

Toronto asks for Brampton transit cash

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Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam. (STAN BEHAL/Toronto Sun file photo)

TORONTO - If Brampton doesn't want it, Toronto will take it.

Council voted Thursday to ask Premier Kathleen Wynne and Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca to consider giving the \$200 million to \$400 million that would have gone to Brampton's stretch of the Hurontario-Main LRT to the TTC to help make stations accessible.

Brampton council voted to reject the LRT and the province has said it will be reinvested in transportation infrastructure.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and TTC chair Josh Colle suggested the TTC could use the money to help complete the estimated \$500 million in work need to ensure the transit system meets the province's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act by the deadline of 2025.

"We know that accessibility needs in the TTC are ongoing, there is a legal provincial requirement that we have to meet," Wong-Tam said. "It doesn't matter what new infrastructure and new lines we build ... you're not going to be able to get on to those systems unless you have accessibility throughout the entire program.

"Right now, 49% of the stations are accessible ... you have people that are paying 100% fare and getting 50% of the service and that's not fair."



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