

# Queen/Spadina CLC MINUTES

October 3, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 pm

## ATTENDEES:

### Elected Officials/Staff

- Ayesha Khan, MPP Chris Glover

### City of Toronto

- Michael Paolucci (Transportation Services)

### BIA/Community Groups/Non-Profit/Resident

- Alan Liu, Queen Street West BIA
- Meg, Queen Street West BIA
- Saba Sabet, Resident

### Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy

- Bradley Naismith
- Daniel Cicero
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Kenia Barreto
- Kristin Jenkins
- Malcolm MacKay

### OTG

- Sergio Gijon Ramirez de Arellano
- Allison Dewhirst
- Gerrit Wesselink
- Julia Orsini
- Bella Santos

## OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Metrolinx hosted the fourth Queen/Spadina CLC meeting in partnership with OTG. The meeting commenced with Metrolinx welcoming attendees to the space, providing a land acknowledgement and sharing safety tips with the group.

Metrolinx proceeded by addressing the next step action items from the last CLC meeting, which included OTG reviewing designs prior to the follow-up on approach to safety concerns and sightlines for design and installation of pedestrian tunnels (CPTED), updates to Bulwer Street weekend closures, BIA outreach and coordination of street furniture inventory storage and the line of sight to future work plans.

Metrolinx then discussed the Queen Spadina signage and reiterated that the temporary signage currently installed on fencing will be replaced by plywood construction hoarding in 2024 that provides project info and wayfinding, upon completion of demolition activities. OTG noted the team is looking forward to working with community members who are enthusiastic to create signage on the hoarding that works for everyone.

OTG then provided construction updates, including what is currently happening and what will be happening in the near future. Currently, OTG is near completion of the interior demolition, abatement works, and demolition preparation works at the North and South buildings, and

heritage works is underway at the North buildings, where existing brickwork and façade paneling will be stored safely for the duration of the project.

New pedestrian tunnel scaffolding was installed at the south side of Queen, which opened to the public last week. Current progress for the South Entrance is 90% complete, including abatement and interior demolition in progress in all the buildings. Exterior demolition work is expected to begin mid-October and will be completed by end of December with the TD Bank building last to be demolished. OTG noted that, 443 Queen St and some parts of Graffiti Alley will be closed occasionally in November, with flagging operations to help manage pedestrian traffic. OTG confirmed from the last CLC meeting that the lane closure at Queen St W east-bound will officially re-open on October 5.

The North Entrance demolition works are expected to start in late October and to be extended until January 2024. Bulwer Street closures will take place on consecutive weekends during demolition, with dates running in November. OTG proceeded to provide demolition timelines for these upcoming works for the station and explained the strategy behind noise and dust demolition during that part of the project.

Following OTG construction updates, Metrolinx asked if anyone had any questions that anyone would like to raise this evening, and in addition to that, attendees were invited to more formally ask questions once the presentation was complete. A summary of the questions posed by attendees and the responses offered by the presenters is outlined below.

## **QUESTIONS:**

- **When will the official closure notices for Bulwer and Graffiti Alley be sent?**
  - **Metrolinx** answered via Teams that notices will be sent soon, and that they will be directly contacting all the businesses along Bulwer Street, so they are fully aware of the planned closures. Confirmed they will do the same for Graffiti Alley.
- **Will the contractors be responsible for daily maintenance (e.g. garbage and snow) of the walkways?**
  - **OTG** answered that cleaning of the construction site will be enforced. As for winter maintenance, this week they are implementing a contractor for the season. They are working with the City of Toronto to coordinate the maintenance of snow during the winter for the construction sites.
- **Can team to clarify the timeline of the south side of the project, and whether they are still progressing for end of December, as identified originally in the plan?**
  - **OTG** confirmed that the south side will be finished by December. North they are starting demolition in October/November and demolition of the buildings will take place and finish by end of December. As of right now, they are on track from the original planning.

The above is a summary of subjects discussed and conclusions reached at the above meeting.  
Please advise of any errors or omissions.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **OTG** to provide an update on snow maintenance during the winter, and which contractor will be appointed for the site.