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Subject: Written Correspondence - The Drew Family of Brampton - 9.2.1 Staff Report re: Downtown Transit Hub Project - Update
To: City of Brampton Clerk <cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca>

Hi Clerks Team,

We would be grateful if you could please accept this as a written correspondence for 9.2.1 Staff Report re: Downtown Transit Hub Project - Update.

Thank you,
Chris Drew

Council,

We are writing with our **support** for the staff recommendations and process outlined for the Downtown Transit Hub Project. This is a crucial project for Brampton and downtown Brampton. As the staff report indicates, this is an opportunity for the City to upgrade and improve the customer service experience for transit riders and handle future growth through the LRT and BRT projects, as well as future GO train service improvements. It will also provide more capacity and flexibility for Brampton Transit buses. Giving transit riders a seamless, efficient, well-organized, accessible, and modern connection will encourage them to continue to use transit.

We urge Council to continue the momentum and advocacy for federal and provincial funding for this project and for staff to continue their great work advancing this project. The Downtown Transit Hub Project is good for **all** of Brampton as the bus routes that converge at the future Hub location will cover all of Brampton. For downtown Brampton, this new transit hub will be a huge improvement and will support all of the current and future investments in downtown Brampton. As members of St. Paul's United Church in downtown Brampton, we are always excited to see investments in downtown Brampton. As a household with seniors who will one day want to downsize, improving the customer service experience for transit riders, particularly senior citizens is important for us.

With the North America-leading transit ridership growth Brampton Transit is experiencing, the Downtown Transit Hub Project is a key priority for the City. It aligns with the City's goals through its new Official Plan for housing and economic development. Further, we encourage Council and staff to remind the federal and provincial governments that many other 'hubs' in the region have received significant investments and this is ***Brampton's opportunity to receive a similar investment*** for a critical hub in the regional transit network. Examples include (**maps below**):

1. In Toronto, the Kennedy GO/TTC station brings together the Scarborough Subway, TTC buses, Line 2, the Stouffville GO Line, and the future Eglinton East LRT;

2. Also in Toronto, Dundas West TTC station/Bloor GO/UP Express brings together Line 2, GO's Kitchener Line, UP Express, two TTC streetcar lines and bus routes, and the West Toronto Railpath. A new pedestrian connection is under construction between the TTC and GO, and the GO station received a significant upgrade as part of the \$1.2 billion Georgetown South Project; and
3. In York Region and specifically Markham, the Yonge North Subway Extension will have a station at the Langstaff GO Station that will also be connected to the York Region VIVA/York Region Transit Bus Terminal.

Constructive Suggestions

- For future public engagement opportunities, we recommend a **walking tour/on-site visit** of the future location for members of the public in addition to the traditional setup inside a room for Public Information Centres. This can help the public visualize what is being proposed and get excited about it. This will help the public assist with your advocacy to MPs and MPPs. A member of our household is a senior and enjoys participating in his walking club in Brampton. Site visits are helpful for health promotion.
- We recommend for future reports a brief reference to the Downtown Transit Hub Project supporting **new housing supply** proposed for downtown Brampton and the growth potential. With more people expected to live in downtown Brampton, more transit will be required and the Downtown Transit Hub Project will help. Further, significant investments like the Downtown Transit Hub Project will encourage housing supply leaders to continue to invest in downtown Brampton and bring more supply online. We see this happening in the three examples cited above.

All the best,
The Drew Family of Brampton
Jack, Bev, Mark, and Chris Drew (advocating for Brampton while living in Toronto)

cc
All Brampton MPs and MPPs
Peel Region team, Metrolinx
Brampton Board of Trade
Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Association

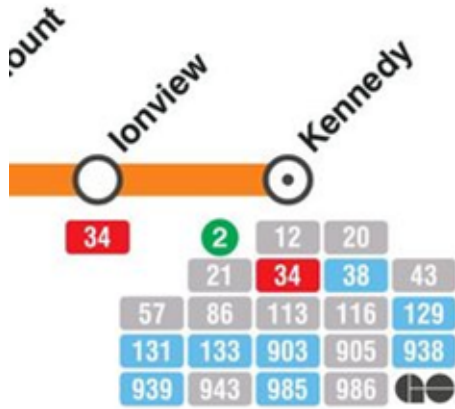
1. Kennedy GO/TTC



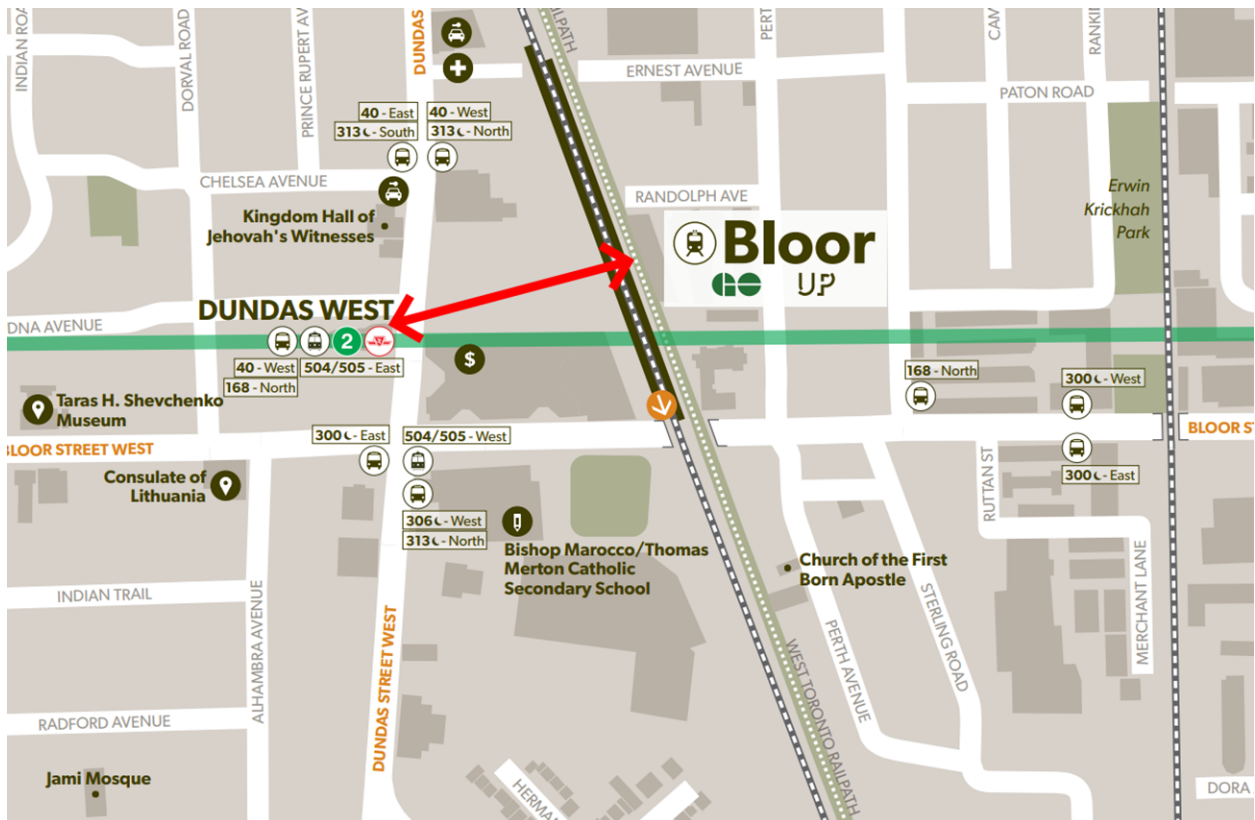
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Station List

000 New or Revised Local Route
 000 New or Revised Express Route
 000 Connecting Route
 Bus Terminal at Station



2. TTC Dundas West Station/Bloor GO/UP Station (new pedestrian tunnel under construction shown in red)



3. Langstaff GO Station, TTC Yonge North Station, and VIVA/YRT Bus Terminal

