

Ontario Line

Queen Station

Construction Liaison Committee

October 8, 2024

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Agenda

Welcome (15 minutes)

- Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Safety Moment
- Actions Items

Presentation (30 minutes)

- York Street Track Construction Update
- OTG Construction Update

Discussion (15 minutes)

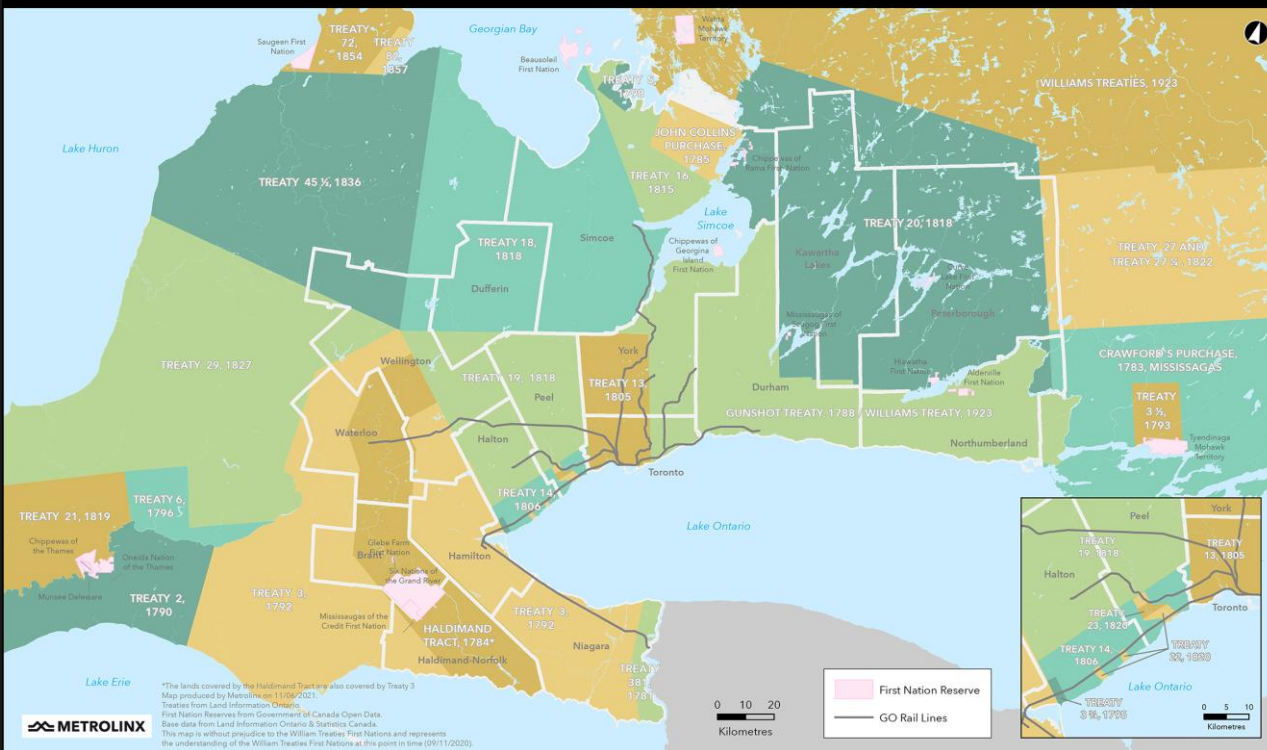
- Community Artwork
- Community Engagement
- Discussion



View of platform in future Queen Street Station
Designs - including finishings, signage, and accessibility features

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Treaties and Reserves in the Greater Golden Horseshoe



Let us take a moment to acknowledge we are on lands that have been, and continue to be, home to many Indigenous Peoples including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, as immigrants or involuntarily as part of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, in this generation, or generations past.

We acknowledge the historic and continued impacts of colonization and the need to work towards meaningful reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on territories and lands covered by many treaties that affirm and value the rights of Indigenous communities, Nations and Peoples.

We understand the importance of working towards reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land. At Metrolinx, we will conduct business in a manner that is built on a foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

SAFETY MOMENT - BE AWARE WHILE COMMUTING

Whether you're taking the subway, streetcar, bus or train, safety is paramount. Here are quick tips for a safer rail commute:

- 1. Stay Back:** Always remain behind the yellow line while waiting for your vehicle to arrive.
- 2. Mind the Gap:** Watch your step and be mindful of the gap between the platform or road and the vehicle.
- 3. Hold On:** Always grip handrails or bars while the vehicle is moving to prevent falls.
- 4. Stay Alert:** Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity or items to transit staff.
- 5. Respect Personal Space:** Avoid crowding fellow passengers and keep bags clear of walkways to prevent accidents.
- 6. Watch Your Step:** Be cautious when boarding or exiting, especially in adverse weather or low-light conditions.
- 7. Know Your Route:** Familiarize yourself with the transit system map and schedule to navigate confidently.



SEPTEMBER CLC ACTION ITEMS - COMPLETED

#	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSE	STATUS
1	OTG to provide update regarding the domestic water line impacts due to the fire hydrant removal.	Update provided in September CLC minutes; this work has been rescheduled for October 25 th	Completed
2	Metrolinx to remove the north sidewalk closure signs on Queen Street near Osgoode Hall.	Signs have been removed.	Completed
3	OTG to share more information with Hudson's Bay Centre regarding coroplast for windows, when available.	OTG has been collaborating directly to provide updates; advancement of window covering designs underway.	Completed
4	Metrolinx to update Downtown Yonge BIA on opportunities to reposition traffic signs, once feedback is received from the City.	Awaiting updates from the City; more information to be shared as available	Ongoing

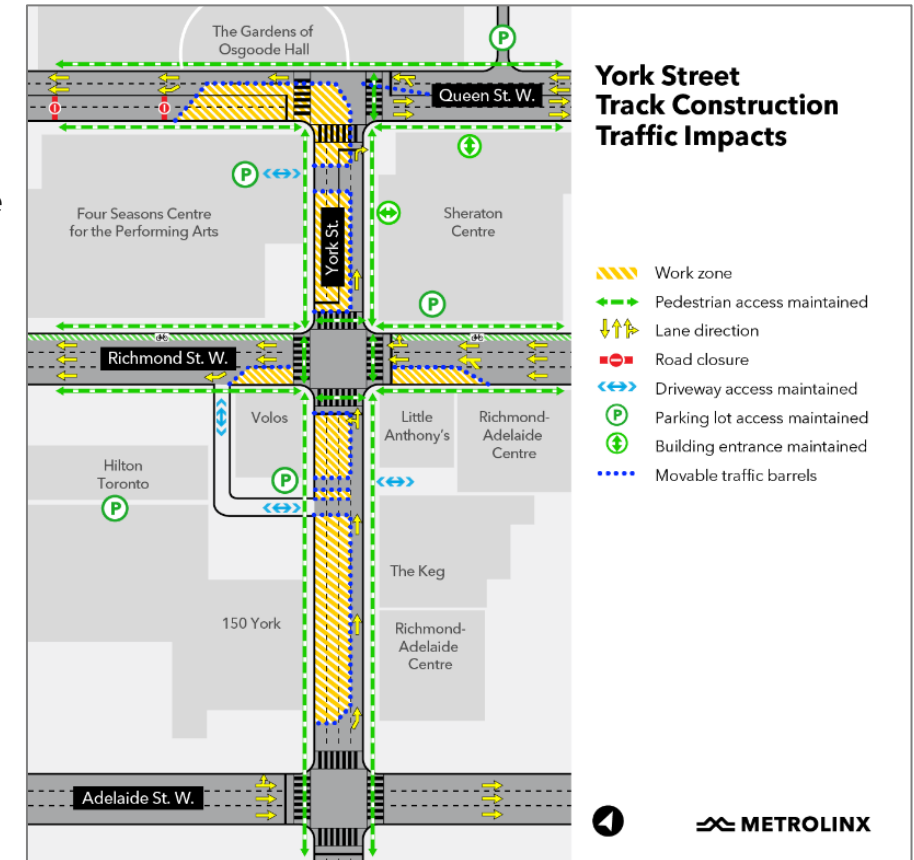
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York Street Trackwork



York Street Track Installation - Update

- Crews have mobilized into the final phase of work to complete the overhead wiring necessary for the operation of the 501 Queen streetcar detour.
- TTC crews will be working day and night shifts, including weekends as needed.
- The traffic configuration on Queen Street will shift as required but there will always be one lane westbound accessible for vehicles travelling westbound.
- This phase of work is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete. Once this work is done, TTC will begin their final inspection and run a test streetcar.
- One lane northbound on York Street will be maintained. No left turns from Queen Street West onto York Street will be permitted. No left turns from York Street onto Queen Street West will be permitted.
- No right turns from the northbound lane of University Avenue onto Queen Street West will be permitted.



*traffic impacts subject to change

Advanced Works

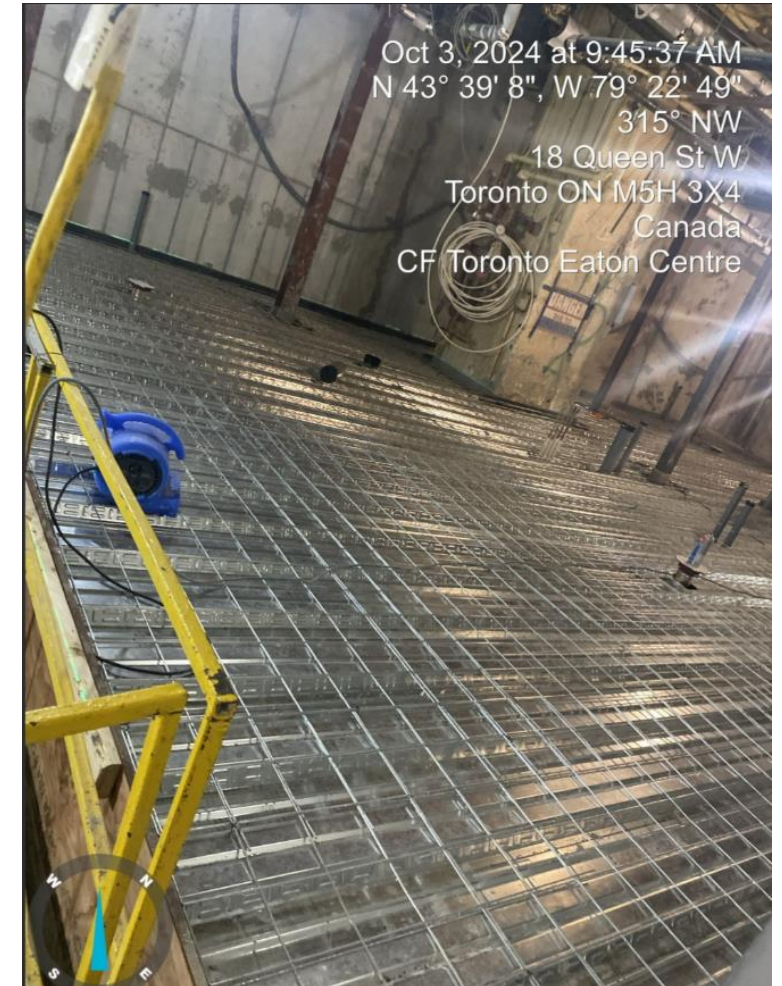


Artist's rendering – subject to change

Advanced Utility Works & HBC Basement Modifications Update

On-going Works

- Remaining Hydro cable relocation works between Bay St. and Yonge St.
- Hudson's Bay below ground works - expected completion is January 2025.



Raised floor in the basement

OTG Construction Update





View of the West site - October 2024

Work in progress

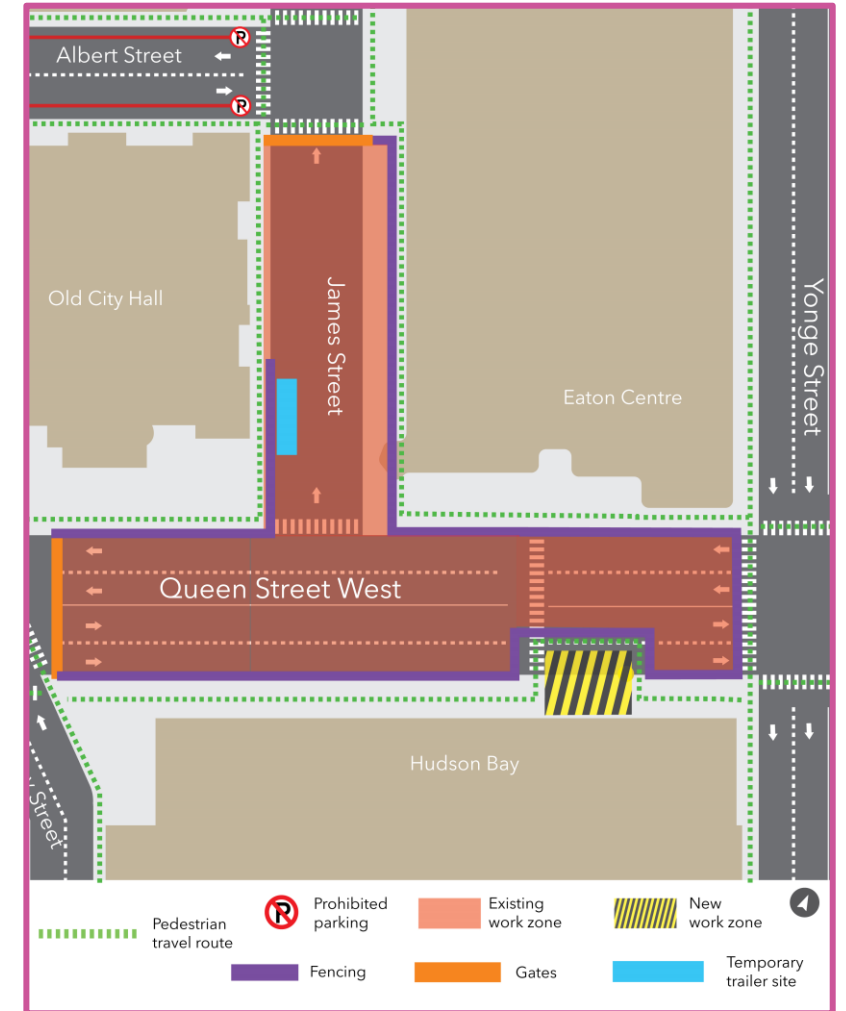
- Pile drilling work continues on both the east and the west portions of Queen Street (hours of work weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Geotechnical investigations to locate and monitor utilities continue
- Site preparations for future works, including delivery of materials and equipment
- TTC Feeder Cable work is underway; a new work zone has been added at Queen Street West and Bay Street, in the East side sidewalk
- Phase one pedestrian detour through 1 Queen Street East has been implemented; the closure is expected to move to the west side of the building at a future date.



Work progress at the West site - October 2024

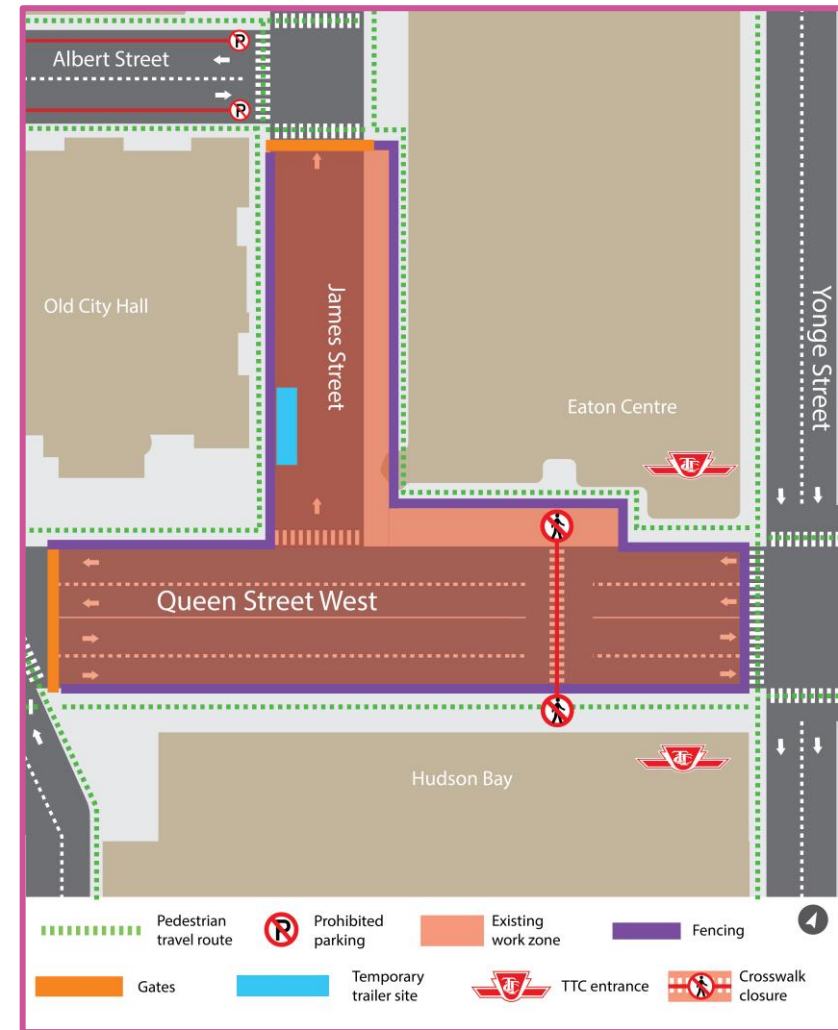
Pedestrian Access Update

- To ensure the safety of pedestrians in the Queen Street West area, pathways are being reconfigured.
- To conduct utility work near the site, crews require access to the south sidewalk on Queen Street West, near Yonge Street.
- To ensure safe passage around the worksite, a pedestrian detour will be in place during this work.
- As of the evening of **October 9**, work will begin to implement a pedestrian detour on the south side of Queen Street West, near Yonge Street.
- Crews will work overnight from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to complete this work, with the newly configured area expected to be in place by the morning of **October 10, 2024**.
- The expected duration of this work is approximately one month.



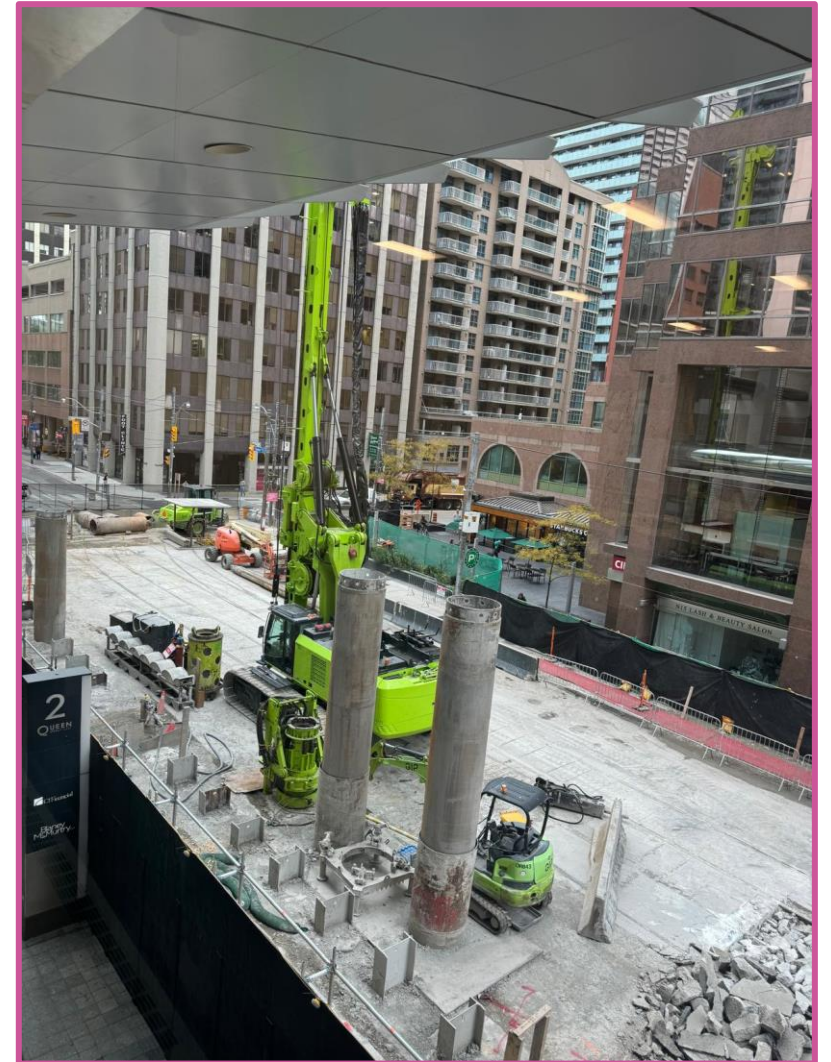
Upcoming work: Pedestrian crosswalk closure

- Safety is the top priority at all our sites.
- To ensure the safety of pedestrians in the Queen Street area, there will be a full closure of the crosswalk between CF Toronto Eaton Centre and Hudson's Bay Centre.
- This closure is expected to be in place for the duration of station construction.
- Additional wayfinding signage is in development and will be installed to direct pedestrians through the area.
- The timing for this closure is TBC. More information on timing will be shared as it becomes available.



Upcoming work

- As a component of ongoing work for Ontario Line construction at Queen, **the City of Toronto will temporarily shut off water overnight and into the early morning** in order to remove a fire hydrant located within the Ontario Line work zone.
- During this work, **water will be temporarily shut off at area businesses located at 1 Queen Street East and 2 Queen Street East buildings.** Water service will resume upon completion of the work.
- The work is expected to take place between **9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.** beginning the evening of **Friday, October 25.** All work will take place within the Ontario Line work zone at Queen.
- Work is expected to be complete and water service resumed by **7:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, October 26.**



View of the East site - September 2024

Queen Station 2024 - 2025 Construction Look-Ahead*

Construction milestones to move the Ontario Line subway forward.

Time	Activity	Details & Purpose
Fall 2024	Hoarding installation	Installation permanent (plywood) site hoarding.
	TTC Feeder Cable Removal	Remove and relocate TTC electrical cables near Queen station. This work is required to safely protect existing utility infrastructure.
	Site reconfiguration	Closure of crosswalk between Hudson's Bay Centre and CF Toronto Eaton Centre; detour on the south side of Queen Street West, near Yonge Street
	Site preparation	Site preparations for future works, including site set up, delivery of materials and equipment
	Utilities investigations and monitoring	Geotechnical investigations to locate and monitor utilities
Fall-Winter 2025	Piling	Piling work around the perimeter of the future station ensures structural support.

Community Artwork

Community Artwork

A survey conducted via SurveyMonkey was launched from July 27 to August 23, 2024, to collect community feedback regarding the selection of artwork themes for their respective neighborhoods.

Survey promotion took place at CLC meetings, social media like Instagram and LinkedIn posts, Breakfast Television, CityNews and CityNews 680, as well as door to door canvassing.



Common Themes:

- 35.9% History
 - Architecture
 - Historic buildings
- 25.64% Landmarks
 - Historic buildings and common landmarks, both inside the neighbourhood and in Toronto at-large

Next Steps:

- Collaborating with Metrolinx to establish the partners
- Working with partners to develop concept and sketches

Community Artwork

Program timelines

Timing	Activity	Details & Purpose
July - August 2024	Capturing Community Feedback	Survey to capture public feedback; survey promoted via on-the-ground marketing and CLC engagement. Survey responses being reviewed in real-time to start to identify potential partners and direction for artwork.
September 2024	Analysis and Reporting	Analysis of results by area and reporting; feedback to be shared with CLC groups in September 2024 to inform what we heard and share direction forward.
October - December 2024	Development and delivery of art	Work with artists / partners to develop and delivery artwork; timelines will vary by site and may change depending on the complexity and medium of artwork selected. Additional information on intended timelines to be shared with communities upon finalization of partners.

Discussion

Community Engagement

Community Engagement

Staying connected during construction

Construction notices and updates

- Prepared and distributed prior to new / impactful construction works; contact us to be added to the distribution list.

Monthly CLC meetings

- Regular committee meetings to discuss upcoming works and share information.
- Next CLC meeting expected to take place **November 12, 2024**.

In-person and virtual consultation with residences and businesses

- Our door is open: share any feedback and concerns with us.

News, progress and information shared in the Ontario Line newsletter

- Sign up for regular updates and information.

We Are Here for You

Metrolinx will keep the community, residents and businesses informed by providing project updates, seeking input and feedback, while addressing questions and concerns effectively and quickly.

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Michael's Hospital

Artist's rendering – subject to change



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