

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

November 23, 2023

6:00PM-7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Neil Betteridge (Gooderham & Worts Neighborhood Association - GWNA)
- Cory Lemos (Corktown Residents and Business Association - CRBA)
- Suzanne Kavanagh (St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association BIA)
- Stewart Linton (St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association BIA)
- Michel Houde (Resident)
- Michael Bethke (Resident)
- Candace McCool (Resident)
- Nicole D (Resident)
- Rik Ocvirk (Distillery District)
- Dan Perlitz (Resident)

City of Toronto

- Mark Ventresca
- Julia Murnaghan
- Lais Siqueira
- Terry Francoeur
- Michael Paolucci

Elected Officials

- Edward LaRusic (Councillor Chris Moise)
- Emma Beattie (MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam)

Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy
- Daniel Cicero
- Jesse Pakkala
- Amanda Kusick
- Malcom MacKay
- Katherine Molineux
- Jeff Muir
- Jason Hall
- Thomas Wicks

Ontario Transit Group (OTG)

- Rafael Oscar Joffre Godoy
- Maxence Foure
- Julia Orsini
- Bella Santos

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, November 23, Metrolinx and OTG hosted a virtual Corktown CLC meeting.

Metrolinx provided an update on action items from the previous meeting, including an update on the planned use of the South land appropriation, and the required space for tunnel boring machines. A meeting is being planned between t. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA and Metrolinx for January 2024. Metrolinx also noted that the planter/concrete block underneath the hoarding on the north side of the site will be removed, with the exact date currently TBC.

An update on the Interpretation and Commemoration Plan (ICP), which is currently in its second phase for content development was provided. The presentation included a rendering of Corktown station's interior and exterior interpretations. In addition, archaeological updates on the north block including the winter tent installation, and findings at the First Parliament Zone were shared.

OTG provided a construction update for completed works of the monitoring device installations on Berkeley and King Street East, as of October 26, and finalized sewage work on November 2, 2023. **OTG** then discussed upcoming works for this winter, into Spring 2024. The most important focus of the upcoming work was the tree removal and well decommissioning, which will be completed early 2024. **Metrolinx** provided an update on the Don Yard enabling works, including the current work at Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard.

QUESTIONS:

- **GWNA: Will the Corktown Station Site plan interpretation nodes be incidental?**
 - **Response:** design has not been planned yet, and that they are hoping to have a visual presence, especially with the window glazing.
- **A resident asked if Metrolinx was referring to the AODA Act. How will the design for the site comply with those regulations? Will resources be offered?**
 - **Metrolinx** verified the importance of resident's point, and this component of the interior and exterior will be taken into consideration.
- **A resident asked when the station is expected to be open?**
 - **Metrolinx** has included this inquiry as an action item for discussion during the next CLC.
- **Resident: The areas where the sidewalk and the cycle path exit on Parliament Square Park on the West and the East are poorly lit at night. Pedestrians and cyclists at night are often seen at the last instance by drivers. They've contacted the City of Toronto on this but have had no action. Could this be addressed so that there is good lighting? Also asked if the suggestion of a video camera on the Globe and Mail Building to view the sites has been abandoned.**
 - **Metrolinx** noted these questions for follow-up.
 - **SLNA** noted that in the past when monitors were placed, they also had them on surrounding buildings because of sound attenuation etc.

- **SLNA: Former Councillor Pam McConnell gave residents the opportunity to go onsite with ASI and asked if they could do this again for this site project.**
 - **Metrolinx** answered that this request might be challenging to with active construction sites, as they require safety training and full personal protection equipment.
- **GWNA: Who would be doing the excavation next after the station is done, for the areas where we might be avoiding and protecting?**
 - **Metrolinx** answered that they are in discussions with Infrastructure Ontario (IO) who is responsible for building the Transit-Oriented Community (TOC).
- **Resident: Regarding the winter tents and the winter village happening in the Distillery, what the team is doing to monitor the noise levels?**
 - **Stantec** answered that they will be using a whisper quiet generator which provides lower noise levels and that they are monitoring.
- **Resident: With the winter village comes restricted parking, how is that being coordinated with the construction in this area? Especially for restricted residents on Parliament and Mill streets that are blocked. Also asked if there will be any further disruptions to drop-offs and pickups and more traffic between Trinity and Mill streets.**
 - **Metrolinx** has spoken with Distillery District team, and there should be minimal impact on visitors to the Christmas market. Metrolinx works closely with the City of Toronto to lower interference and increase safety for residents and market visitors.
- **Resident: Could you please confirm that there are decibel monitors for the whisper quiet generators?**
 - **Metrolinx** will follow up on this question.
 - **Resident** would like to know where the noise report goes. With previous experience as part of the Gardiner Rehabilitation project, monitors were installed on their building and those monitors would alert the site directly, which would reduce the noise quickly.
- **Resident: Please clarify what UMP means.**
 - **OTG** answered 'utility monitoring points', while GMP is ground monitoring points. These monitors observe sediment, to understand what is going on in the ground. Regarding baseline noise monitoring, this monitoring process will be on an ongoing program with permanent sensors.
- **Resident: Why (even though it is against the City of Toronto bylaw), did the construction team work on Sunday November 19, 2023?**
 - **Metrolinx** clarified that this work was a one-off request on the Sunday to ensure the Metrolinx team was ready to handover the project to OTG on the north block, which took place on November 20. And explained that it will not happen again until there is another handover.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** to determine how to incorporate AODA regulations into the Corktown station site plan.
- **Metrolinx** to continue to communicate any provincial concerns to MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam's Office.
- **Metrolinx** to provide an estimation of when the station is expected to open during the next CLC.
- **Metrolinx** to explore street light options for the sidewalk and the cycle path exit on Parliament Square Park on the West and the East.
- **Metrolinx** to follow up on the suggestion of a video camera on the Globe and Mail Building to view the sites has been abandoned.
- **Metrolinx** to determine if the monitors measure dBA or dBZ.
- **Metrolinx** to determine the decibel levels of a whisper quiet generator.
- **Metrolinx** to follow up on the site artwork to ensure that there is area relevancy.
- **Metrolinx** to inquire whether the removed trees will be repurposed at the station stop and whether the 10-15-year-old trees will be replanted at the station.
- **Metrolinx** to send meeting minutes, presentations, and other relevant files in an email separate to the meeting invitation going forward.
- **Metrolinx to** investigate clearing graffiti on the black paint of the hoarding.