

**Moss Park CLC #7  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2024  
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**ATTENDEES:**

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit  
Organizations/Residents

- David Anderson (Moss Park Coalition)
- Walied Khogali Ali (Moss Park Coalition)
- Liza Mishko, STEPS Public Art
- Dennis To
- John G. (Resident)
- Nick Culverwell (Garden District Residents Association)

City of Toronto

- Winona Khuu
- Nazli Dehghani
- Julia Murnaghan

- Mark Vantresca
- Louie Lenti

Metrolinx

- Zahrah Munas
- Amanda Kusick
- James Frances
- Jihad Bouzid

OTG

- Allison Dewhirst
- Aga Szczotka
- Eric Devera
- Bella Santos

**OVERVIEW:**

Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) teams hosted a virtual Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting for Moss Park on April 18, 2024.

**Metrolinx** reviewed progress on action items from past meetings and offered the attendees an opportunity to comment or ask questions relating to the items on the list.

The meeting then moved on to a construction update, where **OTG** provided information work completed to-date, as well as current and future works. **OTG** highlighted that the site has progressed, with the completion of the working platform after the removal of unsuitable material and the completion of perimeter hoarding, including the installation of turnstile gates for crew access. The team also shared updates for the illumination of the west wall laneway and the addition of safety features for pedestrians at the access gates at Queen Street East. Temporary project signage has been installed, to the arena parking lot at the east and on the west wall in an effort to reduce the black hoarding.

**OTG** then shifted the presentation to discuss current works, expanding on the mobilization of equipment deliveries to site and with that, an increase in truck traffic. **OTG** provided an explanation of the process of guide wall and pile drilling installation including imagery. **OTG** took this opportunity to remind the public of the city approved haul routes entering and exiting the two access points of the station. Currently, the majority of construction vehicles enter and exit at the Queen Street East access point. As work ramps-up, the access gate at Sherbourne Street will be utilized.

The team shared that progress on piling work, including guide wall installation, is on track, with an expected completion rate of 40 piles per week for drilled secant piles. **OTG** continued the construction update, by providing attendees with an overview of the works scheduled for the remainder of the year.

**Metrolinx** addressed the remaining slides, highlighting collaboration is ongoing with **OTG** to incorporate community artwork into the construction hoarding at all seven stations. Further updates will be shared as they become available.

**Metrolinx** closed the update portion of the meeting inviting attendees and members to the Community Clean Up event at Moss Park on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Earth Day.

## QUESTIONS:

- **Moss Park Coalition** added that a recent meeting was held with members from the STEPS Public Art group and asked that Metrolinx schedule a meeting following the CLC to discuss the artwork strategy and community panels for Moss Park.
  - **Metrolinx** responded that various partners will be evaluated during the planning process and will schedule a meeting with STEPS and the Moss Park Coalition to discuss potential opportunities further.
- **Garden District Residents Association** questioned the recent banging noise consistent with the shaking of the drill to clear the dirt off during piling. Are the self-cleaning drills previously discussed at the Moss Park Piling Session not working?
  - **OTG** commented that that cleaning attachments are onsite but unfortunately the cleaning attachments break frequently which has resulted in a pause on piling works. OTG is looking at alternate and consistent solutions to progress with piling while reducing the noise impacts.
- **Moss Park Coalition** requested an update on the Spring Job Fair at Moss Park.

- **Metrolinx** acknowledged the importance of job opportunities for the Moss Park community. Metrolinx did not have an update at this time and will provide more information at the future Moss Park CLC or in the minutes after further discussions with OTG.
- **Moss Park Coalition** commented that a successful business canvass and would appreciate further talks with Metrolinx to better engage business owners in the Moss Park neighbourhood.
  - **Metrolinx** explained that a recent canvass of their own prior to the piling session resulted in positive feedback from business members. Metrolinx would like to continue the community outreach and collaboration with the coalition to engage with the business members as the project moves forward.
- A **resident** expressed that the banging from the piling machine is bothersome.
  - **OTG** offered information on the mitigation efforts including the hoarding that consists of acoustic barriers to help suppress the noise. The cleaning attachment referred to above, when functional, greatly reduces the noise emissions. OTG reassures the attendees of their commitments to provide a solution to reduce noise impacts to the community.
  - **Metrolinx** also acknowledges the impacts of construction within the community and asked for their patience as OTG works to complete the piling phase in four months time and will make all attempts to minimize noise impacts where possible.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Metrolinx** to schedule a meeting with the **Moss Park Coalition** and STEPS Public Art group.
- **Metrolinx** to schedule offline meeting with **Moss Park Coalition** to share ideas on business engagement.
- **OTG** to provide update on the noise mitigation efforts of the drill/auger cleaning.
- **Metrolinx** to send out a copy of the presentation and calendar invites for future meetings.