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Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie Calls on VIA Rail to Preserve Service at Guildwood Station

Scarborough, Ontario – Councillor Paul Ainslie and Deputy Mayor for Scarborough is calling on VIA Rail Canada to reverse its reported plans to eliminate intercity rail service at Guildwood Station, warning that the decision would negatively impact Scarborough residents, commuters, seniors, students, and travelers who rely on convenient access to passenger rail service.

Guildwood Station is an important transportation hub serving residents across Scarborough and eastern Toronto. The station provides a critical connection to VIA Rail's intercity network and offers a convenient alternative to traveling to Union Station or Oshawa to access passenger rail service.

"Guildwood Station is not simply a train stop. It is an essential transportation asset that connects Scarborough residents to communities across Ontario and Canada," said Councillor Paul Ainslie. "Removing service would make travel less convenient, increase travel times, and reduce transportation options for thousands of residents."

Councillor Ainslie expressed concern that the loss of service at Guildwood Station would disproportionately affect travelers who depend on local access to intercity rail, including seniors, families, students, and those who prefer public transportation over driving.

"Scarborough deserves convenient and reliable intercity rail service," Ainslie added. "Residents should not be forced to travel considerable distances to access a service that is already available in their community." Guildwood Station has long served as an important gateway for Scarborough residents and contributes to the broader goals of improving public transit, reducing congestion, and creating more sustainable transportation choices.

The Councillor is encouraging residents, community organizations, businesses, and elected representatives to voice their support for maintaining VIA Rail service at Guildwood Station.

"We are asking VIA Rail to listen to the concerns of Scarborough residents and reconsider any plans that would reduce service at Guildwood Station," said Ainslie. "Keeping this station active and accessible is in the best interest of our community and the region as a whole."

Residents are encouraged to contact VIA Rail and share their views on the importance of maintaining service at Guildwood Station.

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