

**Queen Station CLC
MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Andrew Robertson (Financial District BIA)
- Bobby Hrekoruk (Local 75 Co-Op)
- Cheryll Diego (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Heather Young (Cushman Wakefield)
- Monica Contreras (Bell Canada)
- Nabil Mansour (Sheraton Centre)
- Najma Mohamed (Brookfield Properties)
- Stephen Adams (Cushman Wakefield)
- Street Ops (Downtown Yonge BIA)
- Shawn Lebevre (Cushman Wakefield)
- Najma Mohamed (Brookfield Properties)

- Nancy Aranha
- Nazli Dehghani

Metrolinx

- Amanda Kusick
- Daniel Cicero
- Elmira Moghani
- Julia Orsini
- Malcolm MacKay
- Matthew Emery
- Robert Chisholm
- Ross Andersen
- Jason Brander

OTG

- Allison Dewhirst
- Flavie Hamelin
- Jean Goar
- Maria Mihailescu

City of Toronto

- Mohammed Ibrahim

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Queen Station CLC meeting in partnership with Ontario Transit Group (OTG).

After a land acknowledgment, a safety moment and review of the action items from the previous meeting, Metrolinx and OTG provided construction updates on York Street track work, as well as current and upcoming work at the future Ontario Line station at Queen.

At the end of the session, OTG shared feedback about the Community Artwork Program survey, showcasing the results of the survey and neighbourhood feedback about what to see in future hoarding artwork. OTG highlighted that plans are being reviewed with Metrolinx and next steps include solidifying a selected partner, to advance implementation of artwork.

At the end of the meeting, CLC members were encouraged to ask questions, which are outlined below.

QUESTIONS:

- **Downtown Yonge BIA what info Metrolinx is waiting from the city regarding placement of signage in the area, and who specifically the team is working with.**
 - **Metrolinx** to take this offline and further discuss in upcoming 1:1 meetings.

- **Queen West BIA asked about York trackwork completion date to get the streetcar running again.**
 - **Metrolinx** replied they are pushing for early November at the latest but that the date will be communicated by TTC, as it is available.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** requested to include this update in the next CLC.
 - **Metrolinx** replied TTC will be communicating the date in advance of the CLC.
- **Sheraton Centre** stated there are too many complaints from guests related to work from York to Queen and asked Metrolinx if they are expecting more noise at night, or if the work is over.
 - **Metrolinx** stated the first complaint was last week due to sidewalk work.
 - **Sheraton** asked if this work can be done during the day as there have been complaints nonstop, highlighting that work should be done by 8 p.m.
 - **Metrolinx** stated there may be confusion between this work and the piling at Osgoode.
 - **Sheraton Centre** replied that the work was taking place on the sidewalk and it was jack hammering related to York Street track work, and reiterated that work should only be done from 9am - 9pm.
 - **Metrolinx** confirmed the jack hammering was related to York Streetcar relocation work but that work was now complete. Metrolinx also stated that if any additional work in front of the building is required, they will aim to avoid conducting it overnight.
- **A CLC member** asked if there was any backout plan for water supply at 20 Richmond Street, in relation to the upcoming fire hydrant removal work required for the Queen station works.
 - **OTG** stated the utility team is currently looking into it there is no back up plan yet, as only 1 Queen Street East and 2 Queen Street East are expected to be impacted.
- **A member of the CLC** asked what properties will have a water shut off, in relation to the upcoming fire hydrant work required at the future Queen station site.
 - **Metrolinx** replied that the properties have been notified, and **OTG** stated that 1 and 2 Queen Street are the only properties expected to be impacted, and they have been notified.
 - A **CLC member** indicated that for Bell buildings in the vicinity, they require more than 48 hours in advance. **Metrolinx** acknowledged this information.
 - **Downtown Yonge BIA** stated notification should go beyond the 2 buildings just in case as buildings around have working hours after 9pm.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** addressed a concern about the area close to the subway entrance, noting it is an aware where people loiter. The attendee asked if there can be more monitoring of that area.
 - **Metrolinx** stated they will consider monitoring the area when the nearby pedestrian detour happens, if there are safety concerns raised.

***Editor's Note: Metrolinx is in the process of coordinating a date and time for a crime prevention walk with Toronto Police Services - to be held in the coming weeks.**

- **Brookfield Properties** asked about the Community Artwork installation and what the strategy would be.
 - **OTG** replied they are printing on an aluminum material that gets installed on top of the hoarding that's already there, so it is very flat against the hoarding. The community artwork is going to be a mix with the Metrolinx signage.
- **Brookfield Properties** asked about the timeline for the second phase of piling once the cable is removed and moved to the South side of Queen.
 - **OTG** replied that they are expecting to finish piling towards the end of November for the East side and slightly later towards for the West side.
- **Downtown Yonge BIA** asked about how OTG plans to maintain the artwork placed on site hoarding.
 - **OTG** replied there are plans to use an anti-graffiti coating over the artwork, if available.
- **Brookfield Properties** asked for information about the artist to be shared once the artwork is installed.
 - **Metrolinx** stated they will be happy to share that information once it is complete.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **OTG** to share a photo example of marketing signage installed on hoarding to provide some context.

Next meeting date: November 12, 2024