicating the TTC Board's interest in a further joint meeting but it appears that never materialized.

Given the TTC Board's decision to pursue this option again, I am writing to propose that we request our CEO's to work together to advance another meeting of the two Boards.

Jaye Robinson, Chair
Alan Heisey, Q.C., Vice-Chair
Richard J. Leary, Chief Executive Officer

Brad Bradford, Commissioner
Shelley Carroll, Commissioner
Joanne De Laurentiis, Commissioner
Jim Karygiannis, Commissioner

Ron Lalonde, Commissioner
Jennifer McKelvie, Commissioner
Denzil Minnan-Wong, Commissioner



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I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaye Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jaye Robinson
TTC Chair, Councillor for Ward 15