

Corktown CLC - Meeting #9
MINUTES
July 25, 2024
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Teams Meeting)

Attendees:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Ole Calderone (CRBA)
- Cory Lemos (CRBA)
- Cindy Wilkey
- Neil Betteridge (GWNA)
- Candace McCool
- Meri
- Carlos Garcia
- David Balcon
- Al Smith

Metrolinx

- Zahrah Munas
- Amanda Kusick
- Jodi Parps
- Jason Hall
- Malcom McKay
- Matt Simon
- Alexandra Grgas Sorge
- Sarah Conway

City of Toronto

- Michael Paolucci
- Terry Francoeur
- Nancy Aranha
- Julia Murnaghan
- Mohamed Ibrahim

KO Constructors & LURA

- Hasnaa Maher

Elected Officials

- Edward LaRusic (Councilor Moise)
- Sasha Kane (MPP Wong-Tam)

OTG

- Chloé Fayet
- Allison Dewhirst
- Maria Mihailescu
- Gina Torres
- Flavie Hamelin

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a Corktown & Don Yard CLC meeting in partnership with Ontario Transit Group (OTG) and KO Constructors/LURA Consulting.

The meeting progressed with an update on work happening in the Don Yards. During this meeting, the updates and discussion focused on the ongoing and upcoming work including the sidewalk closure, overnight work, and environmental mitigations.

Next, OTG provided an update on Corktown construction and the work in progress on both north and south sites, including piling works currently underway. Additional information was shared on site management and cleanliness, as well as traffic management for trucks travelling in and out of the site.

Metrolinx introduced the Community Artwork Program survey, noting the survey will be open until August 23rd. All CLC members are encouraged to reply. Metrolinx also added an update on Station Naming, noting it has not been finalized and "Corktown" is a placeholder name for the time being. While a formal process will be launched, in the interim CLC members can share their thoughts at: ontarioline@metrolinx.com

QUESTIONS:

In relation to the Don Yards work:

- **An attendee asked if work was happening sometimes at night at Don Yards.**
 - Currently work is happening for the utility relocation and the concrete pouring. Additionally, on August 6th, it will be full time work at night Monday through Saturday.
- **An attendee asked about pedestrian and cycling bridge connection/go stations.**
 - Metrolinx replied that this within the scope of Metrolinx's SmartTrack program.

In relation to the Corktown work:

- **A resident asked about the use of primary and secondary routes and requested to see the consolidated picture including the other OTG sites that may have been using the same streets that concerned residents.**
 - OTG confirmed the current route in use is the Primary route, show in the CLC presentation provided.
 - OTG noted that routes are selected site by site and consolidated routes have not be published. Further discussion with the City and Metrolinx would be required to determine timelines for sharing this information.
- **An attendee asked when piling will start on the South site.**
 - OTG responded that piling is expected to start in early September at this location.
- **A resident asked for confirmation on truck routes, and that that won't be any trucks going through King Street between Parliament and River streets.**

- OTG replied that teams do need to drive on King Street between Lower Sherbourne and Parliament, noting that if there are other factors preventing teams from using primary routes in the future, they may need to use the identified secondary or tertiary routes.
- Metrolinx noted intent to provide a heads up to the community for each update to routes or emergency situation, as possible.
- **A CLC member asked Metrolinx to share plans and timelines beyond the survey closing on August 23rd, with specific focus on when they may see artwork on the hoarding.**
 - OTG replied that the team will need some time to collect all the responses and take them into consideration as part of what residents are expecting and how we can make it work. After that, we'll evaluate partners based on community feedback, and work with those partners to facilitate development and installation of the appropriate artwork. Currently, the process post-survey close is estimated at two to three months.
 - As follow-up, OTG noted several things to take into consideration, such as the type of artwork the community requests. Therefore, it is hard to say exactly how long that plan will take to execute because we don't know exactly what feedback we're going to get.
 - OTG and Metrolinx understand the community feedback on timelines and will give more detailed timing estimates in the next CLC.
- **CLC members asked about how the decision-making process for the Community Art program would work, calling for a working group to provide some advice and recommendations, any arts organizations or people experiencing public art that will be part of that process.**
 - Metrolinx responded that they can acknowledge that ownership is a big component of this process, encouraging completion of the survey to help us understand
 - The community truly wants to see something that's reflective of the neighborhood and that the aim of this survey is to understand what folks are looking for and what's important.
- **An attendee asked about how members could be in touch about the survey if there are issues, as the next CLC is on August 22nd but the end of survey close behind on August 23rd.**
 - Metrolinx replied that the survey has areas in it to make recommendations around the type of art and perhaps partnerships or art councils that we may not know about. They also noted that community members can reach out to the Ontario Line team via email at any time and provided the address.
- **A resident asked include the community members in the process of station naming, noting that many of them have been involved in naming consultations before.**
 - Metrolinx noted that the program will have parameters enacted and encourage CLC members to share their thoughts directly via email.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Metrolinx and OTG to provide an update on traffic routes for the project.

- Metrolinx and OTG to provide an update on the Community Artwork program and timelines in the next CLC.
- Metrolinx to provide updates on the station naming program, as available.