



Trustee  
**Shelley Laskin**

Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence and Toronto-St. Paul's

December 21, 2018

Metrolinx

Jamie Robinson, Chief Communications & Public Affairs Officer (A)  
97 Front Street West  
Toronto, ON M5J 1E6

Dear Jamie Robinson,

We were surprised by Metrolinx's plan to close the intersection of Bathurst Street and Eglinton Avenue without previously consulting with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and receiving authorization from the City of Toronto.

The closure of this intersection raises significant safety concerns for children and youth attending local TDSB schools as it would divert traffic to adjacent streets, creating an unsafe situation for children walking in an already busy area. In addition, the proposed change to bus routes would cause significant inconvenience for students travelling to schools in the area.

The safety of our students and staff is a priority for the TDSB. We support the concerns expressed by local Councillors Mike Colle and Josh Matlow and we are looking forward to hearing alternatives to the proposed closure of Bathurst Street at your meeting on January 16, 2019.

In the future, we would appreciate a conversation prior to any pending decisions affecting our communities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Laskin'.

Shelley Laskin

cc Councillor Mike Colle, Ward 8, City of Toronto  
Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 12, City of Toronto  
Robin Pilkey, Chair, Toronto District School Board  
John Malloy, Director, Toronto District School Board