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Phil Verster
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RE: Community Benefits Plan for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project

Mr. Verster,

I am writing to follow up on my questions during the Mornelle Court Community Meeting on Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project hosted by Metrolinx on November 18, 2021. I am requesting Metrolinx establish a Community Benefits Program in the business case for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project. This will ensure local residents are hired by both Metrolinx, its contractors, and subcontractors, with appropriate benchmarks to measure success.

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project will bring a major transit infrastructure investment to my Ward in Scarborough-Guildwood. I want to ensure this investment provides benefits for my community residents and local businesses by integrating local employment, apprenticeship programs, local supplier, and social procurement opportunities.

I would like to see Metrolinx develop and implement strategies to ensure my community which hosts this major infrastructure project benefits not only from the infrastructure, but also receive social and economic benefits from this investment. A Community Benefits Program will ensure fair and equitable hiring and training policies are integrated into this framework now.

I trust I will receive a formal and positive response to this letter, and sincerely hope you will move this request forward swiftly to implement a framework for a Community Benefits Program in the business case for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

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