

King-Bathurst Virtual Excavation Session MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2024
7:00PM - 8:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Andri (Unverified)
- AT (Unverified)
- AW (Unverified)
- Bob C (Unverified)
- Cathy (Unverified)
- David (Unverified)
- Diego (Unverified)
- Gehl Martin-Rumig
- Gibson Fraser
- Graham (Unverified)
- Hayden Poon
- Heikki Oja
- Ingrid (Unverified)
- Jared (Unverified)
- Jon (Unverified)
- LB (Unverified)
- Lesley Ling
- Micheal Finkelst
- Niki (Unverified)
- Nolan Frazier
- P (Unverified)
- William Ruppel

City of Toronto

- Michael Paolucci
- Terry Francoeur
- Nazli Dehghani
- Nancy Aranha
- Mohamed Ibrahim

Metrolinx

- Franca DiGiovanni
- James Francis
- Bradley Naismith
- Jason Brander
- Mark Clancy
- Mark Farmer
- Zahrah Munas
- Farid Rahme

OTG

- Nicolas Barrio
- Dante Mejia
- Sara Segten
- Allison Dewhirst
- Garrick McIntosh
- Maria Mihailescu

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a virtual King- Bathurst Excavation session meeting in partnership with OTG. Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) informed residents about the progress to date and upcoming excavation at the future King- Bathurst Station.

The meeting began with a land acknowledgement by Mark Clancy from Metrolinx. Representatives from Metrolinx, City of Toronto officials, and residential groups were present. Dante Mejia and Sara Segten from OTG provided construction updates on King-Bathurst Station, discussing a construction lookahead for King-Bathurst, about excavation construction, and strategies to reduce impacts on the neighbourhood. After the Q&A session, Mark

reiterated Metrolinx's commitment to addressing local issues brought on by construction and shared Metrolinx community engagement contact information, email, and social media.

SLIDO QUESTIONS:

- Where is the south portal going to be exactly?
 - **Metrolinx** replied, it will be at Exhibition at the intersection of Straughn and East Liberty Street, where the existing GO train rail corridor exists. They will be using the south end of Pirandello Street to access it.
- Will blasting be necessary for excavation?
 - **Metrolinx** replied no, blasting will not be necessary.
- How much will the acoustic shelter reduce the noise?
 - **OTG** replied, this is a great design that encloses both noise and dust. The current modeling suggests that noise could be reduced between 25-45 decibels depending on the equipment being used. OTG stated that using the acoustic shelters will positively impact on the quality of life within the neighbourhood.
- Are there any examples of acoustic shelters in use?
 - **Metrolinx** replied, the north site is small and contained, doing work both day and night and due to the proximity of the condo building they are installing an acoustic shelter. This will be the first acoustic shelter in the GTA, although OTG is prepared as they have successfully implemented shelters on similar projects around the world.

QUESTIONS:

- **Resident** asked, how will the noise be managed especially considering the extended work hours at the south site? What about the smell of fuel and dust in the air already present.
 - **OTG** replied, there are only daytime activities in the south site and OTG are working with designers to ensure the threshold is not being passed.
 - There is both noise and vibration monitoring that are ongoing to help investigate if there are any exceedances. Although they are modeling the site to ensure they are not going over the threshold and they are mitigating as much as possible.
- **Resident** asked, how much notice will be given to overnight work?
 - **Metrolinx** replied, there are a few ways notices get sent out. Firstly, electronically, and Metrolinx suggest to attendees to reach out to the email provided and sign up to receive those notices. Secondly, they send out notices through Canada Post, to ensure notifications get sent to the appropriate residents. Lastly, if attendees subscribe to the Ontario Line newsletter all notices and construction updates are within the newsletter.
 - **Metrolinx** added, they want to give as much notice as possible for overnight work but there may be emergency work or short notice on occasion, however they aim to send notices out 1-2 weeks beforehand.