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**GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT -BOMBARDIER DIVISION 660
SHOP & RAIL**

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Sisters and Brothers,

By now I'm sure most of you have seen the media release published by Metrolinx on Friday, July 21, if not you can find the article [here](#). This announcement caught everyone by surprise, and after attending the company's information sessions held on July 24, there remain several unknowns ahead of us.

While we can't speculate as to the coming results of Metrolinx' declaration, you can rest assured that your Division Executive will continue working to represent your interests and protect your rights, without interruption. A lot can happen in 5 years, and we will continue to monitor the situation as it develops.

Your union's leadership will endeavor to update you with all the information we have as it becomes available. If you have immediate questions, please contact me directly (gvaughan660@gmail.com) and I will do everything I can to answer them. Any updates that become available will also be communicated at the regular meetings of Division 660. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 30, beginning 10:00 at the Long Branch Legion located at 3850 Lakeshore Blvd West.

In the meantime, our day to day functions remain unchanged; By taking the time to work safely and look after one another, I have every confidence that we will continue to deliver our professional level of service, together.

Sincerely and in Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Vaughan".

Gregory Vaughan
General Chair

MEDIA RELEASE

Metrolinx launches search for Regional Express Rail operator

TORONTO: July 21, 2017 – Metrolinx, its assets and its services are publicly owned and will remain publicly owned. As part of our service delivery, we have successfully contracted out rail service since 1967 and our contract for that service is currently with Bombardier. At the same time, we now require new specific skills, knowledge and experience as we move towards the implementation of our transformative GO Regional Express Rail plan.

As we work to quadruple the number of train trips we run each week – from 1,500 to 6,000 – we require the resources and unique expertise of an organization with experience in operating and maintaining service to passengers during a major construction and expansion program. That is why we are issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an experienced Operator to work with us to finalize our plans and accelerate the safe construction and implementation of RER.

Once in place, the Operator will help make our system better for commuters by finding ways to further reduce commute times, while also ensuring we are properly building critical infrastructure that will enable GO RER. While the Operator is expected to eventually take over rail operations, our existing operations and maintenance contract with Bombardier will remain in place until the end of the contract in 2023. We are expecting no job losses as a result of this RFQ, as we are committed to placing a focus on additional training and skills enhancement for staff wherever necessary. A build of this size will also both create new jobs and link residents in the GTHA to better job opportunities that otherwise may have been out of reach.

We are absolutely committed to getting the job done right. Having a team in place that will help us get there will be absolutely critical towards our goal of bringing better, faster service that will help you spend less time on the way home and more time at home.

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