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Council Highlights: FIFA, Sheppard Subway and Parking Lots

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Prioritization of Planned Higher Order Transit Projects

Toronto's Transit Expansion Office is the division that collaborates with the Province's Metrolinx on the coordination of higher order transit. While the building of new transit lines is now fully a Provincial responsibility, the City has a wealth of data and experience to provide insight and analysis on the design, prioritization, and implementation of projects over the coming decade.

At this Council session, they brought their latest prioritization update before us and as per our usual, we proceeded to contradict their findings and redesign what they should forward on to Metrolinx. That is essentially how we keep making a political mess of transit planning in Toronto and we almost did it again.

We need the Sheppard Subway extension.

We all know here in Don Valley North that an extension of the Sheppard Subway out to McCowan is urgently needed. The new population to support it is already here and growing and the Province has already agreed that it is needed. Despite this, the Province has still placed the Sheppard Subway expansion at a lower priority than the Yonge Line extension into York Region. At this session, I rose to question staff and confirm that the motions I have placed in the past are still serving as direction to the Transit Expansion Office to advocate that the Sheppard expansion is urgent and should be re-prioritized.

Ultimately, it is the call of the Province which transit projects go next. I'll continue to advocate for the transit we need and you, as residents and voters, can be very effective if you are advocating for the same whenever there are provincial town halls or Metrolinx community consultations.



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