

Queen/Spadina CLC MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2024
2:00PM -3:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Cristian Castillo (MP Vuong)
- Chris Haskim (DM Malik)
- Nitesh Bandekar (business)
- Saied Dehgoli (Prop. Manager)
- Simon Lugassi (Business)
- Soon Mow Teh (Resident)
- Sophia Karadov (Resident)
- Valerie Eggertson (Resident)

City of Toronto

- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Vanessa Opassinis
- Michael Paolucci

Metrolinx

- Bradley Naismith
- Malcolm MacKay
- Franca DiGiovanni
- James Francis
- Kenia Barreto
- Ross Anderson
- Margaret Goodfellow

OTG

- Sergio Gijon Ramirez
- Jennifer Marques
- Achraf Timsahi
- Maria Mihailescu

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Queen-Spadina CLC session meeting in partnership with OTG. Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) provided a construction update accompanied by safety moment tips about sun safety. During the session, attendees were able to hear updates on current piling progress at both sites or upcoming work and construction look-ahead, with a moment at the end to ask questions. Metrolinx concluded the formal presentation with information on how to contact their project team.

QUESTIONS:

- **A BIA representative** asked for clarification regarding the excavation site and wants confirmation that the TBM machine will go straight through without resurfacing at the Queen-Spadina site.
 - **OTG** confirmed that the TBM machine will go straight through the site and will not dismantle.

- **A BIA representative** asked Metrolinx to discuss the Land Solution letters the community has been receiving.
 - **Metrolinx** responded that Land Solutions has been contracted by Metrolinx and they were the ones who sent the letters and stated anyone who has any questions regarding the letter to please contact Land Solutions or Metrolinx for more information.

- **A Resident** asked about the truck routes in Graffiti Alley, noting that the state of the road is damaged, and they are curious about the long term affects using Graffiti Alley as an access road.
 - **OTG replied** they agree about the road conditions, and it was poor before construction. OTG ensured they will not be using Graffiti Alley as their main entrance and will use the main roads instead.

- **A Resident** asked about the plan to reduce noise and pollution.
 - **OTG** replied that they are within the noise limits given to them by Metrolinx and the City. OTG stated that they track the noise, vibration and air quality through monitors that are tracking 24/7 to ensure they are within the limits. If there is something identified the monitors notify the environmental and construction teams, and the team investigates the occurrence.

- **A Resident** asked about how construction teams are mitigating dust and dirt being tracked onto the roads.
 - **OTG** noted measures in place such as mud mats within the exits of the site that clean the truck wheels to not track dirt when exiting on the street.
 - **OTG** added a sweeping truck travel down the street occasionally while construction is ongoing to clean the roads. The truck applies moisture before sweeping to minimize the amount of dust going into the environment.

- **A Resident** asked about noise levels at night and if the construction teams leave machines on during the night.
 - **OTG** replied there are small power generators on at night that are needed to provide light to the pedestrian overhead protection and the washrooms in the winter months. OTG stated that these generators are being placed on platforms in June and they will be working with Toronto Hydro to avoid having generators on during the nights.
 - **OTG** added that monitoring devices have been placed in the streets to monitor the upcoming excavation work and the noise could be from drilling being done for that placement.

- **A Resident** asked about construction hours, stating overnight work is impacting the wellbeing of the community, with questions as to why construction continues during the night. The resident also asked if the construction is on track.
 - **OTG** noted they understand the impact of construction and they aim to inform the public about impacts in advance.
 - **OTG** noted they do certain work during the day and others during the evening to mitigate the effects on traffic and pedestrians when they have closures. All work is issued a permit from the City.
 - **Metrolinx** added that they will connect with the Resident to ensure all questions get answered.

ACTION ITEMS

- **OTG** to partner with Metrolinx to get insight from the city on if they have plans to fix Graffiti Alley in the future.
- **OTG** to provide update to see when the overnight monitoring installation will be completed.
- **Metrolinx** to connect with **Resident** about overnight construction hours.