



## York-Eglinton Business Improvement Area

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Eglinton Crosstown LRT  
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To: The Public Consultation Unit - Eglinton Crosstown LRT,

The York-Eglinton Business Improvement Area (BIA) is located in the heart of Eglinton Avenue West between Marlee Avenue and Dufferin Street. The York-Eglinton BIA currently represents over 200 businesses in the shopping district. Often referred to as the commercial backbone of the city, the York-Eglinton BIA is currently easily accessible by transit with bus routes 32 and 63 providing transportation to the area.

In the current preliminary plans for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, there is a stop planned for Eglinton Avenue West at Oakwood Avenue. Without a stop at Oakwood Avenue, our BIA would not be accessible anymore by public transit. The York-Eglinton BIA and its members would like to ensure that the stop at Eglinton and Oakwood remains in the plans and gets built. It would not be an understatement to say that the stop at Eglinton and Oakwood is vital to the survival of our business district, as well as to the neighbourhood.

Eglinton Avenue West at Oakwood Avenue is a main transportation artery for the area, with people catching buses to go south on Oakwood, as well as making transfers to the Eglinton Ave. W. bus routes. The stop between Eglinton West subway station and Dufferin Street is needed by the York-Eglinton BIA and its 200 plus members who rely on the transit system to provide our employees and shoppers with access to the area. It is a long way to walk between Eglinton West subway station and Dufferin Street; a stop in the middle at Oakwood Avenue is logistically perfect for the neighbourhood and easier on the feet.

Without a stop in the area, it would also make life very difficult for the many seniors and school children that call our neighbourhood home. Our community is already under serviced in many areas (there are no banks or major grocery stores); public transportation is an important service that we want to keep.

We believe that a transit stop is vital to the economic and social revitalization of our community. It is no secret that this is a depressed neighbourhood that is in dire need of revitalization and investment. While the business community has tried to attract developers to the area, these developers have passed over the area and are not looking at it for development. A stop in the area might finally give developers a reason to reconsider York-Eglinton as an area to investment in and develop.

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On behalf of the York-Eglinton BIA, its members and the community, we would like to call for the stop at Eglinton Avenue West. and Oakwood Avenue to remain in the plans for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT. We need the stop between the Eglinton West subway station and Dufferin Street.

Sincerely,



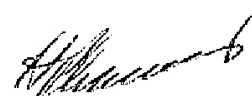
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