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I'm opposed to the expense of the Ontario Line in the context of the Covid pandemic and the need to prioritize investment in long-term care home reform.

The \$11 billion being proposed for this line is a very curious political act. It can't be partisan as 416 voters don't normally vote PC and won't based just on this new line. It's also got an extremely long time frame and therefore is a likely legacy and pro-development initiative. I think the project is more dangerous than it is worth for the PC party as the P3 costs are likely going to be even higher and the smaller, driverless cars being proposed are too small for the core downtown line. The density of Toronto and the scale of the vehicles don't align. As it result the legacy of the investment may be a line that is too expensive for its post pandemic context and overcrowded out of the gate. It's a too small suit on a too large man and the idea of just running more cars every 40 seconds won't work in practise.

There's also a risk that the development it is meant to connect may themselves be delayed by

market conditions and a change in office tower rental thinking.

There's also a risk that a core Toronto project may not play well in the 905 and the rest of the Province. Across the Province, everybody is going to get old and everybody likely has a grandmother already in or heading to care in a long term care home in the future across the province but not everybody wants to see the Province's debt further expanded for the sake of Toronto commuters.

I recommend you consider using the pandemic as a reason to rethink this huge investment and consider going back to the original, planned, community approved and funded downtown relief line. Future incremental line additions can be added in smaller chunks while the party highlights that it understands the need to reduce debt and invest in fixing long-term care homes. Thanks