

Pape CLC Meeting October 24, 2023

**Attendees**

**Metrolinx**

Norando Brown

Mark Clancy

John Potter

Kristin Jenkins

Paul Collins

Zaidun Alganabi

Mathavan Jaya

Paula Rotenberg

Jian Guan

Alexandra Grgas Sorge

Frank Babic

Michelle Parratt

Connie Lim

Alex Dewar

Anthea Dolman-Gair

Tamer Ajab

**Pape Parent Council**

Cara McCutcheon

Daniel Miller

**TDSB**

Emma Moynihan

Vladimir Tarakanov

Carol Shea

**Resident**

John Scully

**Elected Officials**

Sara Ehrhardt

Nicolas Valverde

(CIlr Office)

**Overview**

The October CLC meeting was geared at providing updates on the progress of items that had been initiated in previous months. The long-term noise barrier accounted for the bulk of the discussion and with the installation expected to commence prior to the end of the year, Metrolinx' goal was to ensure residents and stakeholders were updated on the details of the system. In addition to the long-term noise barrier, construction updates were provided to the group as well as air and soil monitoring. Questions were fielded to which subject matter experts provided answers. In other instances, action items were noted to be taken back by the team.

## Question/Concerns

- Closing windows should not be apart of any plan. Windows need to remain open during summer and cracked during winter.
- Parent council members indicated that assurances were made to them by TDSB that major works will not take place until noise wall is installed.
- Clarification between major works and ongoing utility works provided to group.
- When will Metrolinx be sharing outstanding materials, including but not limited to underground drawings for the school, the contractor and TBM details?
- What is the Metrolinx plan should something go wrong like a malfunctioning TBM?
- Which company is doing the mini TBM?
- Dissatisfaction expressed by members of the parent council that Metrolinx will proceed with utility relocation work despite rescheduled noise wall installation start date.
- Air monitoring station appears to have sharp edges. Also, it appears kids can stick their hands between the spaces.
- Timeline of the updated safety plan a concern to CLC members. Draft health and safety plan is still being used as reference although commitments were made to update draft by September.
- Updated health and safety plan being delayed until after noise workshop. Materials discussed during the workshop may be added to the safety plan.
- Concerns expressed by CLC that mitigation barrier was not in place yet digging will be happening in the area where benzo(a)pyrene was detected. Group was advised that physical barriers weren't recommended dust mitigation measures. Suppression at source to prevent dust from getting airborne is the industry recommendation.

## **Each play area accounts for different age group, is Metrolinx building separate play area for each group?**

Ans: The additional play area would be required for days, so while work is happening in specific areas kids would need to be relocated to this space.

## **Has the wall been approved by the TDSB**

Ans: TDSB's consultant reviewed, and commentary was provided. The TDSB does not have an approving function on the wall. Since work is taking place on City land the permitting process would've covered the approvals.

## **Will you be able to speak on the decibel reduction capacity of the noise wall?**

Ans: Metrolinx will be able to maintain the 55db limits in the classroom when the noise wall is installed. Additional details will be provided on the classroom acoustic and mitigation measures at the noise workshop mid-November.

**What's the maximum noise db with the windows open?**

Ans: There's a 5db difference between close and open windows. Considering the unique situation with the school, external limits will need to be tuned down in instances where windows cannot be closed. Metrolinx explored options for additional cooling but were advised that the power grid does not have the capacity.

**When is the noise barrier being installed?**

Ans: Metrolinx has an anticipated start date of mid-December, but this is dependent on the TDSB buffer zone installation and the temporary play area being in place.

**Will Metrolinx still be installing monitors on the east side of Pape Avenue?**

Ans: Metrolinx is in the process of obtaining permits to have monitors installed on the east side of Pape Ave.

**Where are the conversations at with audiology Canada?**

Metrolinx to meet with Audiology Canada on Wednesday October 25, 2023, to provide background information and work out format of the workshop.

All questions/concerns raised during the meeting were addressed by subject matter experts from Metrolinx' team.

**Next Steps**

- Metrolinx and parent council to work together in pinning down a date for noise workshop.
- Metrolinx to get back to CLC on the Enbridge start date.
- Updated Health and Safety plan to be provided to the group after the noise workshop.

**Next CLC:** November 28, 2023