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**RE:** City of Guelph Council motion regarding Metrolinx TPS infrastructure in Guelph

Dear Mr. Strauss,

[guelph.ca](http://guelph.ca)

I am writing to inform you that on Monday, August 24, Guelph's City Council passed the following motion regarding the planned location for traction power substation (TPS) infrastructure in Guelph:

1. That Guelph City Council confirms and supports the City Staff position that, while improved rail service and the associated environmental benefits from electrification are an important part of our Strategic and Community Plans, locating traction power substation (TPS) infrastructure in a City Park is not supported and that it be requested that Metrolinx reconsider their site selection for TPS infrastructure in a non-City park location.
2. That staff be directed to forward this resolution to Metrolinx, the Minister of Transportation and Guelph's MPP prior to August 28th, 2020.

The City of Guelph believes that an investment in a well-connected, sustainable transportation network is an investment in our future. While we remain supportive of Metrolinx's plan to electrify its service, which will benefit Guelph residents, we have a responsibility to balance the need for improved rail service with our need for parkland and our commitment to preserving Guelph's natural heritage. On behalf of the City of Guelph, we are grateful for your consideration of this motion as Metrolinx continues to engage with our community on this matter.

Thank you,

Cam Guthrie  
Mayor  
City of Guelph

**Cc:** The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
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Mike Schreiner, Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph  
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