

**Moss Park CLC - Meeting #5  
MINUTES**

January 18, 2024

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Teams Meeting)

**ATTENDEES:**

BIA/Community Groups/Non-Profit

- Henry Hong
- Kaitlyn
- Marilyn Crawford
- Nick Culverwell
- Krishika Jethani
- Karin Fritzlar
- Andrew (Andy) Marcus
- Sylvie Greeniaus
- Charles (Building Roots)
- Jamie (Moss Park Coalition)
- David Anderson (Moss Park Coalition)

City of Toronto

- Nazli Dehghani
- Julia Murnaghan
- Peter Didiano

Elected Officials

- Yussuf Hussein (Councillor Chris Moise)
- Asiya Barakzai (MPP Wong Tam)

Metrolinx

- Zahrah Munas
- Amanda Kusick
- Daniel Cicero
- Jihad Bouzid

Ontario Transit Group

- Allison Dewhirst
- Eric Devera
- Bella Santos
- Jennifer Marques
- Gerrit Wesselink

**OVERVIEW:**

The Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) teams hosted a virtual CLC meeting for Moss Park on January 18, 2024.

**OTG** provided an update on work completed at the Moss Park station site and an overview of work scheduled in the coming months. There have been several completed projects since the last CLC meeting. The completed work includes the site access gates, with the final overhead panels installed, critical for safety and management of overall access to the worksite. In the southeast corner of the site, the temporary parking lot to replace some arena parking capacity is nearly complete, with line painting and some other final details yet to be installed. It is expected that this lot will be operational as early as next week. **OTG** then discussed the ongoing ground remediation work, required to remove some less desirable material with more desirable fill for the project. The first phase of the ground remediation is complete, and was required for building the temporary parking lot, and will continue west in the coming months to prepare the site for construction.

**OTG** provided an overview of the noise and vibration monitoring devices that will be installed around the perimeter of the site to monitor noise and vibrations from construction, to ensure that levels remain within permitted ranges. In addition to the monitoring devices, other noise and vibration mitigation measures have been implemented – including limiting overnight work on site; selecting smaller and quieter equipment whenever possible; installing additional hoarding along the site perimeter; and implementing a ‘forward only site’ policy, which aims to limit the use of back-up alarms on construction vehicles by having vehicles enter of Sherbourne Street and then leave by driving forward directly onto Queen Street East.

**OTG** continued with an overview of upcoming work in the first months of 2024. In the first quarter, the construction team expects to install a tower crane to assist in the installation of the station. Tower cranes are the safest and most proficient way to conduct heavy construction and installing one will avoid the use of several large crane vehicles disrupting traffic throughout the station construction. Several neighbouring properties have been informed of the plans and are in discussions on an agreement relating to the use of the crane over their properties. There are no cases in which a load will be hoisted over neighbouring properties.

Other upcoming work includes piling work, which will install the shoring into the ground required to support the installation of the station. There will be some digging and drilling in the spring and early summer, which represents a major milestone in the construction of Moss Park Station. More information about piling will be shared closer to the start of this work phase.

**OTG** handed it back to **Metrolinx** for an overview of the Connect6ix Job Fair, which will occur Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Cypriot Community Banquet Hall. **Metrolinx** offered to provide an update on the event at the next CLC meeting.

**Metrolinx** handed it to **OTG** for an overview on the OTG Job Fair. **OTG** will provide more information about Job Fair plans at a future CLCs, as details are confirmed.

**Metrolinx** opened the floor to any other questions from participants after **OTG** provided updates on the OTG Job Fair. **Metrolinx** closed the formal presentation with information on how to contact their project team. **Metrolinx** added that the latest work schedule that was shared with CLC members was not uploaded to the website due to a technical issue but should be uploaded to the Metrolinx website shortly.

### QUESTIONS:

- **A community member asked if the presentation would be shared with CLC members.**
  - **Metrolinx** answered that the presentation would be sent to CLC members after the meeting as well as be posted to the Ontario Line website.
- **A community member asked what the limits are for noise and vibrations and noted that recent works have caused vibrations in their building.**
  - **OTG** responded that team have been instructed to do their best to mitigate noise and vibrations - including measures outlined in the presentation. They added that permitted noise and vibration levels may still be perceivable to neighbours, and that measures have been taken to limit these as much as possible.
- **A community member asked if noise and vibration measuring devices will be installed in neighbouring buildings.**
  - **OTG** noted that the existing noise and vibration measuring devices will be installed on the perimeter of the construction site. There are no plans to install devices outside the perimeter or in neighbouring buildings at this time, but there may be some installed on neighbouring infrastructure - including the arena, or the intersection - in the future, if the need arises.
- **A community member asked if the tower crane will reach over the tennis court, garden, basketball court, or splashpad.**
  - **OTG** noted that, overall, the arm of the crane (which lifts and lowers loads) will be pointed south, towards Queen Street East. The counterweights will largely be pointed north, in the direction of park and arena facilities. There may be some rare cases where an item stored to the north of the site needs to be loaded onto the crane, in which case it would extend just over the basketball court. This, however, is an exception. As a rule, the crane will not be operating in those areas.
- **A community member asked if the tower crane would be illuminated, and who should be contacted in the case that a light does impede on a neighbouring residence.**
  - **OTG** noted that there are two important points to consider. First, there will be some site lighting on the tower crane that will remain illuminated to ensure that CCTV cameras are able to monitor the site, and to provide some additional

lighting for safety and security. These lights will also provide some light to the basketball court, and to the space between the site and the armoury, but it should not be bright enough to cause any irritation to neighbours. Second, the crane will have a flood light installed to assist with the loading and transportation of items at night or in overcast conditions that require some additional light. This light will be switched off at the end of the day. In the unlikely event that this light is left on, there will be security personnel on site that can contact the project management team or the relevant subcontractor; or residents can contact the regular communication channels at Metrolinx, who will then ensure that the right person is made aware.

- **Moss Park Coalition asked if there was more information on the intention to create a community art project along perimeter hoarding, including the proposed size of the project and any information on timelines.**
  - **Metrolinx** responded that they aim to do something about artwork on the hoarding in the spring/summer and will reach out to the community with more details. More information to be shared in the months ahead.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Metrolinx** to provide an update on the success of the Connect6ix Job Fair at the next CLC meeting.
2. **OTG** to provide an update on the plans for the OTG Job Fair at upcoming CLC meetings, as details are confirmed.
3. **OTG** to share photos of smaller/quieter equipment used at the Moss Park site – chosen against alternatives for their noise or vibration mitigation.