

**Corktown CLC – Meeting #2****MINUTES**

August 30, 2023

6:00 pm to 7:30pm (Teams Meeting)

**Attendees****Elected Officials/Staff**

Edward LaRusic (Cllr Moise)  
Varshaa Punithchelvan (MPP Wong-Tam)

**City of Toronto**

Michael Paolucci  
Richard Borbridge

**Metrolinx:**

Zahrah Munas  
Daniel Cicero  
Mark Clancy  
Jeff Muir (Stantec)  
Saba Sabet  
Athavan Nadarajah  
Amanda Kusick  
Matt Simon  
Cosimo Stalteri  
Malcolm Mackay  
Jodi Parps  
Ross Andersen

**Community/BIAs**

Michael Hasko – Waterfront Toronto  
John Wilson – WDLC  
Cory Lemos - CRBA  
EWCA Admin – Mike Bethke  
Neil Betteridge – Gooderham Worts  
Alec Napier  
Stewart Linton

**OTG:**

Allison Dewhirst  
Rafael Oscar Joffre Godoy  
Chloe Mills  
Maria Mihailescu  
Julia Orsini  
Flavie Hamelin

**Meeting Summary:**

Metrolinx met with the community to provide an update on Don Yard Enabling Works, Corktown archaeological investigations and, introduce Ontario Transit Group (OTG), who provided a construction update.

**Q and A**

**What truck cleaning will be taking place to maintain the integrity of the site? Also, what sites will be used for the pre-condition surveys?**

A: Erosions and Sediment controls will be put into place as part of site preparation/early works activities which is typical for this type of construction activity. Materials and specific sediment control measurements will be installed at the exits of both the north and south sites. Crews will also wash the wheels of the trucks to ensure no dust or muck is trucked out of the site.

**What sites/locations will be used for pre-condition surveys? There are many heritage sites in the area and we are concerned with respect to noise and vibration.**

We are working with specific properties within the 'zone of influence'. These properties were identified in advance as ones within the zone of influence and we will be reaching out to these properties individually to speak to property owners. Almost all properties located on Berkeley and King are the main property areas we have identified and almost all of them will need a pre-condition survey and a noise and vibration survey.

- **Action:** OTG (Allison Dewhirst) to reach out and connect with [mike@ewca.ca](mailto:mike@ewca.ca) and cross reference to ensure all key properties have been included.

**What about properties where tunnelling will occur, will they be contacted?**

Yes, OTG will be reaching out.

**Is there a timing window we need to hit to ensure we are included in the PTEs?**

Reach out to the OTG PTE email address for more info: [permissiontoenter@ontransitgroup.ca](mailto:permissiontoenter@ontransitgroup.ca)

**You noted on a previous slide that there will be noise barriers and hoarding. What about mitigations for buildings that are in the area that are much higher than the hoarding and noise barriers?**

Different equipment has different types of noise levels. We are working with our environmental team to assess and based on that, we are looking at dividing up areas where we only need hoarding and where we will need noise barriers (it will be a combination of noise barriers in some areas and hoarding in others). Studies are underway to determine the various impacts and mitigations.

**Can you share those studies with the community?**

We will take that request back, discuss internally and come back to you at the next meeting.

**Many of MPP Wong-Tam's constituents have said they want better communication regarding late night work so they can plan accordingly (many work from home). Also, noise regulation is very important, this would go a long way to foster good will from the community.**

We will communicate as much as we can and as often as we can both for invasive daytime work and also night work.

**Were you able to find the brick kiln located on the south-west corner of Parliament and King Streets?**

Yes, there have been 3 lime kilns found in this area and there is a discussion about further protecting this area from construction.

**On another project (Gardiner Rehabilitation project), they had sound monitoring devices installed which would send an alert to the construction team when there was an overage. Will you have that for this project? We are also concerned with beeping from trucks during the overnight hours. Can you instruct the contractor to have broadband beepers? The City of Toronto and AECON were very amenable to this suggestion and all of their trucks had broadband alarm monitors. Please consider requiring broadband back-up.**

For Don Yard enabling works, the contractor is responsible for submitting a noise monitoring plan. Every night there is a rep on site with a noise monitoring device, and Metrolinx gets a weekly noise monitoring report which provides an indication of noise levels.

For stations in the south, there are requirements constructors have to meet and if any equipment exceeds those levels, we encourage our contractors not use that equipment. There will be mitigations put into place and the noise and monitoring plan is currently being developed for Corktown. We have daytime and nighttime noise and vibration limits and they are strict standards our contactors should meet.

For Don Yard, there is an 'in and out' for the site so there is limited backing up as trucks are going in one direction.

**Is the traffic plan currently with City of Toronto for review? And will there be one plan for the first stage only (aka site prep) or will it be a plan for the entire project? We look forward to reviewing it at the next CLC.**

It was submitted a few weeks ago and is under review. The TMP is for the entire project phase. All phases are under review right now.

**Can we get an update on the TMP for Don Yard series of projects?**

As far as we are aware, it will be the same scenario as currently exists. However, it will be up to the contractor to develop and submit to us. We don't have the formal report for that yet.

**EWCA is very excited about this project. It's going to provide great opportunities for people to visit the area and better transit connections. What is the plan for the truck laydown area? You have a place for materials area. Where will trucks go?**

We are lucky as the south parcel gives us a lot of space. And, we also have space on the north parcel. Trucks will go into these areas and wait inside for concrete, deliveries, etc.

For Don Yard EW3, they will also continue using the parking lot and not the road. For EW1, we use the Don Yard.

**Will you be touching on small businesses engagement and community consultation?**

Community outreach is very important and today we are happy to be back on track with our CLCs. We appreciate your patience. Our plan is to meet formally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. There are currently quarterly meetings with the BIAs. We will also reach out directly to smaller businesses who are not part of the BIA. Pop-ups in the community will continue to occur. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time to discuss and continue the dialogue.

**At the outset of the project about 3 years ago, there was a discussion of a pedestrian connection via a bridge over the Don Yard. Is there any update on this?**

This bridge is part of the Smart Track East Harbour project of which the city is a proponent. We cannot speak to it today but we will put you in contact with the team who can provide more details.

- Action: Daniel Cicero to put John Wilson in contact with Smart Track team.

**Are there other things that you will be doing to communicate with smaller businesses who suffered during the pandemic. How will you communicate about impacts with them? What about Community Benefits – local people coming in to work with the trades for example?**

Metrolinx is working on a community benefits framework and we're gearing up to announce the details of that framework soon. Toronto Community Benefits has been working with us on this plan and we will share further details once available. We can work with you on what that means for high priority communities. It's an integral part of the information that the BOLD coalition and Ontario Line Subcommittee has recommended we adopt. We will have more to say in coming weeks.

**Thank you for pulling together a great presentation and good content for us tonight. We would love to do a hybrid or an in-person CLC next time. Thank you so much for connecting with us and addressing all of our concerns.**

Thank you. We will plan to have more in-person meetings as the project progresses.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. OTG (Allison Dewhirst) to reach out and connect with [mike@ewca.ca](mailto:mike@ewca.ca) and cross reference to ensure all key properties have been included.
2. Daniel Cicero to put John Wilson in contact with Smart Track team.
3. OTG to share information from TMP at next CLC.