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December 29, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Subject: GO Lakeshore East Express Service

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on December 15, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lakeshore East Express train service previously provided a vital transit option for residents of Durham Region commuting to Union Station in downtown Toronto;

And Whereas, the original timeline indicated that this disruption would last for three years and be completed by 2024, yet there is currently no updated timeline or clear communication on when the service will resume, raising concerns about project continuity and delivery;

And Whereas, on Monday, May 26, 2025, Ajax MPP Rob Cerjanec, raised a question in the Ontario Legislature to the Minister of Transportation regarding the timeline for the return of the GO Lakeshore East Express service, but did not receive a clear response;

And Whereas, the return of this express service would significantly improve public transportation options for residents of Durham Region and reduce the vehicular traffic and gridlock in and out of Toronto;

And Whereas, on June 15, 2023 Metrolinx announced the next steps to extend GO service to Bowmanville, followed by a public announcement to commence work on January 12, 2026, that will force the closure of the southern part of Simcoe Street in Oshawa, the only continuous roadway connecting Lake Ontario to Port Perry, a road that houses Lakeridge Health Oshawa, plus additional extended medical services, putting increased commuter pressure on arterial roadways and Highway 401 until work concludes in 2029;

And Whereas, Durham Region is one of the fastest-growing areas in Ontario, and ensuring reliable, efficient public transit options is essential to support this growth and reduce congestion on regional roadways.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That the provincial government be requested to prioritize the reinstatement of the GO Lakeshore East Express Train service and provide residents of Durham Region with an update on the timeline for resumed service;
2. That Metrolinx be invited to present a project update on a return to Express Service timeline and an update on the progress of the Bowmanville extension and its impact on Highway 401 across Durham Region, at a future meeting of Council; and,
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Rob Cerjanec, MPP Ajax, John Henry, Regional Chair, all lower tier Durham Region municipalities, and Michael Lindsay, President and CEO of Metrolinx.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

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