

Corktown CLC - Meeting #13 MINUTES

August 22, 2024

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Teams Meeting)

Attendees:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Neil Betteridge (GWNA)
- Cory Lemos (CRBA)
- Ole Calderone (CRBA)
- Suzanne Kavanagh (SLNA)
- Stewart Linton (SLNA)
- Michael Bethke (Resident)
- Candace McCool (Windmill)
- Lee-Anne
- Matthew Cornett - Canary District Neighbourhood Association (CDNA)
- Michael Hasko (DREAM)
- Michael Fathom
- Nancy

City of Toronto

- Julia Murnaghan
- Michael Paolucci
- Terry Francoeur
- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Sasha Kane (MPP Wong-Tam)
- Navi Tathgar

Elected Officials

- Sasha Kane (MPP Wong-Tam)

Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy
- Daniel Cicero
- Amanda Kusick
- Malcom MacKay
- Jason Hall
- Sarah Conway
- Matt Simon

OTG

- Daphrane Lingan
- Allison Dewhirst
- Bella Santos

KO Constructors / LURA

- Jeff Harbach
- Hasnaa Maher

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, **Metrolinx** hosted a Corktown & Don Yard CLC meeting in partnership with **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)** and **KO Constructors**. **Metrolinx** welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement and shared a safety moment.

Metrolinx then moved into the action items and addressed the request made during the July 25th CLC, where the status of action items from previous meetings will be discussed and tracked for progress. Other action items discussed included the request for the Moss Park and Corktown haul routes, an update on the station naming process, and community art program and providing noise and vibration exceedances reports during the CLC's which remains in process.

The meeting shifted into the Don Yard Updates with bridge work progress and the upcoming work scheduled and what the community can anticipate for the remainder of the year. The update included mitigation efforts in play during project construction with ongoing efforts to further reduce construction impacts to the community.

QUESTIONS:

- **CDNA: Many community members are being impacted by the noise coming from site in the evening.**
 - **Metrolinx** noted that additional efforts will be made to reduce noise impacts to the community and have raised concerns with construction team to review additional measures moving forward, including strategic scheduling of works. Improvements should be noticed this week.
- **GWNA: Is piling drilling to change from nighttime to another less impactful time?**
 - **Metrolinx:** The contractor will still be piling overnight and we will be monitoring noises and vibration levels closely. It's a work in progress. However, we are working with our contractor and have adjusted some schedules so you should notice some positive changes this week.
- **Resident: Are noise monitors set up around the project site?**
 - **Metrolinx:** Noise monitors are at various locations around including on area condos around the site. We've been analyzing limits and we understand that we have been under the limits - but we continue to analyze. More investigation work is underway.
- **Resident: Is there a way to minimize the lag time when it comes to implementing mitigations ? The auger cleaning of the spoils is very disruptive to the community.**

- **Metrolinx:** There was some delay receiving noise data, but Metrolinx and the contractor are working to refine and minimize. The cleaning mechanism and shovels and the rotation of the auger in one direction are efforts being taken to reduce the noise output from the auger. Efforts will remain ongoing.

Following the Question-and-Answer period for the Don Yard works, **OTG** shared the construction progress at both the north and south sites including the piling works and capping beam making good progress with piling works coming to a conclusion in the north site. In the south site, the guide wall work and final grading concluded. Piling operations will commence the week of August 26th. Work currently underway at the south site also includes finishing works on the noise wall and gates along Berkeley Street.

QUESTIONS:

- **CRBA:** How close is the guide wall to the eastern side from the First Parliament site and what has been done with the bricks removed from site?
 - **Metrolinx:** The First Parliament site is quite a fair distance from the guide wall works. After archaeological excavation, materials have been removed and salvaged, tagged, and catalogued and will temporarily be stored until a C-CAN arrives to site for safe storage. Future use of the salvaged items remains to be determined.
 - ***Note: a new slide outlining the salvage and catalogue process of the First Parliament bricks has been added to the CLC presentation.**

Metrolinx moved into the Traffic Management portion of the presentation, sharing the primary, secondary and tertiary haul routes for Corktown and as previously requested, the Moss Park primary and secondary haul routes.

Into the Community Engagement and Artwork portion of the presentation, **OTG** shared feedback on a positive response from the community across all seven sites of the South Civil Station and Tunnels project. **OTG** discussed the program timeline for the artwork survey citing a strong response from the Corktown community.

The survey period will close on Friday, August 23 and then moving forward with an analysis and reporting period conducted throughout September 2024. During the months of October to December, **Metrolinx** and **OTG** will collaborate with artists and partners on execution and delivery of the artwork noting timelines will vary by site, depending on the complexity and medium of the final artwork selected. Updates on timelines and delivery will be shared publicly at the CLCs as decisions are finalized.

Concluding the presentation, Metrolinx addressed the temporary place holder name of "Corktown". A station naming process is in development to provide opportunities for all public members to participate. More info will be shared when it is available.

QUESTIONS:

- **Resident:** Pleased on the process in place for the upcoming artwork to minimize the black hoarding and station naming program with and ask to clean up the area by cutting of the weeds around the site including the boulevards to make the site more attractive.
 - **Metrolinx** will speak with the City of Toronto who are responsible for the sidewalk outside the hoarded work zone.
 - Note: Although OTG has been maintaining the weeds that grow along their hoarding on the project side of the sidewalk, the boulevards on the street side of the sidewalk remain the City's responsibility to maintain. Metrolinx to escalate to the City to remove the weeds.
- **CRBA:** Will the station naming focus be removed from future CLCs once a decision is made, as it is not associated with construction? Many community members consider "Corktown" station appropriate as it is in the Corktown neighbourhood. There has been a lot of discussion with progress and impacts from the bridge that are not reflected in the minutes which is more important focus than stationing naming and artwork. Disappointed with the lack of focus given to the bridge and path in previous minutes.
 - **Metrolinx:** Possibility of the station being named Corktown depending on community feedback. The bridge and multi-use path are not within the Ontario Line scope of work. Metrolinx will provide more information soon on the bridge and path works.
- **MPP Wong-Tam:** Office receiving a lot of noise complaints from the Don Yard works.
 - **Metrolinx:** Measures have been implemented with ongoing efforts to reduce noise outputs and nightly disruptions from the affected neighborhoods. Metrolinx will continue to work with our contractor to implement mitigations so that disruptions are minimized as much as possible.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx:** To escalate weeds/boulevard maintenance issue to the City of Toronto
- **Metrolinx:** To provide updates from the East Harbour team on the bridge and multi-use path at a future CLC.
- **Metrolinx:** To provide ongoing updates to MPP-Wong Tam's office with any new efforts to minimize and mitigate noise from the Don Yard works.
- **OTG:** To provide report on findings from artwork survey and detail implementation plan at the September CLC.