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Dear Members of York Region Council,

**RE: Yonge North Subway Extension Tunneling Contract - Request for Proposals (RFP)**

I am pleased to share the latest milestone for the [Yonge North Subway Extension \(YNSE\) project](#).

The extension is moving forward with five new stations along an approximately eight-kilometre route. The YNSE is one of the largest and most ambitious infrastructure projects in Canada and will put thousands of people and jobs in Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill and Toronto closer to rapid transit.

Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario evaluated submissions received through last spring's request for qualifications and shortlisted three teams to submit proposals for delivering the advance tunnel contract. CrossTransit Group, North End Connectors, and Toronto-York Tunnel Connectors have been selected. Within their proposals, teams will submit their plans for tunnel design and construction, financing, as well as tunnel boring machine delivery and underground station support works.

We are targeting to award the contract to the successful team in late 2024. Tunnelling work will begin after a detailed schedule is finalized, however construction of this project is already underway at Finch Station, where early upgrades to accommodate future subway service are nearing completion.

Metrolinx, on behalf of the province, is excited to deliver this project in partnership with York Region and I look forward to working with you in the coming years to maximize the benefits of this investment in our region.

Sincerely,



**Phil Verster**

President & CEO