

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Council Report

DATE: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

**TITLE: NOISE BARRIER ALONG METROLINX BARRIE GO RAIL
EXPANSION**

FROM:

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Whereas, the expansion of the Barrie GO rail corridor has been undertaken by Metrolinx to expand GO Transit to bring more frequent two-way, all-day service to the Barrie Line, up to every 15 minutes, seven days a week; and

Whereas, the Barrie Rail Corridor Environmental (BRCE) Project Report Addendum has been completed by Metrolinx and received the Notice to Proceed on October 8, 2018 allowing Metrolinx to proceed to the implementation and construction of improvements along Barrie GO rail corridor, including in the vicinity of Rutherford GO station; and

Whereas, that City of Vaughan Council passed at its meeting of May 27, 2020 (see Attachment 1) that Metrolinx include the construction of noise barriers as part of this construction project; and

Whereas, the construction project at Rutherford GO station has no additional plans to replace the wooden fence along the rail corridor adjacent to the residential areas in the vicinity of the Rutherford and Maple GO stations; and

Whereas, the majority of the wooden fence along the Barrie GO rail corridor is in much need of repair, which the City has been completing on an as-needed basis; and

Whereas, these residential communities continue to experience noise and vibration due to the construction, and they have expressed concerns with noise and vibration as service on the Barrie Line has become more frequent.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That a request be made to Metrolinx to replace the wooden fences along the Barrie GO rail corridor in the vicinity of Maple GO and Rutherford GO stations with modern noise barriers; and
2. That a request be made to Metrolinx to tie in the replacement of these noise barriers with the upcoming OnCorr construction work to expedite timelines and minimize impacts to residents; and
3. That City staff continue to repair and replace the gaps in the existing wooden fence to limit access to the rail corridor and to ensure the safety of residents; and
4. That a copy on this resolution be forwarded to Metrolinx, all local area MPPs and the Ontario Minister of Transportation.

Attachments

1. Metrolinx Activities Update – Spring 2020