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January 27, 2026

The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, M.P.P.
Minister of Transportation
Via email: Minister.mto@ontario.ca

To Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria:

Re: Request for Council Support to Advocate for Express GO Train Service from Pickering to Union Station

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on January 26, 2026, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-016-26:

Whereas efficient regional transit service is essential to the economic vitality, employment access, and quality of life of residents in the Municipality of Clarington; and

Whereas GO Transit’s previous express train services along the Lakeshore East line—particularly those serving various Durham region stations including Oshawa Station—significantly reduced travel times for commuters travelling to Toronto and other regional employment centres; and

Whereas the discontinuation of these express services has resulted in longer commute times, increased crowding on local trains, reduced service reliability, and a measurable negative impact on daily commuters, students, and employers in the region; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Transportation, and Metrolinx, as the operator of GO Transit, have both acknowledged the importance of high-quality regional rail service and the need to continually improve mobility options for growing communities across Durham Region; and

Whereas Clarington continues to experience population growth and economic expansion, necessitating the reinstatement—and potential expansion—of

express rail services as part of a broader commitment to transit equity and regional connectivity;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Clarington formally request that the Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx restore express GO Train service on the Lakeshore East line for Durham Region commuters, including consideration of reinstating previous express schedules and exploring opportunities for enhanced peak-hour express service;

That Clarington Council expresses strong support for the reinstatement of express service and requests a formal response and timeline for consideration; and

That copies of this motion be sent to the Minister of Transportation, President and CEO of Metrolinx, Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Region Transit, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and area municipalities along the Lakeshore East corridor for their awareness and potential support.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

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