

Osgoode Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)**MEETING MINUTES**

October 25, 2023

6:00PM-7:30PM

ATTENDEES:City of Toronto

- Richard Borbridge
- Tom Schwerdtfeger
- Vanessa Opassinis
- Stephen Zeigler
- Julia Murnaghan
- Michael Paolucci
- Chris Haskim (Councillor Ausma Malik)

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Liz Driver (Director of Campbell House Museum/Co-Chair of BOLD Coalition)
- Ahmed Mesbah (GWL Realty Advisors)
- Alan Liu (Queen Street West BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Ram Nadarajah (FirstService Residential)
- Simon Di Vincenzo (Law Society of Ontario)
- Brandon Purcell (Resident)
- Max Allen (Grange Community Association)
- Jacob Bakan (JUD)

Metrolinx

- Daniel Cicero
- Ross Andersen
- Zaidun Alganabi
- Antonio Capobianco
- Anthea Dolman-Gair
- Amanda Kusick
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Malcom MacKay
- Robert Chisholm

OTG

- Juan Mendez Preciado
- Pedram Roshani
- Bella Santos
- Allison Dewhirst
- Jennifer Marques
- Garrick McIntosh
- Gerrit Wesselink

OVERVIEW:

On Wednesday, October 25, Metrolinx hosted an Osgoode CLC meeting in partnership with Ontario Transit Group (OTG). The meeting commenced with **Metrolinx** welcoming attendees to the virtual meeting space, providing a land acknowledgement and sharing safety tips with the group.

Metrolinx started the presentation with an update on action items from the previous meeting, noting that this meeting will include more information around the track installation on York Street.

Metrolinx provided an update on the current works at University Ave and Queen St, adding that a northbound lane on University Ave is targeted to re-open in mid-November. Much of the clean-up work in the area should be completed by the end of November, with the site being transferred to OTG at that time. **Metrolinx** then provided an update on the works to install streetcar tracks on York Street to provide a new alignment while Queen Street is closed.

Finally, **OTG** provided an update on the two station entrances, including a more detailed overview of the concourse-level connection between the existing TTC line and the new Osgoode Station for the Ontario Line.

Attendees asked several questions throughout the presentation that were answered directly by Metrolinx, OTG, or the City of Toronto. These questions are outlined in further detail below but include questions on the fence around Osgoode Hall, construction in the winter months, and questions on the station renderings that are available to the public.

QUESTIONS:

- **Campbell House Museum: When will the paving stones be replaced in front of the Campbell House Museum?**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that the replacement of the paving stones will happen as part of the final stages before turning over the site to OTG at the end of November.
- **A resident asked what will happen in the winter months. Does construction stop when there is snow?**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that the construction will continue in the winter, with snow removal efforts ensuring that access for traffic to driveways and other properties will be maintained.
- **Financial District BIA: What is the proposed traffic pattern for the laneway connecting Richmond and York St, given that it is currently only one-way?**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that the plan would be to make that laneway two directions, either by posting a paid duty officer to direct traffic or by alternating directions on that laneway.
 - **Campbell House Museum** sought to clarify that the lane that may become two directions was not the northbound lane on York St, north of Adelaide St.

Metrolinx confirmed that it was the laneway off Richmond that may alternate, while the one open lane on York St - between Richmond and Queen St - will remain exclusively northbound.

- **Queen Street BIA: Has the overall project delivery timeline changed? Will the York St and Adelaide St track projects be complete in 2024, as planned?**
 - **Metrolinx** clarified that the project timelines, both for Metrolinx's work on York St and the City of Toronto's work on Adelaide St, are being calibrated and that no final delivery timeline has been set. The current work outlined in the presentation will be complete in two to three months.

- **Campbell House Museum noted an addition of 'asbestos abatement' in the presentation, asked for clarification about the fence removal and treatment process, information about liaison with the Law Society of Ontario (LSO) on its fence painting work, and detailed information about the fence removal process.**
 - **OTG** responded that there will be spacing to ensure no conflict will occur. Coordination with LSO is ongoing.
 - **OTG** further clarified that the level and location of asbestos in the portion of the fence that may be removed is still being reviewed, as are the proposed approaches to remediate the fence, and that more information can be provided at the next CLC meeting.
 - **Law Society of Ontario** noted in the comments that it will have completed its fence painting project in November.
 - **Metrolinx** noted that further detail was added to the deck before the CLC meeting and that the updated deck would be included along with the minutes.
 - A **resident** asked if the fence will be put back after construction. **OTG** responded that parts of the fence will be returned as part of the construction process.

- **A resident asked the project teams to reflect on any grand ideas that might be out of scope for the project, but that could use public support, and encouraged the project team to approach the CLCs with these ideas in a spirit of collaboration and building public buy-in for the project.**
 - **Metrolinx** thanked the attendee for the comment and noted that this is the spirit of collaboration that Metrolinx and the other partners in the project team hope to create.

- **Campbell House Museum noted that in several communications or other materials produced in relation to the project, the maps appear to be inconsistent. Details about Simcoe St appear to change depending on which variation of map was used for that document. It is critical to ensure there are consistent and correct base maps at this stage in the project, so that all partners and community members can properly communicate information about the project.**
 - **OTG** thanked Campbell House for their input and feedback and recognized that it is important to ensure that there is a consistent map going forward. As details and maps are finalized, the goal is for maps to become more consistent.
 - **Metrolinx** added that there have been some maps published that used different scales and that some level of detail is lost as the scale increases, which could explain inconsistent map data.

The above is a summary of subjects discussed and conclusions reached at the above meeting.

- **A resident asked whether there have been any public engagements on the selected location and the proposed design for the two Osgoode Station headhouses.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that the locations chosen for the station headhouses have been consistent throughout the project and that those decisions have been made. The renderings currently available to the public are for ideation purposes only and should not be considered final plans.

- **Campbell House Museum noted that the rendering of the Osgoode Hall headhouse is not the same as the one on the Metrolinx website and that the rendering in the presentation shows the headhouse set back further from the sidewalk than on other renderings. They asked Metrolinx to provide detailed plans for the location of the building on Metrolinx's property.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that the renderings are for design reference, as a way to communicate how the building will fit into the existing landscape at the corner of University and Queen. The rendering is representative and is not meant to serve as an exact representation of proposed proportions.
 - **Metrolinx** added that the project team will bring more detailed plans, including the footprint of the headhouse, to the next CLC meeting.

- **Law Society of Ontario asked if there were timelines for the remediation of the west lawn of Osgoode Hall and a timeline on the repairing of the fence.**
 - **Metrolinx** noted that these topics will be brought up in more detail later in this agenda, and at later CLC meetings.

- **Campbell House Museum asked the City of Toronto to provide an update on the rezoning application for Osgoode Garden.**
 - **City of Toronto** responded that there is a proposed zoning amendment being brought to City Council on October 26 (one day after the CLC meeting) and that a notice on the rezoning application has been on the City's website for the last week. This rezoning application came as a result of a small parcel of land that was allocated for transit work, that will not be needed, and will be reverted to greenspace. Metrolinx's property lines and the transit allocation zoning will now align.

- **Campbell House Museum asked Metrolinx to provide an update on the BOLD Coalition's proposed Terms of Reference for Construction Liaison Committees.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that the Terms of Reference document, proposed by the Bold Coalition, outlines the functions of a CLC, and how it will engage and collaborate with the project teams.
 - **Metrolinx** is set to have another meeting with the BOLD Coalition on November 15, and it is expected that the Terms of Reference document will be shared with CLCs across the Ontario Line shortly thereafter.
 - **Metrolinx** added that the Terms of Reference document will likely be included in the November 22 Osgoode CLC meeting.

- **Campbell House Museum noted that the archeological survey reports for Osgoode Gardens had just been submitted to the City's registrar, and asked if Metrolinx was planning on making them available to the public.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded the archeological surveys for Osgoode gardens been received in the minutes prior to the CLC start time, and could not be included in this agenda, but that the reports will be included along with this meeting's minutes and will be included in the November 22 meeting.
- **A resident asked the project team if there is an intention to host another in-person CLC meeting and to have the opportunity to have conversations with the workers at the station construction site.**
 - **Campbell House Museum** echoed the suggestion to have another in-person CLC at some point in the near future.
 - **Metrolinx** responded there is an intention to host another in-person CLC meeting and that it could also be possible to explore hosting the next CLC meeting in-person.
- **Queen Street BIA: Would it be possible to receive meeting minutes, presentations and other related materials in a separate email - not in the meeting invitation. It can make it challenging to locate files at a later time.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that it could be possible to send files in a separate email and that they will endeavor to do so going forward.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** and **OTG** to provide a detailed overview of the fence asbestos abatement plans, refurbishment, and replacement plans at the next CLC meeting.
- **Metrolinx** and **OTG** to share additional drawings of the footprint of the Osgoode Hall headhouse in relation to Metrolinx's property and the sidewalk as available.
- **Metrolinx** to include the Osgoode Gardens archeological reports along with this meeting's minutes and will discuss them further at the next CLC meeting.
- **Metrolinx** to include the updated presentation from this meeting along with the meeting minutes.
- **Metrolinx** to share the proposed CLC Terms of Reference by BOLD Coalition as soon as possible and will include it in the next CLC meeting if the document is ready. If it is not ready, the team will provide an update.
- **Metrolinx** to send meeting minutes, presentations, and other relevant files in an email separate to the meeting invitation going forward.