

**Queen Station CLC #6
MEETING MINUTES**

June 11, 2024
2:00PM - 3:00PM

ATTENDEES:BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit
Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Street Ops (Downtown Yonge)
- Cheryl Diego (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Melanie Logan (Hudson's Bay)
- Stephen Adams (Cushman Wakefield)
- Derek Desser (Ontario Heritage Trust)
- Chris Hodgson (Cadillac Fairview)
- Devyani Singh (Holiday Inn Express)
- John Massey (Cadillac Fairview)
- Landry Biles (Cadillac Fairview)
- Robert Holroyd (Brookfield Properties)
- Nuno Santos (Brookfield Properties)
- Sheila Jennings (Cadillac Fairview)
- Susan Girvan (Metropolitan United Church)

City of Toronto

- Michael Paolucci
- Nazli Dehghani
- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Raazia Rafeek

TTC

- Michael Vieira

Metrolinx

- Julia Orsini
- Ross Andersen
- Amanda Kusick
- James Francis
- Robert Chisholm

OTG

- Jennifer Marques
- Allison Dewhurst
- Jean Goar

OVERVIEW:

On Wednesday, June 11, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Queen Station CLC meeting in partnership with **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)**. **Metrolinx** and **OTG** provided an update on action items from the previous meetings, accompanied with construction updates.

During the session, information was provided on current and upcoming work on Queen station area, as well as York Street track work. Attendees asked questions about the construction impacts and wayfinding.

QUESTIONS:

- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if there is any impact on the current TTC route due to construction.
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed there will be an impact to the eastbound Queen bus because of lane reductions, with the bus diverting south to Adelaide on University Avenue. Signs about the change are already posted.
- **Holiday Inn Express** asked if accommodation will be required for any workers involved in construction and requested a project contact.
 - **Metrolinx** recorded contact information and will reach out after the meeting.

- **Financial District BIA** asked if additional work will be done on the West side of York Street to level the streetcar tracks, as they are currently higher than the paved surface.
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed new asphalt will need to be placed to match in the future.
- **Financial District BIA** asked if any poles will be removed from York Street, and if so, which ones.
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed four poles are being replaced at Queen Street West and York and there is one more on Richmond Street.
 - **Financial District BIA** requested to keep track of what's being removed, as they do not want to spend time cleaning and maintaining assets that are being removed.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** acknowledged the OTG team for site cleanliness, specifically noting there are no sandbags in walkways.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked when the cross walk under the footbridge on Queen Street West will be closed and enquired about plans for wayfinding.
 - **OTG** replied that the target date is June 13th, and that the team is working with Metrolinx to install wayfinding at the same time.
 - ***UPDATED JUNE 21* Editor's note: The crosswalk as not been closed at time of publishing these minutes; further updates will be provided to the community at future date.**
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if there will be staging for trucks close to or within the site, or if they'll need to wait to enter outside of the neighbourhood?
 - **OTG** noted the team is trying to limit the number of vehicles arriving at the same time, using logistics software to try to get a continuous flow of vehicles to avoid lineups as much as possible.
- **HBC** asked how long the crosswalk under the footbridge on Queen Street West will be closed, as well as access to CF Toronto Eaton Centre and HBC.
 - **OTG** replied that the crossing is anticipated to be closed until about 2028, when roof of the station will be built. HBC will remain accessible from the south side of Queen Street West, or via the footbridge inside CF Toronto Eaton Centre.
 - **HBC and Downtown Yonge BIA** shared asks for wayfinding signage and requested to have input on the plan.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked for an update on sharing noise monitoring data from the project site.
 - **OTG** shared that monitoring data is given to **Metrolinx**. **Metrolinx** noted the team is still working on a format to bring to each CLC, across the entire alignment, noting the team hopes to have this to share in the coming months.
 - **Financial District BIA** noted some members are interested in this tracking.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if Metrolinx is in contract with Massey Hall and the Elgin theatre.
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed they are part of stakeholder contact lists.
- **A CLC member** asked how far in advance the community will be made aware of piling works starting.
 - **Metrolinx** noted a construction notice regarding piling has already been sent, and that piling has started on the West side.
 - **OTG** shared piling on the East is expected to start end of June or early July.

ACTIONS:

- **Metrolinx** to connect with Holiday Inn Express.
- **Metrolinx** to provide Downtown Yonge BIA with an update on wayfinding signage planned.