

# SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT *ACTION*

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### **Auditor General report stops short of a value for money audit on Scarborough subway**

Scarborough Transit Action members and allies are disappointed with the Toronto Auditor General's [report](#) investigating a June 29, 2016, [TTC Briefing Note](#).

The TTC Briefing Note came under criticism when it was used by [Mayor Tory and TTC CEO Andy Byford](#) to convince councillors that the \$1.48 billion seven-stop Scarborough LRT would end up costing as much as the \$3.56 billion one-stop Scarborough Subway Extension. Toronto Auditor General Beverly Romeo-Beehler [agreed to conduct an investigation after Scarborough Transit Action and individual residents submitted a complaint last February](#).

"We do not fully accept the report. We are very disappointed that it doesn't include a value-for-money analysis. The report says it 'may form part of a future audit.' But it should be performed and should be done right away, because huge sums of public money have already been spent on this and the costs are multiplying quickly," said Brenda Thompson from Scarborough Transit Action.

"We unfortunately anticipated that the report would stop short of finding any politicization or wrongdoing by Toronto Mayor John Tory or TTC CEO Andy Byford because we were told by the Auditor General's investigator back in April that Byford wanted the report made public -- so Byford must have known he'd be exonerated. Also

the investigator asked us if we'd accept the report – even though it would be months until it would be released,” said Rosemary Frei, complainant.

“We need rapid transit that will get more riders where they need to go in Scarborough, not just downtown. The Scarborough LRT can do both and also is modern, fast and convenient. It's time to acknowledge the LRT's a better use of public funds,” says Moya Beall, STA member.