

# Rail corridor politicians from all political parties call on Premier McGuinty to go electric NOW!

The Clean Train Coalition has just completed a highly successful lobby campaign of elected representatives along the rail corridor—support is at nearly 100%! Our communities are united against dirty diesels and support clean trains. The following rail corridor politicians, **from all political parties**, have called on Premier Dalton McGuinty to **GO ELECTRIC NOW**:

**Mayor:** David Miller

**City Councillors:** Frank DiGiorgio, Adam Giambone, Cesar Palacio, Gord Perks, , Pam McConnell, Frances Nunziata, Adam Vaughan.

**Members of Provincial Parliament:** Laura Albanese, Cheri Dinovo, Rosario Marchese, Tony Ruprecht

**Members of Parliament:** Olivia Chow, Kirsti Duncan, Gerard Kennedy, Mario Silva, Alan Tonks

**TDSB School Trustees:** Irene Atkinson, Chris Bolton, John Hastings, Maria Rodrigues, Chris Tonks

**TDCSB Trustees:** Sal Piccininni, Barbara Poplawski, Rob Davis, Catherine Leblanc-Miller

Thanks also to the many other politicians across the city have provided great support to the clean train campaign.

**Mayoral candidates Joe Pantalone, Rocco Rossi, George Smitherman and Sarah Thomson have joined the call for “Clean trains now”.**

## **Message to Premier McGuinty: ELECTRIC trains now!**

The provincial government is proposing a scheme which would expand the use of diesel trains now and introduce electric trains many years from now. The government's plan is widely opposed for many reasons.

### **Opting for more diesels would:**

- Expose our communities to the pollution and noise of more diesel trains,
- Delay the introduction of electric trains which are much more versatile and can integrate much more effectively with the TTC
- Require the construction of a massive, oppressive and costly 10 km concrete wall through our neighbourhoods to reduce the noise of the diesels. (Electric trains are quieter and would not require the wall.)
- Waste tax dollars on a diesel scheme which would cost much more than electric on the long run.

The Clean Train Coalition calls on Premier McGuinty to scrap plans to expand the use of diesels. Our message is clear: Expanding diesel now and going electric later makes no sense. Electrify the rail corridor NOW! Do it once and do it right!

## **Private operator backs out of link to Pearson Airport**

In a major development, SNC Lavalin has pulled out of plans for a privately-owned rail link between Pearson Airport and Union Station. With SNC Lavalin no longer in the mix, electrification is now an issue between the people and the provincial government – and the people have spoken.

### **Here's what YOU can do:**

- Attend the GO ELECTRIC Music Festival, Sorauren Park, Sunday, Sept. 26, 1 – 6 p.m.
- Contact your elected representatives to say: *Thanks for your support—and please pump up the volume.*
- Look for future Clean Train events on the campaign website—please attend and show your support.

## **Major announcements regarding electrification are expected this fall.**

Get on the Clean Train Coalition email list to get the latest electrification news and details of upcoming campaign actions. (Sign up at [info@cleantrain.ca](mailto:info@cleantrain.ca))

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The Clean Train Coalition represents the communities along the rail corridor. We believe that a healthy environment and vibrant neighbourhoods depend on smart investment in public transit infrastructure. Build it once. Build it right.