

Queen/Spadina CLC #11 MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2024
2:00PM -3:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Sophia Karadov (resident)
- Valerie Eggertson (resident)
- Evette Bernabe (resident)
- Marouan Malaeb-Proulx (DM Malik)
- Meg Marshall (Queen West BIA)
- Soon Mow Teh (resident)

City of Toronto

- Michael Paolucci

Metrolinx

- Bradley Naismith
- Franca DiGiovanni
- James Francis
- Ross Anderson
- Sarah Conway
- Jason Brander

OTG

- Loïs Rouveyrol
- Maria Mihailescu
- Jennifer Marques
- Allison Dewhirst

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, August 8, 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 navigating through construction zones safely. During the session, attendees were able to hear progress on the current phase of work, updates on the next phase of work, excavation and a 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 CLC member** stated since construction started, they feel they cannot open their windows unless there is heavy rain and the dust settles.
 - **Metrolinx** stated they are very sorry that this is causing issues, and they will connect with the resident to ensure their health and safety is looked after.
- **A CLC member** stated that community feedback comes after plans are made for items like dust mitigation and reduced sidewalks, and suggests accepting community feedback during the planning process.

- **Metrolinx** appreciated the feedback and stated the sidewalk width is a concern. The representative agreed to look into the opportunities for feedback.
- **OTG** shared more information about dust mitigation, specifically they have 1-2 workers who spray the machine with water to trap the dust and they recently installed a water barrel that sprays continuously, keeping the dust on the ground. The representative also noted that current work is wrapping up within the next week, and the upcoming phase of work will not be as dusty.
- **The CLC member** questioned how well they will mitigate dust as excavation is open ground.
 - **OTG** noted the team is installing asphalt and a plywood deck in high traffic areas, reducing the movement of the dust. OTG stated that the deeper they dig the less dust there is expected to be due to soil conditions.
 - **QWBIA** asked about mitigation methods in place and whether they are industry best practices brought from global expertise.
 - **OTG** agreed, noting the team is bringing expertise and techniques from around the world, and that practices are constantly evaluated and as time progress they will modify and evolve if it's needed. OTG also noted there is a dedicated environmental team who researches, tests and plans these methods.
- The **CLC member** said although there is expertise there is still a big dust issue.
 - **Metrolinx** replied, that they will bring environmental experts to the next meeting to better answer these questions and in the meantime, Metrolinx will reach out to further explain.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Metrolinx** to connect with the **CLC member** about dust mitigations for their home.
- **Metrolinx** to connect a **CLC member** regarding any outstanding dust questions.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024.