

Queen Station CLC #4 MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

2:00PM - 3:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Financial District BIA / Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Cheryll Diego (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Downtown Yonge BIA (Street Ops)
- Ireland Graham (Avison Young)
- Salvador
- Susan Girvan

City of Toronto

- Michael Paolucci
- Nazli Dehghani
- Stephen Adams
- Vitha Sivatharman

Elected Officials

- Sasha Kane (Office of MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto-Centre)

- Edward LaRusic (Office of Councillor Chris Moise, Ward 13)

Metrolinx

- Julia Orsini
- Flavia Santiago
- Elmira Moghani
- Amanda Kusick
- Phil Rodrigues
- Malcom MacKay
- Ahmed Nejm
- Robert Chisholm
- Ross Andersen
- Daniel Cicero
- Eugenia Ochoa Herrera
- Farid Rahme
- Paul O'Donovan

OTG

- Jean Goar
- Allison Dewhirst
- Jennifer Marques
- Gerrit Wesselink

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, **Metrolinx** hosted a Queen CLC session meeting in partnership with **OTG**. The meeting was hosted virtually, where **Metrolinx** provided an update on work currently underway at Queen Station, alongside **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)**, who provided a construction update accompanied with updates on upcoming work. Collectively, the updates included the hydro vault relocation work, work on the basement of the Hudson Bay building, track construction on York Street, and traffic pattern changes related to future construction.

During the session, attendees were able to hear updates on current or upcoming work and ask questions about what they heard to team members from **Metrolinx**, **OTG** or the **City of Toronto**. Following the presentation, representatives from **Metrolinx** and **OTG** addressed questions and feedback, which covered topics including public notices and information on construction schedules, data from the noise monitors, plans around the refurbishment of the streetscape after construction, and an estimated timeline for when streetcars can be

expected to run on the new detour.

Metrolinx closed the formal presentation with information on how to contact their community engagement team and informed participants that the next Queen CLC will occur on April 9, 2024.

QUESTIONS:

- **FDBIA asked what the timeline would be for the next phase of construction on York St and if there was a sense of the layout for future phases.**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that existing work is primarily on the west side of York Street, but that future phases on the east side will have a similar layout, and all driveway access will be maintained. Those plans are still being finalized and can be shared with the CLC once it is completed and via an updated construction notice in advance.

- **FDBIA asked if data from the noise monitoring devices can be shared with the CLC.**
 - **Metrolinx** noted that they will be monitoring to the **City of Toronto's** acceptable limit standards and will be receiving a monthly report from the contractor, in addition to immediate notifications if noise levels do exceed acceptable standards. **Metrolinx** will confirm if those reports can be shared with the CLC.

- **FDBIA/DYBIA asked for an update on when works on York St will be completed and streetcars are expected to use the detour route.**
 - **Metrolinx** explained that, according to the current schedule, track work should be completed by the end of summer, likely closer to September. **Metrolinx** added that this is not a firm date and there is a lot of ongoing collaboration with the **City of Toronto** and the **TTC**.

- **DYBIA asked who on the team would be the best contact person to direct Toronto Hydro regarding access to poles on the site.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that they could be reached by email with more detail and will be sure to follow-up on that specific case.

- **DYBIA asked if the Metrolinx team could share notices about specific construction activities, so that they can share that information with residents and businesses. DYBIA noted that the construction at 8 Elm Street is a good example of proactive communication by email.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that they communicate directly with the building managers of all neighbouring properties, as well as through other regular channels like the CLC, and the project newsletter.
 - **Metrolinx** added that they are coordinating with Enbridge on their plans regarding the closure of Elm Street and will share more information once that is available.

- **DYBIA asked about the plans to return the sidewalk space to the public realm, including decisions around the placement of vents and public furniture, and specifically in the area on Queen Street between Victoria Street and Bay Street.**
 - **Metrolinx** responded that they are responsible to return the site to the same standard from which they took occupancy from the City of Toronto and will be working with the BIA and others to ensure that the space is returned to the same state.
 - **DYBIA added that the question was about starting conversations around ideas for bettering the public space, instead of returning it to the same state.**
 - **Metrolinx** noted that there could be an opportunity to explore ideas around bettering that space and will reach out to start some of those conversations.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** to share traffic plans for east-side construction on York Street once they have been finalized with the CLC and via a construction notice.
- **Metrolinx** to confirm if noise monitoring monthly reports can be shared with CLC members.
- **Metrolinx** to follow-up on Toronto Hydro contact for accessing poles on-site.
- **Metrolinx** to share plans for Elm Street closures once they have been finalized.
- **Metrolinx** to reach out to DYBIA about ideas around bettering the streetscape after construction.