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Karen McCrimmon Passes Motion to Include Reservists in Free Transit Program

QUEEN’S PARK – This morning, after Remembrance Day speeches, Karen McCrimmon, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Kanata–Carleton, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) and former Reservist, moved a motion to include Reservists in Metrolinx’s plan to provide free transit to veterans and active Regular Force members of the CAF. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the House.

The motion reads:

That in the opinion of this house, Metrolinx must ensure that active members of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve are not excluded from the program for veterans and active Canadian Armed Forces to receive free fares on GO Transit and the UP Express.

“Metrolinx should not be dividing our armed forces by creating two tiers of recognition.” said McCrimmon. “Reservists are a vital part of our nation’s defense and are deserving of recognition”.

Reservists are a key part of the Canadian Armed Forces’ presence in our communities. Not only do they assist and even get deployed abroad, but are also first to help when disaster strikes a community, including fighting forest fires, recovery after storms, and during Covid-19.

MPP McCrimmon retired from a 31-year military career as a Lieutenant Colonel. She was the first woman to command a Canadian Forces Air Force flying squadron. In 1995, she was made a member of the Order of Military Merit. She completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2004 where she was responsible for NATO Airlift Co-ordination. As an MP, Mrs. McCrimmon was Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence.

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