

Hello there,

I am a Toronto taxpayer and resident of De Grassi street and I am writing to express my extreme opposition to Bill 171 especially with respect to expropriation and this item...

- The Bill eliminates hearings of necessity for expropriations of property along the transit corridors, if the expropriations are for the purpose of the transit.

I cannot believe this haphazard idea is even being proposed. You are basically taking away people's rights and their right to be able to be able to stand up and be heard.

The project has yet to be designed and there haven't been any community consultations or proper environmental assessments done. I am extremely concerned about the lack of preparation and the build first and fix later approach that is being taken with such an extensive and expensive project. There has been zero consideration given to alternate ideas – the city needs transit and the community has asked for the Ontario Line to go underground to save our thriving neighbourhoods – this is where transit belongs. We don't need loud, noisy trains that disrupt our neighbourhoods, take over green spaces and cause health and safety issues for the citizens of Toronto – isn't this your consistent message Mayor Tory?

Also, I'm surprised that there are funds to move this project forward especially after Mayor Tory's press conference where spoke about the massive 1.5 billion dollar financial short fall this city is facing as a result of Covid 19 and there is talk of firing police officers, shutting down transit and reducing assistance for the most vulnerable not to mention the ridiculous property tax number that was thrown out. I'm sure this is all going to fall on the backs of taxpayers and speaking of taxes – I just received my recent notice with a huge hike, which I'm very unhappy about.

Start listening to the citizens of this city after all they are the reason you are in office.

Thank you.
John Kampilis