

**Queen Station CLC
MEETING MINUTES**

August 13, 2024
2:00PM - 3:00PM

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

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Vincent Tam (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Cheryl Diego (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Monica Contreras (Bell Canada)
- Frank Cormier (Metropolitan United Church)
- Bobby Hrekoruk (Local 75 Co-Op)
- Melanie Logan (Hudson's Bay Company)
- Stephen Adams (Cushman Wakefield)
- Steve Lingum (Cushman Wakefield)
- Vitha Sivatharman (Member)
- Carolyn Whitelaw (Cushman Wakefield)
- Heather Young (Cushman Wakefield)
- Derek Desser (Ontario Heritage Trust)
- John Massey (Cadillac Fairview)

City of Toronto

- Nazli Dehghani
- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Nancy Aranha
- Steven Ziegler

TTC

- Michael Vieira

Metrolinx

- Julia Orsini
- Ross Andersen
- Amanda Kusick
- James Francis
- Robert Chisholm
- Elmira Moghani
- Malcolm MacKay
- Sarah Conway
- Zaidun Alganabi

OTG

- Jean Goar
- Allison Dewhirst
- Bella Santos
- Maria Mihailescu

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, August 13, 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 on current and upcoming work on Queen station area, as well as York Street track work. CLC members were invited to ask questions, outlined below.

QUESTIONS:

- **Bell Canada** asked when the streetcars are expected to run at Richmond Street and Adelaide Street?
 - **TTC** replied they do not have a specific date yet, but the streetcars should be running in the fall.
- **Hudson's Bay Company** asked when the plywood will be going up at the Hudson's Bay Centre windows.

- **Metrolinx** replied they will provide an update as soon as they can.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if the walkway between Hudson's Bay Centre and Toronto Eaton Centre is a long-term closure?
 - **Editor's note:** The walkway is currently shifted to the East.
 - **OTG** noted it will be closed for the duration of piling, which could be up to 6 months. The team noted the intent to open it faster, if possible.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** emphasized the importance of keeping the walkway open during holiday shopping.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if the footprint of the west site is expected to change?
 - **OTG** noted the fencing layout will remain the same, however, the walkway could change in the future.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if the ventilation shaft will remain until the end of the project and asked to provide feedback.
 - **OTG** stated the ventilation shaft will remain in the same location throughout the project.
 - **Metrolinx** stated they will connect with the Downtown Yonge BIA to gather feedback.
- **Local 75 Co-Op** asked if there is anything the construction teams can do about the pedestrian lights at Queen Street and Victoria Street, noting a visibility concern.
 - **OTG** replied that they are updating the pedestrian light to face the crosswalk, to assist with visibility.
- **A member** asked when the community artwork and site signage will be up.
 - **Metrolinx** replied they are still in the process and the site is evolving but they will provide more timeline updates when they can. Community artwork survey is still in market and closes on August 23. Hoarding installation is ongoing.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** stated they hope the signage and community art will be up in time for the holiday season.
 - **Metrolinx** acknowledged the comment and noted they will continue to update the community on progress.
- **Bell Canada** asked why Metrolinx is not considering engaging students from OCAD or TMU to produce the artwork on the hoarding?
 - **Metrolinx** replied they have yet to go to the stage to procure artists and they agree it would be a great idea to involve students. Members are encouraged to share all feedback via the Community Art survey currently open, which can be opened with this [link](#).

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** to connect with DYBIA regarding feedback on the ventilation shaft.