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Subject: Follow-up to Council Comments - Fred Winegust Deputation - April 4, 2018 Council Meeting - Item 9
Attachments: Publicity Flyer - 180502 Town Hall - 180328.pdf; Publicity Flyer - Survey - 180328.pdf

Mayor, Regional Councillors, Ward Councillors

During my deputation at Council yesterday evening, a number of council members suggested that I should pay attention to an announcement to be made by the Provincial Government specific to Fare Fairness for York Region residents who use public transit to and from Toronto.

I believe this is the announcement you are referring to

[Link <--](#) **Provincial plan to slash cost of riding GO within Toronto should ease subway congestion: Tory**

Mayor Tory is the first to announce a specific date for implementation of the \$3.00 GO. The 2018 Ontario Budget to contains this GO Transit promise however, the budget does not have a specific date and has not been passed. The promise could be changed based on who wins the next Provincial election.

Mayor Tory's announcement and the promises in the 2018 Provincial budget, do not deal with the issue of Southern York Region commuters, who do not have a GO transit option and have to pay \$6.63 to travel YRT to the TTC Subway, or transfer to a TTC bus.

This is at the crux of the 2 Fare Wall issue which affects commuters in Vaughan differently, depending on where they live. In my deputation below, I have included a table of affected bus routes which travel through all wards of the City of Vaughan.

YRT/TTC arrangements are a York Region / Toronto issue, which to date, the province has not helped address.

I would strongly recommend that the City of Vaughan Council request that York Region Council and York Region Transit deal with this issue. Council should also look for support from both Richmond Hill Council and Markham Council on this issue

Fare Fairness is coming! We all have to work together to give it a push to come faster.

I have attached a written version of my verbal deputation to the City of Vaughan, Committee of the Whole, Agenda Item 9, of the April 4, 2018 1PM meeting. I have also sent my written comments to the City Clerks office to be included in the minutes of the meeting, if that is possible,

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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 Council Direction at the November 21, 2017 Council meeting was to have staff provide a better understanding of the implications of the 2 Fare Wall, at Steeles and at TTC subway stations where YRT and Viva Bus services connect.

Today's staff report to the Committee of the Whole, METROLINX DRAFT 2041 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND REGIONAL EXPRESS RAIL INITIATIVES UPDATE, makes reference to the integrated fare issue as documented in the Metrolinx Draft Final 2041 Regional Transportation Plan.

The staff report does not directly address the council's concern of the impact of the extension of the 2 fare wall to YRT/Viva bus routes which connect to the new Subway stations at VMC, 407 and Pioneer Village Station. This extends the 2 Fare wall issue that has already existed at the Finch, Wilson and Sheppard West, and surface bus routes which cross Steeles Avenue.

Parts of Vaughan are impacted differently by the 2 Fare Wall

	Touches/ Crosses Steeles Avenue	Starts, Passes Through or Ends at TTC Subway
Woodbridge / Kleinberg	28 – Huntington 7 – Martin Grove 13 – Islington 12 – Pine Valley	77/77a – Highway 7 (VMC, Finch) 10 – Woodbridge (VMC) Viva Orange (VMC)
Concord / Maple		20 – Jane (VMC, 407, Pioneer Village) 23 – Thornhill Woods (Finch) 26 – Maple (VMC) 107 – Keele (Pioneer Village, York U) 96 – Keele-Yonge (Pioneer Village, York U) 105 – Dufferin (Sheppard West) Viva Orange (VMC)
Thornhill		• 160 – Bathurst (Wilson) • 88 – Bathurst (Finch) • 99 – Yonge (Finch) • 23 – Thornhill Woods (Finch) • 3 – Thornhill (Pioneer Village, York U) • 5 – Clark (Finch) • 99 – Yonge (Finch) • Viva Blue (Finch) • Viva Purple (Pioneer Village, York U) Viva Orange (VMC)

As you drive home today, think about the people who are in the car next to you, who may be there because they are avoiding paying 2 Full fares. Think about what it would take to get people out of the car.

Ask your residents what they feel would be a fair fare, and how they would change their behavior if the fare wall is lowered.

Promises are already beginning in advance of the provincial election

In the most recent budget the current provincial government promised to work with the TTC and York Region Transit to introduce discounts to transit users who transfer between these municipal transit networks and the TTC.

There are approximately 63,000 daily trips between 905 transit agencies and the TTC.

This initiative could save cross-boundary transit commuters up to \$1.50 per trip, saving regular commuters up to \$720 per year.

Other promises

- All Go transit trips within Toronto will cost presto card users just \$3 per trip.
- All GO transit trips under 10 kilometers will cost PRESTO users just \$3 per trip, anywhere in the GO Network.

When combined with 15 minute 2 way all day service, this would bring a local rail option for those who want to commute between Kirby, Maple and Rutherford. A GO station at Concord would provide an east-west connection through Vaughan on the existing Viva Orange and 77/77a bus route/

Actual changes to be will only be known once the provincial election is complete and a government wins a mandate of the people.

Requested actions

- Accept the report presented by staff
- Ask staff to come back with better details on the impact of the 2 Fare Wall on Vaughan residents

- Take the personal action of sending out South Central York Region – Congestion Relief Committee 2 Fare Wall Survey
- Ask staff to ensure the Survey results brought forward to council before the provincial election.

I would ask that council find out how the residents of Vaughan would like to see the fare wall lowered, and the impact it will have on the quality of life in Vaughan.

Link <-- 2 Fare Wall Survey (http://bit.ly/2FW_Survey)

Ratepayer Groups in Vaughan will be asked to circulate the 2 Fare Wall survey. We have offered to share results with Vaughan Staff once they are available.

The results of both the Yonge Street Survey and the 2 Fare Wall survey will be part of a **Public Transit Town Hall**

Please hold your calendar so you can attend the meeting, which will be on May 2, 2018, 7:30PM at the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Avenue.

Both the Town Hall and the surveys are sponsored by the South Central York Region - Congestion Relief Committee.

Thank you

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South Central York Region – Congestion Relief Committee

Presents

A Public Transit Town Hall

Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask About the Yonge Subway Extension & the 2 Fare Wall *

*** ... But Were Afraid to Know**

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – 7:30PM

Thornhill Community Centre – North Hall

7755 Bayview Avenue – Thornhill, L3T 4P1

- Review of SCYR-CRC Survey results
- Yonge Subway Extension
 - Economic & Quality of Life Impact
 - Engineering & Construction Status
- Round Table on Commitments/Promises
 - Federal
 - Provincial
 - Regional
 - Local
- Questions to ask your provincial candidates

Invited Participants



Participate in the Surveys until April 30, 2018

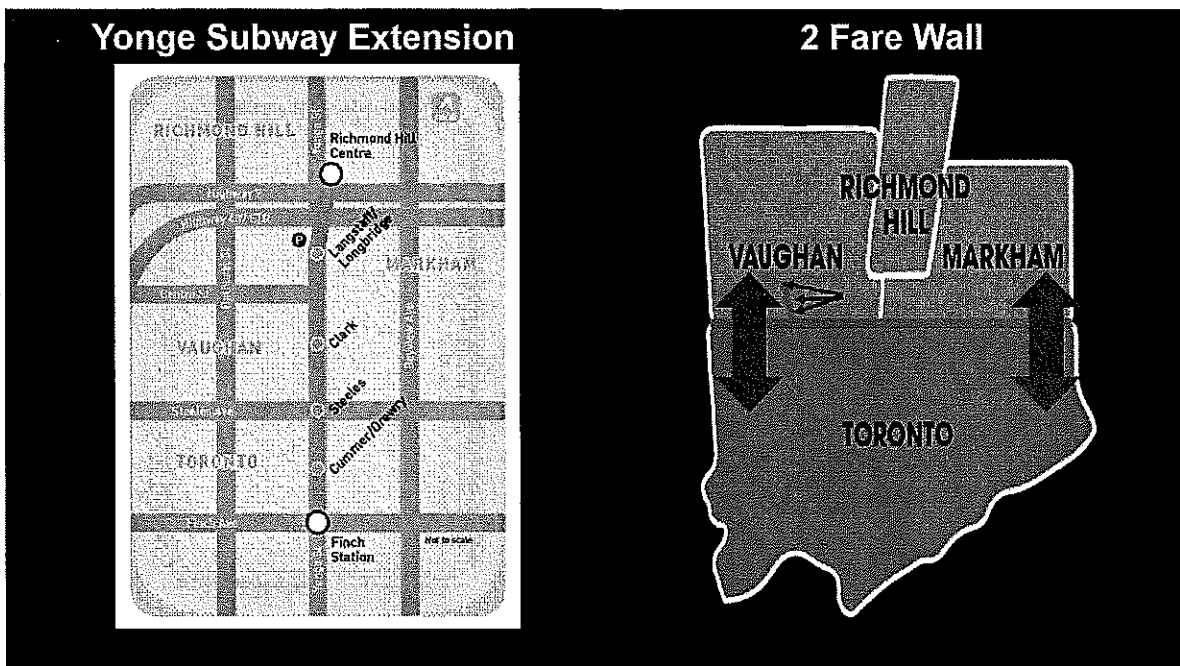
Yonge Subway Extension – bit.ly/YSE_Survey

2 Fare Wall – bit.ly/2FW_Survey

South Central York Region – Congestion Relief Committee
Citizens from Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham – Taking Action!

Help Us Create an Informed Position on
2 Issues of Importance to Relieving Traffic Congestion

Please Complete 2 Surveys & Spread the Word



http://bit.ly/YSE_Survey

http://bit.ly/2FW_Survey

Save the Date – May 2, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Public Transit Town Hall - Survey Result Review
Thornhill Community Centre – North Hall
7755 Bayview Avenue – Thornhill, L3T 4P1