

Queen/Spadina CLC #7 MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2024
6:00PM - 7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Al Smith (St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA)
- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Chris (DM Malik)
- Alex Pickering
- John (Rivoli)
- Meg (Unverified)
- Sophia(Unverified)
- Valerie(Unverified)

City of Toronto

- Julia Murnaghan

Metrolinx

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

OTG

- Allison Dewhirst
- Jennifer Marques
- Sergio Gijon Ramirez
- Ryan Sebastain

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, March 5, 2023, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Queen/Spadina CLC session meeting in partnership with OTG. Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) provided a construction update accompanied with awareness/safety tips about spring flooding. During the session, attendees were able to hear updates on current or upcoming work and ask questions pertaining to operational hours during construction, actions involved to control noise resulting from construction, impact on residents and overall project timeline. Metrolinx closed the formal presentation with information on how to contact their project team.

QUESTIONS:

- **A BIA representative inquired about the Spadina / Queen St West eastbound lane closure on the southwest side becoming permanent.**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that the lane closure is temporary - only to facilitate concrete deliveries and have trucks on standby.
- **A community member inquired about traffic agents being present when road closures are scheduled as it's a busy intersection.**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that there will be agents supporting with traffic, which will also be mentioned in the community notices.
- **A community member asked for more clarification about the overnight work near Queen St West and Spadina and its impact on the residents.**

- **Metrolinx** confirmed that few processes (like sewer investigation) would not be noisy. Other activities like mechanical investigation which includes drilling and hydro-back work have been completed. If they have any work planned that may impact the neighborhood in the future, the team will ensure that it is communicated in advance.
- **A community member asked about the anticipated start date for the implementation of hoarding designs tailored to specific locations.**
 - **OTG** verified that they are collaborating with Metrolinx on the project, and the current signage being displayed is intended for Phase 1. Plans are in progress to consider marketing and community-led signage in future phases.
 - **Metrolinx** mentioned that it's a component of a multi-signage strategy, with Phase 2 focusing on a more specific and targeted approach.
- **A community member inquired about potential revisions to the traffic management plans. Currently, in the mornings, there is a significant buildup of cars extending to Bathurst St. and beyond, while the westbound lanes remain empty. They suggested exploring ways to utilize the westbound lanes, especially considering the proximity of the TTC, as the current situation results in considerable delays in reaching Spadina.**
 - **Metrolinx** emphasized the necessity of maintaining space for ongoing construction to adhere to the project timeline. However, they will explore potential opportunities to address the traffic issue and will provide an update accordingly.
 - **Metrolinx** added that the team will seek ways to optimize the situation and take it into consideration for future construction projects.
- **A BIA representative remarked that the construction site appears neat and orderly, and the community appreciates it.**
- **A community member (in the chat) expressed their admiration for the preservation of the original balcony, noting that the pigeon spikes are still intact, referring to the north side.**

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx/OTG** to share dates on hording plan and dates with CLC members, as available.
- **Metrolinx/OTG** to share any updates on managing traffic around Queen/Spadina (by utilizing westbound lane).