

# SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT**ACTION**

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## **At 11:00 This Morning Scarborough Transit Action Will Release Their Strategy to Ensure Climate-change Impacts Considered in the One-Stop Scarborough Subway Plan**

Today at 11:00 a.m., Scarborough Transit Action and allies from across Scarborough and Toronto are gathering to give the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change a document critiquing the Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Scarborough Subway Extension. The critique highlights that the EPR does not meet even the lowest bar for meaningful consideration of the project's climate-change impacts, let alone consider better alternatives.

The City of Toronto and TTC submitted the EPR of the Scarborough subway plan on August 24 to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. But the EPR looked only at alternative alignments for the one-stop subway. STA members have thoroughly reviewed the document and found the proponents completely failed to consider and properly assess a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment: climate change.

“We strongly object to the proponents’ use of the streamlined assessment for the Scarborough subway extension instead of conducting a full environmental assessment, which would require an objective comparison of alternatives,” said STA member Vincent Puhakka. “This is a violation of the need for best practices -- and of the right of people in Scarborough to have an impartial assessment of an unprecedented, huge megaproject that affects their transit future.”

At the media event STA members and allies will make public their strategies for ensuring a proper climate-change assessment is carried out.

Chris Ballard, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, said at a media event yesterday that **climate change “is one of the – if not the – greatest challenges facing humankind.** And there are no easy solutions. But we do know that the status quo is not an option.” He then announced the launch of a “**one-stop shop** to help homeowners and business reduce energy costs and fight climate change” (GreenOn.ca). He clearly must also do his part to ensure that the climate-change impact of the **one-stop subway** is properly assessed.

**WHAT:** Scarborough Transit Action’s leaders and members, together with allies and supporters

**WHEN:** 11:00-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31

**WHERE:** Outside the west entrance of 77 Wellesley Street West – Ferguson Block (the building that houses the office of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change)

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