

Osgoode CLC #9 MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2024
2:00PM - 3:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Amy Mushinski (Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts)
- Andrew Robertson (FDBIA)
- Lorne Burger (Ministry of the Attorney General)
- Liz Driver (Campbell House Museum)
- Ahmed Mesbah (GWL Realty Advisors)
- Bradley Donohue (Infrastructure Ontario)
- Sierra Moro (Infrastructure Ontario)
- Helen Da Ponte (Qwest 168 Simcoe)
- Meg Marshall (QWBIA)
- Luke Anderson (Bell Media)
- Ayala Salvadore (Bell Media)
- David Robitaille (Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts)
- Davin Leivonen-Fok (Member)
- Elise Brunet (LSO)
- Aidan (Member)
- Julia Pereira (Member)

- Brittany Richards (Member)

City of Toronto

- Beverly Leung
- Julia Murnaghan
- Keisha Lake
- Michael Paolucci
- Terry Francoeur
- Nazli Dehghani
- Nancy Aranha
- Mohamed Ibrahim (BIA Office)

Metrolinx

- Julia Orsini
- Amanda Kusick
- Zaidun Alganabi
- Antonio Capobianco
- Ross Anderson
- Amanda Kusick
- Mark Clancy
- James Francis
- Ali Masnavi

OTG

- Allison Dewhirst
- Maria Mihailescu
- Juan Preciado Mendez

OVERVIEW:

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Osgoode CLC session meeting in partnership with Ontario Transit Group (OTG). Metrolinx and (OTG) provided a construction update on York Street trackwork, as well as piling and traffic configurations for both sites.

During the session, attendees asked questions about piling timelines, site cleanliness and upcoming closures.

QUESTIONS:

- **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts asked about the lane closure on Richmond Street and how that will affect their deliveries on May 27.**
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that the lanes will remain open on May 27.

- **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts asked about when the blocked lanes will be in place.**
 - **Metrolinx** replied that the intersection closure of York Street and Richmond Street would occur over an extended weekend and may begin the morning of May 31 and it will remain closed until the morning of June 3.
 - ****UPDATE** - This closure is now slated to take place between June 7 to June 10.**
 - **Metrolinx** will provide today's CLC slideshow presentation to all the members to ensure they can refer to the closure plans in future.

- **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts asked what material will be used to delineate the closure, pylons, or concrete as the member states in case of a delivery it is easier to coordinate when using pylons.**
 - **Metrolinx** replies they will confirm with the team and add it as an action item.
 - ****UPDATE** - material that will be used are TC-54 cones and/or fast fence**

- **Campbell House asked if the stone columns at the south site will be protected from construction.**
 - **OTG** replied they are in the process of being protected right now, the left side protection began last night.

- **Campbell House Museum flagged that there was an issue on the south site with a construction truck that faced difficulty turning due to parked cars on the north side of Queen Street West. The top of the truck damaged bark on a tree on Campbell House Museum property and the truck was close to Relic Linear Park. Asked how OTG plans to mitigate situations like this in the future.**
 - **OTG** replied this was an abnormal occurrence.
 - **Metrolinx** added that construction drivers will be reminded to be careful to avoid occurrences like this.

- **Campbell House requested for the community to see a map of the traffic routes, voicing that they are not 100% accurate, as sometimes the truck will deviate from the path shown.**
 - **OTG** replied that the truck routes shared with the public in 2021 are 95-99% accurate. However, sometimes they will deviate from the map route if required, with permission from the **City of Toronto**.
 - **Campbell House** voiced that they feel there is a lack of communication between the people who issue permits and with **OTG**.
 - **Metrolinx** noted haul route coordination with the City takes place on a regular basis.

- **A resident asked how Metrolinx coordinate with other subcontractors when issues of construction materials and site cleanliness arise around the work zone.**
 - **Metrolinx** replied that there was an initial issue of construction materials blocking emergency exits and issues with fencing on Queen Street West in front of the Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts. Through coordination with the **TTC** and with **Clearway**, these items were resolved. **Metrolinx** added that when issues arise, they contact both the subcontractors and the **TTC** to keep everyone aligned on issue resolution.
- **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts asked how long piling at the north site will take.**
 - **OTG** replied that it will take up to 4 months.
 - **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts** added that they will be taking this conversation offline as they want to coordinate with the team to ensure construction does not conflict with their performance schedule.
- **Resident asked when piling on the south site will begin.**
 - **OTG** shared it is anticipated to start as early as Friday, May 24 and will last up to 2 months.
 - **Campbell House Museum** added that they were told it would start next week.
 - **OTG** replied stating the date is a target start date, however, in construction things can change quickly and more info will be shared as works progress.
- **FDBIA stated they are happy and thankful with the site cleanliness on York Street.**
- **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts asked about parking garage closures.**
 - **Metrolinx** replied that the parking garage will remain open.
- **FDBIA asked how much of the work is dependent on weather and is some weather worse than others.**
 - **OTG** replied the main risks are rainstorms, as it creates an unsafe work environment, and the equipment needs to be dried off.

ACTIONS:

- **Metrolinx** to provide **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts** information on what material the barrier will be on Richmond Street.
- **Metrolinx** and **Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts** to connect about upcoming events and work schedules.