

**Queen Station CLC #7
MEETING MINUTES**

July 9, 2024
2:00PM - 3:00PM

ATTENDEES:BIAs/Community Groups/Non-ProfitOrganizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Street Ops (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Stephen Adams (Cushman Wakefield)
- Chris Hodgson (Cadillac Fairview)
- Monica Contreras (Bell Canada)
- Ayala Salvador (Member)
- David Stewart (Cadillac Fairview)
- Bobby Hrehoruk (Member)
- Sasha Kane (MPP Wong-Tam's Office)
- Nabil Mansour (Sheraton Centre)
- Najma Mohamed (Brookfield Properties)
- Robert Holroyd (Engineering Link, Brookfield Properties)
- Vincent Tam (Downtown Yonge BIA)

City of Toronto

- Nazli Dehghani
- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Nancy Aranha
- Terry Francoeur
- Keisha Lake
- Steven Ziegler

TTC

- Michael Vieira

Metrolinx

- Julia Orsini
- Ross Andersen
- Amanda Kusick
- Elmira Moghani
- Zaidun Alganabi

OTG

- Jennifer Marques
- Allison Dewhirst
- Jean Goar
- Maria Mihailescu

OVERVIEW:

On Wednesday, July 9, 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 pedestrian access, hoarding artwork, and wayfinding.

QUESTIONS:

- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if they are still on track to have the streetcars run by the end of September?
 - **Metrolinx** replied that there is not a specific start date for the Queen Streetcar Diversion yet. The aim continues to have them running this fall, this is all subject to the track work on York being completed and the outstanding pole/overhead work being completed on both Adelaide and York Streets.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if there is a timeline for the hoarding artwork installation?
 - **Metrolinx** replied that there is no hard date for the hoarding installation as the hoarding is currently mid-installation, and the design plan is currently in development.

- There is also a community artwork section that requires coordination, and all the plans will be shared once finalized.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked about the business survey and if OTG can share insight on the feedback received.
 - **Metrolinx** replied that the survey is closed, and OTG is working on compiling all the answers together and once they review the internal themes found it will be shared back to the community.
 - **OTG** added that there was quite a lot of feedback from the Downtown Yonge neighbourhood, and OTG thanked the neighbourhood for taking the time to fill out the survey.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if OTG will share the piling data regarding noise and vibration?
 - **Metrolinx** replied that discussions are in progress to review data shared in CLCs, including information about exceedances.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if there will be any service interruptions during the upcoming watermain work?
 - **OTG** replied, a service disruption is expected for a few hours during this work, noting this is overnight work.
 - **Metrolinx** added that if there will be a disruption they will be issuing a notice out beforehand to inform the community.
 - **Editor's Note: This work has been cancelled.**
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked when the pedestrian crossing (at Eaton Centre) will be closed in the Queen area, will wayfinding be put up the same day?
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed that is the goal, if possible.
 - **Editor's Note: Pedestrian crossing was reconfigured with wayfinding on August 1, 2024.**
 - **A resident** asked if all hoarding painted black would remain like that and how long will the sidewalk be closed for?
 - **OTG** replied noting the hoarding will be painted black to reduce graffiti. However, there Ontario Line signage will be placed on top, as directed by Metrolinx.
 - **OTG** noted sidewalk will be closed for a maximum period up to 6 months starting in September.
 - **A meeting member** asked OTG to confirm the commencement date for piling East of Yonge Street.
 - **OTG** noted they are hoping to start as early as next week.
 - **A CLC attendee** asked once the trackwork is complete on Yonge Street what is the testing process like to ensure the streetcars can reopen?
 - **Metrolinx** replied they do a walkthrough of the entire site with the contractor and the TTC staff as well as complete some test runs.
 - **A CLC member** asked if they could contact OTG station representative about their concerns regarding 2 Queen Street East?
 - **Metrolinx** noted they will coordinate a connection with the OTG communications lead following the meeting.
 - **A resident** asked when Metrolinx expects the York Street track work to be completed as there are many closed lanes.
 - **Metrolinx** replied the completion is expected by the end of the month. Clearway is scheduled to be completed by mid to late August. Once Clearway leaves, they will be able to open the lanes, however 1 lane may still need to be closed off and on during the cabling work.

ACTIONS:

- No specific actions were recorded.