

9.3 GO Lakeshore East Express Service

Moved by: S. Lee
Seconded by: R. Tyler Morin

Whereas GO 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 15, 2023, Metrolinx gave a delegation to Ajax Council, where representatives confirmed the service was on track to resume in August 2024; 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 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; and,

Therefore It Be Resolved:

1. That the Town of Ajax Council requests the provincial government to prioritize the reinstatement of the GO Lakeshore East Express Train service and provide residents of Durham Region an update on the timeline for resumed service;
2. That Metrolinx be invited to present a project update at a future meeting of Council; and
3. That a copy of this motion be sent to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ajax MPP Rob Cerjanec, Durham Regional Chair John Henry, all lower tier Durham Region municipalities, Interim President and CEO of Metrolinx, Michael Lindsay.

In Favour: Mayor Collier, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Tyler Morin, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Henry, Regional Councillor Dies, Councillor Bower

Opposed: None

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