

Ontario Line King-Bathurst Info Session MINUTES

February 28, 2024

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Teams Meeting)

OVERVIEW:

On Wednesday February 28, 2024, Metrolinx hosted an Ontario Line King-Bathurst Station Information Session meeting in partnership with OTG. An estimated 106 individuals attended the event, at its peak. The purpose of this meeting was to share information about upcoming work with the King-Bathurst community, and specifically focus on the next major phase of work expected – piling.

The group started with a safety moment from Metrolinx about winter emergency preparedness. The presentation continued with introductions, an overview of the Ontario Line, and a progress update of completed projects to-date at the station site.

Construction updates included information about preservation of the heritage structure and façade in advance of piling and following that, excavation. OTG walked through the North and South site traffic and pedestrian plan for mitigating impacts during some lane closures.

The following outlines questions asked during the session.

QUESTIONS:

- **A resident inquired about the total estimated completion time for the Ontario Line and the King-Bathurst Station.**
 - **Metrolinx** shared that the entire line is currently slated for completion in 2031. Construction and disruptions at this location are estimated to be completed before then.
- **A resident inquired about the completion date of the station differing from the Ontario Line and what steps Metrolinx is taking to keep this project on track and managing potential delays.**
 - **Metrolinx** clarified that 2030 is the King-Bathurst station completion but overall Ontario Line estimated project completion year is 2031. Metrolinx is continuing to take lessons from other projects and implementing them to mitigate potential delays.
- **A resident shared that they live in another part of the city and would like to participate in other information sessions that impact their neighbourhood.**
 - **Metrolinx** asked for them to email the community engagement alias and they would share upcoming information session dates.

- **A resident inquired about the plans for staging dump trucks and other large vehicles in the neighborhood while they are waiting to be loaded.**
 - **OTG** shared that the dump trucks would be loaded inside the station and the team is currently looking for an area around Exhibition Place, to keep trucks while they wait to be loaded.

- **A Slido user asked when Metrolinx expects the tunnel boring machine (TBM) to go into the ground and when it will pass through King and Bathurst station.**
 - **Metrolinx** explained that the TBM will go into the ground in mid-2025 and will pass through King-Bathurst station early to spring 2026.

- **A resident inquired about the plans for high density development in the area.**
 - **Metrolinx** clarified that Metrolinx is solely responsible for the station and transit infrastructure. However, the design is being developed to accommodate future growth. Infrastructure Ontario (IO) will oversee any future high-density developments. He encouraged residents to contact IO to understand their plans, noting that any development would not occur during the station's construction.

- **A resident asked a question on Slido, inquiring as to whether stations will be accessible and if they will have elevators.**
 - **Metrolinx** indicated that at the north entrance, there will be three elevators and at the south entrance, there will be one elevator.

- **A resident asked about the existing policy to make the stations accessible.**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that the stations and trains would be fully accessible.

- **A Slido user asked about the hours and days in which excavation will take place.**
 - **Metrolinx** outlined that excavation will occur in the north station throughout the day shifts and that an acoustic shelter will be in place to try and mitigate noise caused by the excavation process.

- **A resident inquired about the extended duration for completing the station. It's understood that the construction of the line itself requires considerable time but questions the prolonged duration specifically pertaining to the construction of the station building.**
 - **OTG** explained it's because it's much different than building a high-rise building. This process is more complex with the excavation 40 meters underground.

- **A Slido user inquired as to whether residents will be able to provide input on station naming.**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that there will be an opportunity for community feedback on this process and that residents will be notified when this time comes.