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Subject: November 21 2017 - City of Vaughan Council Meeting - Report 41; CW(W)S Item 2 - City of Vaughan Response to Metrolinx Draft 2041 Regional Transit Plan

To the City Clerk, and Members of City of Vaughan Council

I would respectfully ask that Council consider adding the following recommendation to Report 41 - Committee of the Whole Working Session - November 13, 2017, Item 2.

The City of Vaughan requests Metrolinx assistance in a negotiation between York Region Transit (YRT) and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) with the objective of creating a PRESTO enabled "Ride to TTC" fare supplement, for University/Community College students, as well as other commuters, based on the existing \$1.00 YRT/GO "Ride to GO" fare supplement as soon as feasible.

The "Ride to TTC" needs to make the "price" of using YRT Bus transit to get to/from the TTC Subway less than the current \$5.00 TTC Commuter parking fee.

This will encourage people to switch to transit from their cars and provide additional relief of traffic congestion.

As I am out of town on Tuesday, I have asked 2 Vaughan residents, one from Thornhill and one from Woodbridge to attend the November 21, 2017 council meeting on my behalf, and speak as individual residents of Vaughan.

If given permission by Council to speak, they will address the topic of the "Double Fare Wall" between the TTC and YRT, which moves further into the City of Vaughan with the opening of the new Subway on December 17, 2017.

Although the YRT is a York Region responsibility, it is important that the City of Vaughan provide a clear message to both York Region and Metrolinx about the need to deal with this issue.

Attached is a short presentation which explains;

Current YRT, TTC and GO Transit pricing and fare supplements

How the "Double Fare Wall" has been an ongoing issue when Ward 5 residents want to take a YRT bus to Finch, Wilson and Sheppard West stations.

How the opening of the Subway into Vaughan will bring the "Double Fare Wall" disincentive to all 5 City Wards.

By addressing the 'Double Fare Wall' issue, council will better motivate people to use YRT Bus public transit, to reach the new Subway stations in Vaughan. The recommendation, when put into action, can reduce congestion on the roads near

the new and existing stations where the YRT bus and TTC Subway connect. The recommendation can also reduce the risk of illegal parking near the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre station, where no commuter parking is offered.

Please consider adding the words to the recommendations in Report 41, Committee of the Whole Working Session, November 13, 2017, Item 2

I thank you for your attention in this matter

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