

## METROLINX – REQUEST TO ALLOW TWO HOMES TO BE UTILIZED

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Whereas in 2016 Metrolinx purchased two residential properties; 48 and 50 Snider Drive to accommodate a realignment of the road and any requirements for the at-grade crossing and

Whereas the local community was not supportive of the realignment of Snider Drive.

Whereas Metrolinx has recently informed the City of Markham of their intention to demolish the two homes and leave the land vacant; and

Whereas Metrolinx is still evaluating how much of the land might be ultimately required for the final configuration of the crossing

Whereas the City of Markham Fire and Emergency Services has confirmed that the alignment of Snider Drive does not negatively impact Fire and Emergency Services; and

Whereas all levels of government and community agencies acknowledge the housing crisis; and

Whereas the homes at 48 and 50 Snider Drive are in need of renovations of approximately \$225,000 per dwelling, an amount that is not considered unreasonable, and

Whereas the City of Markham owns the land to the south of the subject properties including a pathway through Cedar Valley Park, and that the demolition of the two homes situated at the end of a residential street creating 2 vacant lots is unnecessary and in-appropriate;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Markham request Metrolinx to re-evaluate their intention to demolish the two houses and request that they be donated to York Region or a non-profit organization to be used for housing or to place the two homes up for sale with potential buyers completing the necessary renovations and allowing for the homes to be utilized.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, Markham MPPs and Metrolinx.