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Universal Wi-Fi Usage Finally Coming to our Subway!!

Toronto, ON – City Councilor Paul W. Ainslie is happy with the announcement made by the Federal government to force all telecommunications carriers to come to the table to provide wi-fi across the TTC's subway system.

As a City Councillor and a TTC Commissioner, Councillor Ainslie has been one of the first to strongly advocate for this. This past March, City Council unanimously passed a motion put forward by Councillor Ainslie mandating the TTC's publicly accessible Wi-Fi and telecommunications network be available to all.

"Ensuring every subway rider has access to Wi-Fi service should be a fundamental part of our framework. Here we are in 2023 with limited cellular access importance," states Councillor Ainslie. "is completely unacceptable, and should not be tolerated."

Continuing the theme of communication, Councillor Ainslie, as Chair of the Government Manager Committee, has made it a priority to ensure residents of the city have access and tools for information. "As a city, I believe it's our responsibility to be open, transparent, and accountable."

The modernization of the city has been a main priority for Councillor Ainslie, as he has always stated, "My goal is to drag the City of Toronto kicking and screaming in to the 21st Century." Part of this mantra includes digitizing access to the city through online booking systems, Open Data, and hybrid options to more conveniently get things done.

Councillor Ainslie will continue to work to ensure the tools needed at the Toronto Transit Commission and in the City are pursued and implemented to provide residents of our city with high-quality services.

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