

**Queen Street CLC - Meeting #3
MINUTES**

November 14, 2023

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Teams Meeting)

ATTENDEES:

BIA/Community Groups/Non-Profit

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Cheryll Diego (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Derek Dresser (Elgin Winter Garden Theatre)
- Lyn Godovitz (Dream Unlimited)
- Lyle Block-Collins (PNB Law Group)
- Marc Hanjani (Bell)
- Nabil Mansour (Sheraton Centre Toronto)
- Susan Girvan (Metropolitan United)
- Elisabeth Antonacci (Yonge Suites)
- Frank Cormier (Metropolitan United)

City of Toronto

- Steven Ziegler
- Nazli Dehghani

- Julia Murnaghan
- Claire Yang
- Vitha Sivatharman
- Sherwin Lau (Councillor Chris Moise)
- Michael Vieira (TTC)
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Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy
- Malcolm MacKay
- Amanda Kusick
- Robert Chisholm
- Zaidun Alganabi

Ontario Transit Group

- Jean Goar
- Allison Dewhirst
- Julia Orsini
- Bella Santos
- Jennifer Marques

OVERVIEW:

Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) hosted a virtual Queen Station CLC meeting on November 14, 2023. The meeting commenced with Metrolinx welcoming attendees, providing a land acknowledgement, and sharing a safety moment. Metrolinx addressed action items from the last CLC meeting, providing a status update that the sidewalk construction activity, graffiti cleaning efforts, and removal of the shelter for the streetcar stop will be addressed throughout the presentation.

Metrolinx provided an update on the advanced work underway at Queen Street, noting that site preparation works are nearly complete. Currently, Clearway is working across Yonge Street at the intersection of Queen Street, which should be completed in December 2023. The OTG team is also onsite ahead of the Queen site transition.

QUESTIONS:

- **Downtown Yonge BIA: How long will the bypass on the north side of Yonge Street be?**
 - **Metrolinx** answered that the bypass will be localized 20m north of the intersection.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if the team could make sure there are no private vehicles along Yonge Street. They've reached out to the City of Toronto who said it was related to Metrolinx.
 - **Metrolinx** acknowledged and stated that it would take back to the team.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA: Does the team have an estimated completion date of the permanent street detour?**
 - **Metrolinx** mentioned fall 2024. Should the timeline change, the community will be informed the community.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA: Can the team confirm on how the works on Richmond Street are being coordinated with the work that Enbridge is doing on Bay and Yonge?**
 - **Metrolinx** said that this work is separate.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** said she will reach out to the City of Toronto about coordination.
 - **Metrolinx** inquired about coordination required.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** explained the coordination required is for the loading deck on Bay and Yonge near Richmond. **Metrolinx** will investigate the coordination required.
 - **Financial District BIA** shared that he has spoken with Enbridge and are reviewing the Traffic Management Plan with every building affected.
- **Financial District BIA: How long will the Yonge St lane reduction will be in effect?**
 - **Metrolinx** answered ideally it will be over before the end of year.
 - **Metrolinx** thanked **Financial District BIA** for the questions.
- **CLC Member: What section on Yonge is being closed until the end of the year?**
 - **Metrolinx** said that the centre lane will be closed will be closed and that Yonge will be reduced to 2 lanes both directions. A notice will be shared.
 - **CLC Member** asked for clarification on the direction of the closure.
 - **Metrolinx** answered that it will be in between Shuter and Richmond but will not extend that full distance.
- **Metropolitan United: Bond Street is currently impacted by work for a water main replacement. Does this work have anything to do with Enbridge work for the Ontario Line, or is it separate and done by the City of Toronto?**
 - **Metrolinx** answered no that it is not specific to Metrolinx, noted that St. Michael's is doing a lot of work internally, but just an assumption.
- **Yonge Suites: Is there any work planned on Yonge, north of Queen in the foreseeable future? We are located directly in front of Hendricks, and they had some work a few weeks ago that caused noise overnight.**
 - **Metrolinx** answered that based on the Advanced Works, the work would be the only work in front of the Eaton Centre. Confirmed that there would not be

any work that would directly affect the restaurant. Offered to speak with **Yonge Suites** directly so they can provide any further details.

- **Metrolinx: We want to note that there will be a 2-week Clearway construction break between December 22 and January 8.**
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked for a point of contact from the team during that break and whether someone will be watching the site.
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed there will be a maintenance team on-site during this period, around and available.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** wanted to make sure there is a winter plan, and a point of contact for that business.
 - **Metrolinx** will provide updates as necessary and will be available over the break. Also noted that the maintenance crew over the break is also the snow removal crew for the site.
- **Councillor Moise's Office: Is the December 22 to January 8 break also for the Metrolinx construction teams too?**
 - **Metrolinx** will confirm that period for construction teams shut down during that period.
 - **Councillor Moise Office** has been receiving construction notices, noted it would be great to keep receiving them.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA: Who is the point of contact for the design of the sidewalk reconstruction?**
 - **Metrolinx** suggests talking to OTG, since that portion of the project will be done closer to the end.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** mentioned that OTG did reach out and they have a call scheduled, which is a good start as they want to get ahead of the planning prior to OTG taking over in the winter.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA: Will Metrolinx still be part of the conversations once OTG takes over?**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed a team member will be part of the conversations.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Metrolinx** to confirm whether Enbridge's work on Bay and Yonge is being coordinated with the work on Richmond Street.
2. **Metrolinx** to confirm for **Councillor Moise Office** if the December 22 to January 8 break is also for the Metrolinx construction teams too.