



Pape Junior Public School CLC Meeting Summary  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees

### **TDSB**

Vladimir Tarakanov  
Emma  
Moynihan  
Carol Shea

### **Pape Children's House**

Cherie  
Blades  
Jannet  
Haitas

### **Parent Council**

Cara McCutcheon

### **City of Toronto**

Keisha Lake

### **Toronto Community Housing**

Lesley Hamilton

### **Elected Officials**

Sara Ehrhardt (School Trustee)  
Nicholas Valverde (Councillor Paula  
Fletcher's Office)

### **Community Members**

John Scully

### **Metrolinx**

Phil Rodriques  
Zaidun Alganabi  
Mathavan Jaya  
Jian Guan  
Paula Rotenberg  
Kristin Jenkins  
Connie Lim  
Norando Brown  
Jesse Pakkala  
John Potter  
Nagina Shahsamand  
Mohammed Hassouna  
Frank Babic  
Ahmed Nejm  
Paul Collins  
Sean Major  
Louis Vattr  
Michelle Parratt  
Pamela Sears  
Malcolm MacKay  
Darren Cooney

Sean chaired the meeting. The meeting started with a Land Acknowledgement, and an outline of the meeting format and agenda.

## **Updates**

### *Toronto Hydro (THESL) Work:*

- Metrolinx provided an overview of ongoing construction activities regarding the rebuild of existing maintenance chambers. Construction work began on January 29, 2024 at the northwest corner of Pape and Riverdale Ave.
- Completion of this work is forecasted for September 2024



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*Pape Junior Noise Wall:*

- **Metrolinx** noted that substantial completion of the noise wall was reported as of January 28, with anti-climb fencing and a sliding noise barrier door installed.
- **Metrolinx** will be working with STEPS, who will work with the school to co-develop the mural alongside students.

*Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan:*

- Metrolinx provided an overview of the traffic and pedestrian management measures that are found within the Health and Safety plan.

*Upcoming Activities and Issues Tracker:*

- Actions were outlined, including sharing requested information on noise wall specifications, the timeline for sanitary relocation work, and addressing various issues such as introductory site-walks for new contractors and security, micro tunnelling examples, and pick-up and drop-off concerns. Please see issues tracker for details.

## Community Questions

**Question:** At the pick-up and drop off area, the noise wall's placement is preventing parents from opening their vehicle doors when parked at the curb. As a result, parents must park away from the curb and children have to walk in the street.

**Answer during Meeting:**

- **Metrolinx** will set-up a site meeting with City of Toronto Transportation Services to observe the morning pick-up period and then implement solutions.

**Update following meeting:**

To address access issues with the Pape Avenue entrance and sidewalk, our contractor has immediately stationed flag-people/traffic coordinators near the pick-up and drop-off area on Pape Avenue. The flag-people/traffic coordinators will be present from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 3:10 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the afternoon. We are also exploring an expanded curb area to help guide pedestrian traffic.

Metrolinx will continue to work with the City of Toronto's Transportation Services and Work Zone Coordinator in meetings and on site to respond to safety concerns near the pick-up and drop-off area.

**Question:** During the morning pick-up and drop-off period, there are no Traffic



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Control People (TCPs) or Paid Duty Officers (PDOs) present to address the issue that community members must walk in the street to reach their car. Can this change?

**Answer during meeting:**

- **Metrolinx** will raise this issue in the meeting with Transportation Services at the City. This issue will also be documented in the issues tracker.

**Update following meeting:**

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**Question:** What are the hours of operation for the Toronto Hydro (THESL) work?

**Answer:**

- Toronto Hydro (THESL) work is scheduled to take place from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day but may also take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. depending on the work that needs to be completed. The City of Toronto has permitted Toronto Hydro (THESL) crews to work until 11 p.m.

**Question:** The noise monitor on the noise wall was previously between the barriers, can you confirm if this has been moved?

**Answer:**

- The noise monitor was moved to the top of the wall to capture the ambient level of noise. We expect to have measurements soon to compare the new placement to the old placement to ensure the wall is performing as it is intended to do.

**Question:** Regarding the Bell relocation work, which is back on site at Pape and Langley: Concerns were raised about an uncovered manhole, and if pedestrian traffic was being directed around the manhole by a dedicated traffic control person. What is Metrolinx' response to this concern? Can there be a dedicated traffic control person here?

**Answer during meeting:**

- **Metrolinx** is aware of the community's concern with the ongoing Bell Canada relocation work. The work area was investigated on the day this work was happening. It was determined that Bell Canada followed all applicable Health



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and Safety protocols. **Metrolinx** will work with the organization to identify whether Bell Canada will commit to implementing additional safety protocols.

**Update following meeting:**

Metrolinx has spoken with Bell Canada regarding the concerns around maintenance holes and barriers. The company is clarifying the permit requirements with the City of Toronto, and work is currently paused until this is fully clarified. Bell Canada's permit is issued as a standard blanket permit for the company to access all maintenance holes across Toronto, on a yearly basis.

**Action Items:**

- By end of day Friday, March 1, **Metrolinx** will respond to the community member's outstanding concerns regarding pick-up drop-off area safety.
- **Metrolinx** will respond to Trustee Sara Ehrhardt's request for additional traffic support during school pick-up and drop-off times at Pape Ave Junior Public School.
- **Metrolinx** will respond to Trustee Sara Ehrhardt's request for micro-tunnelling examples around institutions with children.
- **Metrolinx** will provide the results of a noise test which is being completed in the next two weeks. This test is being conducted by its noise experts.
- **Metrolinx** will schedule a site visit for CLC members with Clearway, the new contractor in the area. **Clearway** will be briefed by Metrolinx about community concerns, context, and the Health and Safety Plan prior to the site visit. Community members will be able to meet representatives from Clearway and ask questions and provide comments.

**Next CLC meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2024.**