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Malcolm MacKay, Sponsor, Ontario Line

November 20, 2022

Dear Mr MacKay,

Re: Metrolinx plan to remove Osgoode garden trees BEFORE third-party review

The Sir William Campbell Foundation has learned that Metrolinx notified the Law Society of Ontario that it intends to begin cutting down trees in the Osgoode garden, beginning on December 5. Such a unilateral action would fly in the face of Metrolinx's prior commitment to the City and to the community, that it would support the City's third-party independent review of Metrolinx's plan for Osgoode station (Metrolinx slide decks, August 9 and 23, 2022). The commitment was also captured in the Metrolinx minutes for August 9:

"We will receive the report and we would welcome the comments, then evaluate and pivot as necessary and make sure we arrive at the best outcome." (Malcolm MacKay, minutes, p 2 of pdf).

"Malcolm made it clear we will support the COT on their review and thank you very much for the COT for providing that update. Our next update will be around that 3rd party review when it is ready for sharing" (Mark Clancy, minutes, p 6 of pdf).

The Foundation understands that the third-party review has been commissioned by the City, but it is not yet delivered by the consultant firm.

The removal of the Osgoode trees, beginning on December 5, would cause irreversible damage to the historic urban forest at the northeast corner of University & Queen. Any "advance works" in the Osgoode garden before City Council receives and responds to the third-party review are premature.

By way of this letter, the Foundation requests that Metrolinx:

1. pause the irreversible removal of trees on December 5 until City Council has received and responded to the third-party review; and
2. organize a community meeting (#3) to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

Liz Driver, on behalf of the Sir William Campbell Foundation