



Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE)

Royal Orchard Community Liaison Committee - December 14, 2023

ATTENDEES

City of Markham

- Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Marham
- Councillor Keith Irish, Markham, Ward 1
- David Fleischer, Senior Planner
- Kant Chawla, Project Manager - Yonge North Subway Extension

Community Representatives

- Adam McDonald, Senior Planner, York Catholic District School Board
- Cory Ching, Local Resident & Member of the School Council for Baythorn P.S.
- Chris Collucci, President & CEO, Markham Board of Trade
- Brian Casey, 8111 Yonge Street Condo Board
- Dwight Richardson, Director, Royal Orchard Ratepayers Association
- Dale Murray, Local Resident

Metrolinx

- Stephen Collins, Executive Vice President, Subway Extensions Project Delivery
- David Panici, Program Sponsor, Yonge North Subway Extension
- Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement
- Laura Adams, Director, Community Engagement, 905 East
- Alyx Hopton, Senior Manager, Community Engagement, York/Simcoe
- Azim Ahmed, Manager, Community Engagement, YNSE
- Ifhtia Haque, Community Engagement Advisor, YNSE

Overview

The first Royal Orchard Community Liaison Committee meeting took place on Thursday, December 14th, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on Microsoft Teams. This Committee serves as a forum to regularly share information on the about the Yonge North Subway Extension through effective dialogue between Metrolinx and stakeholders (including elected officials, area

residents and businesses). The Yonge North Subway Extension will bring five stations of roughly eight kilometres of new subway service on TTC's Line 1, extending north from Finch Station to Richmond Hill.

The meeting started with a presentation that covered introductions, CLC overview and Terms of Reference, project overview, recent milestones, and a call for recommendations on future CLC topics. This was followed by a Q&A session.

Questions

1. Who are the three selected teams for the tunnelling contract? What is their tracker record; have they completed projects in the GTA?

The three teams are CrossTransit Group, North End Connectors, and Toronto-York Tunnel Connectors. Among them are consortiums that have worked on numerous projects across the world, Canada, Ontario, and the GTA. Several of the partners are currently actively working on other Metrolinx subway projects, including the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and the Ontario.

For more information on the shortlisted teams please visit:

<https://www.infrastructureontario.ca/en/news-and-media/news/advance-tunnel-yonge-north-subway-extension/rfp-to-shortlisted-teams-for-the-yonge-north-subway-extension-tunnelling/>

2. Are you engaging the public through online channels?

Yes! We have social media accounts on X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and Facebook. Links can be found below:

<https://twitter.com/YongeSubwayEXT>
<https://www.instagram.com/yongesubwayext/>
<https://www.facebook.com/yongesubwayext>

We also have an e-newsletter where we share the latest project news. Individuals can subscribe by accessing this link,

<https://metrolinx.com/subscribe>, and selecting York Region.

Individuals are invited to subscribe at our pop-ups and during our canvassing efforts to ensure they receive updates on the project. We currently have over 3000 subscribers, many of which were added during our recent canvass of the entire alignment.

3. What is the cost of the project?

The 2019 provincial budget estimated the cost of the project to be \$5.6 billion. Cost estimates and timelines will be refined throughout the procurement process. We continue to progress the project to the

next phases of securing a tunnelling construction partner and securing a contract value for that phase of the work.

4. The presentation mentioned the future transit connections out of Bridge Station. What is the frequency and cost?

Currently we are in active procurement for the advance tunneling phase of the project. The Stations, Rails, and Systems contract is in the early planning and design phase. As we progress through the phases of the project, we continue to evaluate cost and refine the project designs. The Yonge North Subway Extension has been designed to support vibrant urban development along the route that creates faster, easier connections to rapid transit so that people can get out from behind the wheel. Those connections include local transit routes, TTC bus service, York Region local and Viva express bus service, Richmond Hill GO service, Highway 407 GO bus service, access with PRESTO (which automatically applies transfers and gives the user the lowest cost of a ride), as well as active transportation like walking and cycling.

5. What is the elevation of Bridge Station's bus terminal? It was noted that this design would not be required if the subway alignment remained on Yonge St.

The plans for the Bridge station bus terminal are for it to be elevated from the subway track level, which runs at ground level under Highway 7. The bus terminal will be at the same elevation as Highway 7 and Highway 407 to allow for easy and quick access from buses along their route and will be at the same level as the future community in the gateway area.

6. How were the houses for the sound recordings used in the community office sound lab selected?

Metrolinx went door to door in the Royal Orchard community and conducted community walks, and had 12 homes volunteer to participate in sound monitoring, conducted by ARUP Sound Engineers. Some homes permitted monitoring only during the day while others allowed monitoring to occur over a 24-hour period. The homes vary in location throughout the community. The sample includes homes located directly over the future tunnels, homes where the tunnel will be in or near the property/yard, and others that are a street or two away. The immersive sound experience will allow community members to select and hear an option that is most like their personal situation such as their distance from future tunnels or existing CN rail corridor. The audio captured varies by home,

including any background or ambient noise present through the monitoring period (e.g. dog barking, television playing in a nearby room).

7. Where is the new Community Office going to be located?

The community office will be located at 295 High Tech Rd in Richmond Hill.

8. A CLC member commented that the project is going to help the community up and down Yonge Street as well as all the new people coming into York Region.

9. A CLC member commented that if the subway alignment had remained on Yonge St., the project would still have the same benefits without having to tunnel under people's homes.

Metrolinx acknowledged that the alignment is finalized; however it is important to hear the various community perspectives as the project progresses. Metrolinx thanked the members for sharing their perspectives.

Next steps:

- EEBs and parking identified as topics of interest by committee. Metrolinx to identify relevant subject matter experts for future CLC meetings.
- Meeting dates will be proposed by Metrolinx and offered in hybrid format if available.
- Metrolinx to extend invitations for Community Office opening once scheduled.