

Queen Spadina Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2023

6:00PM-7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu - Queen Street West BIA
- Anojan Sathasivam - Toronto Downtown West BIA
- Duarte Gonzalo - Centre for Innovation
- Saba Sabet
- Matt Ronan

City of Toronto

- Christopher Haskim - Councillor Ausma Malik's Office
- Julia Murnaghan - Economic Development Office
- Lais Siqueira Fabricio
- Michael Paolucci

Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy
- Malcom MacKay
- Bradley Naismith
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Kenia Barreto

OTG

- Sergio Gijon Ramirez de Arellano
- Jennifer Marques
- Allison Dewhirst
- Chloe Mills

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday December 5, Metrolinx hosted a Queen Spadina 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 when it comes to dressing appropriately for winter weather.

Metrolinx provided an update on action items from the previous meeting, including the interior and exterior station design information requested, the potential for OTG to work with a Community Policing Representative to conduct an Environmental Design Review, and providing noise and vibration study results.

Metrolinx passed the conversation over to **OTG** who provided an update on the demolition activities and related traffic impacts on the South site as well as an update on the heritage preservation on the North site. The presentation was paused to answer questions from community members.

Attendees asked several questions throughout the presentation that were answered directly by Metrolinx and OTG. These questions are outlined in further detail below.

QUESTIONS:

- **Queen Street West BIA: Are all the Southwest demolition lane closures complete?**
 - **OTG:** There are closures required for Graffiti Alley and there may be a portion of Queen Street West, diverted to facilitate some construction activity. We are being mindful of maintaining traffic flow on Queen Street and Spadina Avenue and right turn congestion.
- **City of Toronto: With the planned weekend road closures related to the North site, if more closures are required on weekends, when will you know/share those updates?**
 - **OTG:** For the road closures for heritage preservation on Spadina Avenue and Bulwer Street, this will be happening December 9th/10th, 16th/17th, January 3-7th and 13th-14th. Select lanes will be closed to accommodate a crane to remove heritage panels from the future north station site.
 - If we require more time to complete this work, we will make that call as soon as possible and start notifications before the holiday break to ensure that communication is well in advance.
- **Queen Street West BIA: I would like to consult with my colleagues to better understand how businesses are using Graffiti Alley and how they will be impacted by the construction traffic. I will come back to Metrolinx with any insights from my discussions. We are appreciative of the attention to traffic flow in the proposed plan.**
 - **Metrolinx:** If you have any updates from your colleagues, please let us know. The next CLC will be in January or February, and we will confirm the timing before the holidays.
- **Queen Street West BIA: Will there be any construction work happening over the holiday break?**
 - **OTG:** Yes, there will be demolition work on the North entrance area between December 23rd and January 1st.
- **City of Toronto: Regarding business support, can we expect to hear anything before the holiday break?**
 - **Metrolinx:** We will be able to share an update most likely in new year but if there's anything earlier, we'll share as soon as possible.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx/OTG** to provide notification if more weekend land closures are required for the North site historic preservation work in January.
- **Metrolinx** to share any information on the next CLC once available.