

**Queen Station CLC
MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2024
2:00PM - 3:00PM

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

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Vincent Tam (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Bobby Hrehoruk (Local 75 Co-Op)
- Melanie Logan (Hudson's Bay Company)
- Stephen Adams (Cushman + Wakefield)
- Steve Lingum (Cushman + Wakefield)
- Carolyn Whitelaw (CPP Investments)
- Heather Young (CPP Investments)
- Derek Desser (Ontario Heritage Trust)
- Elisabeth Antonacci (Yonge Suites)
- Marc Hanjani (Bell)
- Shawn Lefebvre (Brookfield Properties)

City of Toronto

- Nazli Dehghani

- Edward LaRusic (Councillor Chris Moise's office, Ward 13 - Toronto Centre)
- Michael Paolucci
- Steve Ziegler
- Vitha Sivatharman

TTC

- Michael Vieira

Metrolinx

- Julia Orsini
- Amanda Kusick
- Elmira Moghani
- Zaidun Alganabi
- Matthew Emery

OTG

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

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, September 10th, 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:

- **CPP Investments** asked if the domestic water line will be impacted during the removal of the fire hydrant in the Ontario Line work zone occurring this Thursday?
 - **OTG** replied they will need to get back to the member as they are unsure.
 - *Editor's Note: OTG has confirmed this work will require a full watermain shutdown to be completed. The work is now cancelled and will be rescheduled.*
 - **Brookfield Properties** added they wrote an email to Metrolinx they are waiting for a reply to get the contact number as the past removal of fire hydrant shut off the city watermain causing his water to be shut off as well.

- **Metrolinx** replied they will get back to the resident as soon as possible and will share notice with everyone on call regarding the water shut off.
- **City of Toronto** asked if the north sidewalk of Queen Street West is still closed adjacent to Osgoode Hall as the signs on site are still noting the closure.
 - **Metrolinx** replied the sidewalk is reopened and they appreciate the flag, the signs will be removed as soon as possible.
- **Local Co-Op 75** asked if the traffic light on Victoria Street facing east has been repositioned?
 - **OTG** replied that it has not yet, but will be within the next 3 weeks.
 - *Editor's Note: OTG has re-positioned the traffic light.*
- **A CLC member** asked if the fire hydrant scheduled for removal is on the north or south side of Queen Street.
 - **OTG** replied it will be on the north. The team noted there is a hydrant on the south for an emergency.
- **A member of the CLC** asked if the 1 Queen Street East building will keep all building exits opened after hours during the pedestrian detour?
 - **Metrolinx** replied they are working with the building management team to keep all the doors open and keep the path to Victoria Street along Queen Street open.
- **Councillor Chris Moise's office** asked if both the north and south sidewalks are closed for up to 6 months and if Metrolinx can review and maintain one side open.
 - **OTG** replied that the north sidewalk will remain open, and the south will be rerouted through the building.
- **A member of the CLC** asked if there is any preliminary information to share now regarding feedback to the Community Artwork survey?
 - **OTG** provided a high-level overview, noting the Queen neighbourhood strongly called for artwork for showing off Toronto landmarks and something to draw visitors in. OTG confirmed more information would be provided in the coming weeks.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if OTG will share results of the survey?
 - **OTG** replied they will be sharing a report of what we heard in a future CLC
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if the Community Art will be ready installed in time for the holiday season?
 - **OTG** replied they are working with Metrolinx on this plan, and they will relay these requested timelines to the Metrolinx team.
- **Councillor Chris Moise's office** asked if there are any plans to look at renaming the station has there are discussions around other parts of the alignment.
 - **Metrolinx** replied a naming program is in the planning phases, and there is consideration across the alignment and will take this comment back to their team. They will share more information as the plan is confirmed.

- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked if Metrolinx has had a conversation about moving free standing traffic signs on to more permanent locations (like City light posts).
 - **Metrolinx** noted the team is in discussion with the City as it is their property and will update once they come to a conclusion.
- **Hudson's Bay Company** asked about how quickly teams can put up coroplast signs on the Hudson's Bay window?
 - **OTG** replied they are having someone take final measurements and come up with a system to be attached directly to the glass without impeding on the sidewalk. While there is confirmed timeline at the moment, the team will be in touch as soon as they have more information.
- **Hudson's Bay Company** raised concerned about people loitering at the subway entrance, requesting a police officer or security guard for the safety of their customers in the overnight and early morning.
 - **Metrolinx** replied the area is closed between 2am-5am is closed but this would need to be discussed with the City.
 - **Metrolinx** added they are coordinating with the city police to do some site safety walks in the area.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **OTG** to reply to regarding the domestic water line impacts due to the fire hydrant removal.
 - *Editor's note: This action item has been completed; the full watermain will be impacted.*
 - *Editor's note: This water shut off has been cancelled and postponed until further notice.*
 - **Metrolinx** to update the CLC members about the upcoming fire hydrant removal.
- **Metrolinx** to remove the north sidewalk closure signs on Queen Street near Osgoode Hall.
- **Metrolinx** to update Downtown Yonge BIA on opportunities to reposition traffic signs, once feedback is received from the City.
- **OTG** to share more information with Hudson's Bay Company regarding coroplast for windows, when available.
 - *Editor's note: OTG met with the Hudson's Bay team and are advancing designs and installation. Will share information to the team on timelines when available.*