

## Osgoode CLC – August 23, 2023

### **Attendees:**

#### Elected Officials/Staff

- N/A

#### City of Toronto

- Bryan Bowen
- Vanessa Opassinis
- Richard Borbridge
- Nour Alsoori
- Nazli Deghani
- Julia Murnaghan
- Hans Riecko
- Tom Schwerdtfeger
- Terry Francoeur

#### Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy
- Ross Andersen
- Robert Chisholm
- Jesse Pakkala
- Daniel Cicero
- Malcolm MacKay
- Franca DiGiovanni

### **OVERVIEW**

The second Osgoode CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on August 23 2023, via Microsoft Teams.

Metrolinx welcomed those who are attending the CLC for the first time, then addressed all action items taken back from the last meeting in July. He mentioned as well that given the great feedback received, an updated version of the CLC Terms of Reference will be circulated across to members to help facilitate engaging, thoughtful and collaborative discussions for all CLCs moving forward.

The update was a combination of advanced works progress, utility relocations, construction preparedness activities, Interpretation and Commemoration plan, York Street track installation, and community outreach.

- Kristin Jenkins
- Antonio Capobianco

#### BIA/Community Groups/Non-Profit

- Alan Liu - QWBIA
- Amy Mushinski - Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts
- Jacob Bakan (JUD)
- Trevor Guy (JUD)
- Andrew Robertson - FDBIA
- Liz Driver - Campbell House Museum
- Ram Nafarajah Property Manager

#### OTG

- Pedram Roshani
- Lisa Brody Hoffman
- Emaan Ali
- Allison Dewhirst
- Hamelin Flavie
- Maria Mihailscu
- Julia Orsini

## QUESTIONS

- **There has been construction at Queen & University without the sharing of noise and vibration data. What is the rationale for delaying the sharing until "station construction" begins?**
  - Metrolinx noted this question, team can look into sharing the data at meetings before giving construction updates on future CLCs.
  - Metrolinx added that they monitor noise and vibration and continue through the regular channels when the monitors are triggered until the OTG updates are ready to be shared.
- **In the July 18 minutes Metrolinx noted Campbell House's request for Metrolinx to liaise with us about construction scheduling; however, the slide deck does not refer to liaising with Campbell House, only COT. We have TIFF and weddings in September. We need Metrolinx to liaise with us to avoid disruption to our operations. Adds that Campbell House cannot have the laneway at Simcoe closed during load-in and load-out for TIFF or during TIFF.**
  - Metrolinx responded that they are happy connect directly to address specific concerns relating to Campbell House operations.
- **Rather than reading from the slide deck, please explain the process you are following with the City for the ICP.**
  - Metrolinx answered that they are engaging the City's Heritage Preservation Services through the Transit Expansion Office and have held preliminary discussions thus far. They plan to further engage to confirm timelines for the ICP and map out the overall process over the next couple of months, and they intend to share updates on progress going forward at future CLCs.
- **When will affected businesses be informed of any impacts? Weekend closures will not be possible for the Four Seasons Centre from September 2023 until June 2024 (approximate timeframe).**
  - Metrolinx responded that they will be reaching out to affected businesses, both through the CLCs but as well through construction notices that will be shared and disseminated to inform businesses of upcoming construction.
- **I would also like to discuss the co-ordination with the Sheraton Centre and other York St businesses, although I understand that is not a whole-group issue. We sent a note to Metrolinx a couple of weeks ago and another one yesterday, but there has been no discussion yet.**
  - Metrolinx responds that once there is a date for the site to be mobilized, it will be easier to discuss. Metrolinx are working with the contractor to develop what you are asking for- they are keeping up with it and will get back to you.
  - Metrolinx to follow up directly with FDBIA regarding correspondence submitted.

- **We need protocols and emergency contact for immediate issues related to all these activities.**
  - Metrolinx points to the 24/7 hotline implemented May 1, 2023 when the section of Queen St closed at Yonge and Queen. This number is noted on all their construction notices and several billboards in the surrounding construction area. Escalation procedures are in place with the hotline.
  - Metrolinx confirmed coordination with IO to ensure there will still be always a lane available for EMS on University Ave and steel plates in place as needed. Normal access to buildings will be permitted as per fire access states.
  - Metrolinx also adds the number for the 24/7 hotline in the meeting chat: 416-202-5100.
- **Please enlarge the images as requested before the meeting.**
  - Metrolinx confirmed future slide decks will have closer views of image maps
  - Metrolinx noted that will revert back once we have onboarded the contractor and see their traffic plans but no plans to limit-access to buildings.
- **The concourse design does not show how it interconnects with TTC. Would like larger images and for the team to re-do the concourse presentation better for future CLC meetings.**
  - Metrolinx confirmed future CLC presentations will include larger images for more accessible viewing.
  - OTG and Metrolinx explained where the stairs and escalator connects to the TTC platform.
  - OTG explained the floor plans and renderings of how north house connects to the TTC and that stairs and escalators that are connected to the median of the TTC.
  - Request that a pointer is used while describing image layout.
  - Metrolinx agreed to share larger images.
- **Who is the contractor that is removing the South African heritage? Asking because everyone should have an interest in this cultural heritage. Would also like to know what these red lines are around the war memorial and what the plan is for dismantling this memorial.**
  - OTG explained that the subcontractors they are engaging is Clifford who has previously dealt with heritage works. Red line represents the area that needs to be dismantled and salvaged, piece by piece, catalogue it and store it. Once construction is over, they will restore it to its original position.
- **Is OTG aware of the plan for University Park, and if so, are you aware that it may be a rational step that when you put the memorial back in place you re-assemble it in a different place?**
  - OTG confirmed that they are in the very early stages and they are engaging the University of Toronto to review the plan for the University Park.

- **There is a landscape plan to be submitted. Is it possible for the next CLC plans to discuss the landscape plans as you see them? There are serious problems with the landscape plan as they exist to put park benches on the plan. If you think it is pre-mature currently because of the work being done with the University of Toronto for University Park.**
  - Metrolinx confirmed there is still a lot of planning to do outside of conversations with OTG and offered to answer specific questions via email.
- **Regarding fire access to Osgoode Hall, there are ongoing projects on the east side, and it seems impossible to get fire trucks up to Osgoode Hall.**
  - Metrolinx notes that the regular fire access is from the west gate is being maintained. Additionally, the fire crew has been on site and is aware of the bridge and they know the route to get to Osgoode Hall.
- **Can we plan an in-person meeting for one of our upcoming CLCs?**
  - Metrolinx agreed and proposed to have it at Campbell House
  - Metrolinx agreed to host an in-person meeting, ideally with a walkthrough of the site, to discuss active and planning concerns.
- **When will you be emailing us these slides?**
  - Metrolinx assures that Ross has sent them over earlier today. If you did not receive them, please let us know.
- **We need the agenda and slide deck sooner than afternoon of meeting.**
  - Metrolinx agreed and stated the team is ironing out the process and notes the goal to submit slides earlier than day of meeting.
- **Can you go over the concourse presentation again in future CLC's?**
  - Metrolinx agreed and will add it to the next agenda.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Next CLC scheduled for September 27, 2023
2. Ross Andersen to share recording of the meeting, slide deck and meeting minutes
3. Mark Clancy to share enlarged images of the concourse to CLC members
4. Daniel Cicero to answer specific emails about the South African heritage removal and restoration; Mark Clancy to connect regarding TIFF and wedding season to coordinate best approach to construction during this time
5. Ross Andersen to connect with FDBIA regarding communications sent by the BIA.
6. Metrolinx and OTG to work towards sharing deck sooner than day of CLC meeting
7. Metrolinx and OTG to explore future meetings in person.
8. Metrolinx/OTG to add the concourse presentation again in future CLC agendas, with enlarged images.
9. Community engagement to connect with Campbell House to plan around events.