



# • • • Memo

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Kaylan Edgcumbe, Manager of Integrated Mobility

cc: Tim Commisso, Heather MacDonald, Vito Tolone

Date: December 9, 2020

**Re: Metrolinx Site Selection  
Walker's Line Layover Facility  
Staff Response**

---

At the Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee Meeting on December 7, 2020, Committee requested that staff report back on the selection of the Walker's Line site for the new GO Transit layover facility.

As described by Metrolinx at the committee meeting, as part of the GO Expansion Plan for the Lakeshore West corridor, additional network infrastructure is required in order to meet planned levels of service to support all-day Regional Express Rail (RER) and electrification. The construction of an additional layover facility is required at the westerly limits of the Lakeshore West corridor which will accommodate train storage, movement and light maintenance activities. Metrolinx has similar facilities scattered along the GO corridor in other jurisdictions to support the GO train operation.

Through the site selection process, Metrolinx has confirmed the Walker's Line location (known municipally as 4150 Harvester Road) as the preferred site for the new layover facility. City staff have been involved through the site selection and public engagement process and endorse the selected site and preferred layover concept based on the information made available to us.

Staff note that the GO Expansion Plan and RER initiative are paramount to supporting the city's mobility objectives and reiterate that there is a high degree of support in accommodating the new layover facility at the Walker's Line location.

In terms of preliminary technical analyses, staff note the following:

- The preferred site results in less employment impact compared to other options that were considered in Burlington and represents optimization of the site;
- The property owner/operator at 4150 Harvester Road (Attridge Transportation Inc.) is actively working with Metrolinx to accommodate the layover facility. No negative impact to current site operations is anticipated as a result of the proposed layover facility;
- The proposed facility is expected to generate very low volumes of traffic with the majority of trips entering and exiting the site outside the peak hours of adjacent street traffic. The resultant impact to the transportation network is nominal; and

- There are no major concerns identified by commenting departments as pertaining to the preferred site location.

Metrolinx has committed to continued engagement with the city and other stakeholders as the study progresses through the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), reiterating that details of the new facility will be confirmed through the design process.

City staff look forward to continued collaboration with Metrolinx and will provide more fulsome technical comments through the completion of the TPAP.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaylan Edgcumbe, C.E.T.  
Manager of Integrated Mobility

