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**MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Executive Committee Commits \$1.238 Billion toward the Eglinton East Light Rail Transit**

Toronto, ON – Today City Council's Executive Committee unanimously supported a motion by Mayor John Tory to commit \$1.238 billion in funding towards the cost of the Eglinton East Light Rail Transit (EELRT) project, redirecting the remaining original funding from the Scarborough Subway Extension Levy. Scarborough residents will finally have money they have paid through this levy work for them.

The Eglinton East LRT project has a price tag of \$4.2 billion. *"The commitment made today is a victory for the people and businesses of Scarborough. As the City is now formally providing funding toward this much needed rapid transit project."* stated Councillor Paul W. Ainslie.

*"We need to keep vigilant in our demands for proper, modern, rapid transit in Scarborough. I am very happy this funding was tabled by Mayor Tory and supported by my fellow City Councillors"* added Ainslie.

The commitment will be heard at Toronto City Council on February 18, 2021.

Now that the City has confirmed their commitment of \$1.238 billion dollars the Provincial and Federal Governments will also be asked to contribute to the financing of the LRT.

At the December 2020 City Council meeting, an interim design for the EELRT was approved, with the next design stages approved. Construction could begin as early as 2024. When the provincial and federal governments give their financial commitment, construction for the EELRT would begin, with an approximate construction period of 4-6 years.

*"Our voices are being heard, let's continue! We need to ensure Scarborough is a transit priority."*

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