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Metrolinx Inc.
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Attention: Ontario Line Community Engagement Team

Via Email (ontarioline@metrolinx.com)

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: "Community Engagement" Meeting

This morning the Federation of Ontario Law Associations (FOLA) received notice of a "community engagement" meeting Metrolinx scheduled for Wednesday, February 1 "about the future Osgoode station planned for the Ontario Line." The information we received came from a third party.

We are disappointed that Metrolinx did not see fit to include us on its invitation list. FOLA is the voice of Ontario's 46 county and district law associations, the members of which represent a significant portion of the provincial bar and a major user group of the facilities at Osgoode Hall. We have written you several times about this file. Our interests and concerns are well-documented.

Our omission from the meeting came as a surprise, seeing as Metrolinx has yet to respond to any of our concerns about the impact your project will have on this heritage property and the work of the legal institutions it houses. We are also troubled that your "community engagement team" saw fit to issue this invitation at 5:25 PM on the Friday evening before the planned Wednesday meeting. We note that many of the invitees are senior officials who would obviously not be available on such short notice.

We agree with the responsive comments you have since received from the Law Society of Ontario, the Toronto Lawyers' Association, and others, including representatives of the Indigenous community. Metrolinx's aggressive, selective, and dismissive engagement approach to this project to-date has not inspired our confidence in your commitment to addressing the legitimate concerns that have been raised by stakeholders, building users, and community members.

We ask that you reschedule this meeting, with appropriate notice to all concerned, and take appropriate actions to address the serious issues that have now been repeatedly brought to your attention. You may contact me directly at info@douglasjudson.ca.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Judson
Chair

C. Phil Verster, President & CEO, Metrolinx, *Via Email (CEO@metrolinx.com)*;
FOLA Board, *Via Email (various)*;
Law Society of Ontario, *Via Email (various)*;
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