

**Moss Park CLC #12
MEETING MINUTES**

October 10, 2024
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- David Anderson (Moss Park Coalition)
- Walied Khogali Ali (BOLD / Moss Park Coalition)
- Debi Meredith
- David Balcon
- Nick Culverwell
- Brent Swan

City of Toronto

- Julia Murnaghan
- Michael Paolucci
- Sasha Kane - MPP Wong-Tam's office
- Terry Francoeur

Metrolinx

- Amanda Kusick
- Mark Clancy
- Zahras Munas
- Daniel Cicero
- Malcolm MacKay

OTG

- Eric Devera
- Allison Dewhirst
- Bella Santos

OVERVIEW:

On October 10, 2024, **Metrolinx** and **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)** teams hosted a virtual Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting for the future Ontario Line station at Moss Park.

OTG provided an update on current works such as soil excavation and struts and walers installation. The soil removal phase is expected to be completed by the end of the month, with shale and bedrock excavation to follow as crews progress excavation to deeper depths of the future station shaft. In November, the community can anticipate the assembly and installation of a tower crane to aid the advancement of building the future station at Moss Park.

- **A resident** asked if the consistent of vibration they have been experiencing during most mornings for the past two weeks is related to OTG work. The resident also asked how far north the monitoring devices are installed.
 - **OTG** explained that devices are strategically placed based on the identified zone of influence for the work and designed to measure in all directions. OTG highlighted those current operations (removal of soil) is not resulting in any vibration, and noted it is likely the result of another developer in the area.
 - **City of Toronto** explained it may be from development on Bond Street and Lombard Street.
- **A resident** asked what noise is expected once the excavation reaches the bedrock.
 - **OTG** explained that noise is expected to be similar to that of current operations. As work moves to below the surface level, the rock is very brittle at the first level, and crews anticipate it will be removed easily with the same machinery. At deeper depths, the machines will be equipped with a hammer-type attachment to break up the rock, and those larger pieces will be lifted out of the shaft and into the trucks above. Noise at this next stage is expected to be similar to current operations.
- **A resident** commented on the disruptive noise levels of the hydrovac and if the community can get an advanced warning if this type of machinery returns to site.
 - **OTG** explained that efforts are made to minimize the need for the hydrovac truck and it is not expected to frequent the site often as works progress. The team will endeavour to provide advanced warning of its use when possible, however sometimes there are unforeseen or emergency circumstances.
- **Moss Park Coalition** asked how Metrolinx has kept business owners informed on the construction and how they have been invited to participate in the CLCs.
 - **Metrolinx** stated that canvassing has taken place in recent months to advise the community of major construction milestones, and to invite the local community and business owners to participate in the recent business and art surveys, as well as to update their interest in future CLCs.
- **Moss Park Coalition** commented on the community benefits Pillars and Terms of Reference of the CLC, noting talks are underway on how the community can engage in future CLCs. Moss Park Coalition is looking forward to ongoing collaboration in the near

future for social and local recruitment, as well as business developments coming into the neighbourhood and informed by the Community Benefits Pillars. When will the Terms of Reference be approved?

- **Metrolinx** stated that there are multiple projects beyond the Ontario Line. These other projects are also closely looking into the CLC Terms of Reference. Metrolinx will provide an update on timelines when available.
 - **Metrolinx** also noted the community benefits team is looking at the most effective and informative way to gather community input, advice and support relating to the Four Pillars of the community benefits program. Metrolinx to provide more information as it is available.
 - **Moss Park Coalition** noted that there is a high expectation for the community benefits program, particularly in the Moss Park Community, calling for extra steps to focus on local hiring and equitable opportunities for Moss Park residents.
 - **Metrolinx** will reach out to the Community Benefits team for next steps and will provide more information and how the commitment will be carried out to the community.
- **MPP-Wong Tam's office** asked for an update on the Community Artwork Program.
 - **Metrolinx** provided a summary on the community feedback including the themes with a focus on the history of Moss Park, nature and wildlife. A report has been compiled from all stations. Currently, Metrolinx and OTG are identifying artists and partners to carry out the community vision for the later part of the year.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** to provide next steps on the Community Benefits Program and CLC Terms of Reference with Moss Park Coalition.