

Trustee Sara Ehrhardt Ward 15, Toronto-Danforth

September 24, 2024

To Kelly Hagan Vice President Community Engagement Metrolinx

Re: Metrolinx Ontario Line and Pape School

In August 2024, the community east of Pape School learned that homes would be expropriated as a result of new information received by Metrolinx. Community members were told of soil instability and the risk of sinkholes as considerations taken to account in making the decision to expropriate homes.

Since this information was made public questions have been raised in the community around the safety of the school, which is just a few metres west of the location where homes are to be expropriated. As area public school Trustee, I share the community's concerns and would welcome further insight and information.

As part of the Community Liaison Committee that Metrolinx held on August 27, 2024, I asked that the concern be minuted, and requested that Metrolinx provide updated information to TDSB and the broader community.

I now understand that Metrolinx has not shared any new information with the TDSB, or the broader community, and has not offered a timeline for when TDSB or the community might expect any updated information from Metrolinx, as I requested.

There is increasing urgency for transparency related to this item. I am challenged to understand how Metrolinx would determine the area just east of the school would be considered unsafe for residents due to soil instability but provide no information or insights to allow for the neighbouring school to adequately assess its operations with the area's children.

I am hopeful that Metrolinx will be forthcoming in offering information to the TDSB in this



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regard as soon as possible, particularly any geotechnical information for Pape School or area properties. I am also hopeful that Metrolinx will hold a broader meeting with the community to share what is currently known about the soil stability in the area and how all works associated with the Ontario Line will impact the school and community.

Thank you,

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Cc:

Pape Community Liaison Committee Neethan Shan, Acting Chair, TDSB Paula Fletcher, Councillor, Peter Tabuns, MPP Julie Dabrusin, MP