

**Corktown CLC - Meeting #15
MINUTES**

October 24, 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)
- Stewart Linton (SLNA)
- Suzanne Kavanagh (SLNA)
- Candace McCool
- David Balcon
- Michael Hasko
- Chris
- Barbara C.
- Lee-Anne Maningas
- Shannon Tullio
- Belinda Black

City of Toronto

- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Nazli Dehghani
- Terry Francoeur
- Julia Murnaghan

Elected Officials

- Eddie LaRusic (Councillor Moise's Office)

- Nancy Trendoff (MPP Glover's Office)
- Benna Whahedi (MPP Glover's Office)
- Sasha Kane (MPP Wong-Tam)

Metrolinx

- Daniel Cicero
- Sarah Conway
- Matt Simon
- Amanda Kusick
- Zahrah Munas
- Mark Clancy
- Jason Hall
- Matt Simon
- Mohamed Auf
- Alexandra Grgas-Sorge

KO Constructors / LURA

- Scott Brazeau
- Jeff Harbach
- Hasnaa Maher

OTG

- Chloe Fayet
- David Ou
- Allison Dewhirst
- Bella Santos

OVERVIEW:

On Thursday, October 24th, 2024, **Metrolinx** hosted a Corktown & Don Yard CLC meeting, in partnership with **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)** and **KO Constructors**.

KO Constructors presented a construction update for Don Yard. The discussion focused on upcoming work from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 and construction mitigation efforts related to noise and dust. Progress photos and details related to piling work, concrete pouring, and caisson progress were also shared. The meeting then moved in the progress of the north and south sites at Corktown by **OTG**. Notable advancements include the completion of piling at the south site. **OTG** crews are now preparing the north site for excavation with the installation of tie-back and struts and walers support systems with site preparation activities at the south site while both sites are installing safety features ahead of the excavation phase which is expected to start in end of October, early November. **OTG** concluded the meeting with a reminder to the community on the implemented safety measures supporting the community when entering and exiting the community including a rationale for the current haul routes.

QUESTIONS:

- o **GWNA** asked if the CLC can receive an updated timeline of overall construction activities and programs for the Don Yard site? When will all activities be complete?
 - o **KO:** Most of the heavy civil work related to the cut-and-cover tunnel is anticipated to wrap up by summer 2025. Following the current phase, work will shift to lower levels, progressing from 22 meters to 10 meters below ground over the next year. Concrete installation is expected to resume from summer 2025, through fall 2026. Once complete, heavy machinery will return to backfill the area, bringing it to grade in preparation for track installation, anticipated in spring 2027. At that point, trains will be switched over to the new E1 track, marking the beginning of phase two, which extends toward the east end of the site. Concerning the bridge construction timeline, the west abutment is set for completion soon. The bridge is set to come on-site in fall 2025 and be fully installed by winter 2026. Final lighting and completion are targeted for summer 2027, a full year ahead of the cut-and-cover tunnel's completion. Overall, the project is expected to span for approximately four more years, with completion by 2028.
- o **A resident** asked where and when will the tunnel boring machine (TBM) enter the site to dig out the tunnel between the yard portal and the station?
 - o **KO:** Work is ongoing to create a concrete block to receive the TBM. KO is building an endpoint where the TBM will enter the site at about 22 meters below grade. In terms of timeline, KO will complete the TBM headwall, which the TBM will break into in February 2025.
 - o Metrolinx (MX): There is a better visual representation of this online that MX can share.
- o **A resident** asked if there have been discussions around how the haul routes might be affected during the upcoming Winter Market near the Corktown site?

- **KO:** The Don Yard haul trucks do not transition west on Mill Street and will not interfere with the Winter Market at the Distillery District.
- **Residents said** Metrolinx recently posted about electrifying some of the GO Train lines. Will there be an overlap between this and the Don Yard work? What is the timeline?
 - **MX:** There is constant coordination with the GO electrification team. The Don Yard and EW3 projects will be finished, and the GO's electrification will occur afterward.
- **GWNA** asked for an overall program timeline forecasted for completion of the Corktown sites?
 - **OTG:** Excavation is expected to go until late Winter 2025 followed by structure work of the station which is expected to go into 2027 for the north shaft and 2028 for the south shaft. Teams will then focus on the mechanical and electrical aspects of the build with an estimated completion date of 2030 including testing and commissioning of the works. All dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.
- **A resident** asked for clarification on the footprint of the station shaft shared in the presentation.
 - **OTG** provided an explanation of the station shaft footprint to the attendees, referencing the presentation.
- **A resident** asked how long is the excavation expected to go on for?
 - **OTG** noted the first phase of excavation is expected to be completed spring 2025 and the remaining excavation is expected to be completed by end of 2025.
- **A resident** asked when and where will the tunnel boring machine enter to dig out the tunnel between the Don Yard Portal and the station?
 - **Metrolinx** replied that the plan is to start tunnelling at the end of 2025, starting at the Exhibition site, taking approximately two years to reach the Don Yard, assuming everything progresses as planned.
- **A resident** asked if there have been discussions how the haul routes may affect the upcoming Winter Market at the Distillery District?
 - **OTG** replied, noting trucks will be exiting on Parliament St. during daytime hours, but the team is not expecting any challenges during the Winter Market.
- **GWNA** noted that with the periodic Saturday works planned at the sites at Corktown until the end of November, trucks will be travelling down Parliament St., which are peak days for the Winter Market running from November 13th through to January 5th, 2025. The representative asked that truck operators and agents are briefed on the increase of pedestrians in the area.
 - **Metrolinx** noted the comment and will action that with the contractors.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Metrolinx** to provide updates on noise and vibration exceedances at the November 28 CLC.

- **Metrolinx** to advise contractors of comment regarding increased pedestrian traffic during the Winter Market.
- **Metrolinx** will share a visual representation of where the TBM will enter the Don Yard site to the CLC membership.