

Queen/Spadina CLC MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2024

2:00PM - 3:00PM

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Alan Liu (Queen West BIA)
- Corina Severin (business rep)
- Evette Bernabe (business rep)
- Soon Mow Teh (resident)

City of Toronto

- Micheal Paolucci
- Nancy Aranha

Metrolinx

- Bradley Naismith
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Kenia Barreto
- Sarah Conway

OTG

- Lois Rouveyrol
- Sergio Gijon
- Maria Mihailescu
- Jennifer Marques
- Allison Dewhirst

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday November 5, 2024, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Queen-Spadina CLC session meeting in partnership with OTG. Metrolinx and Ontario Transit Group (OTG) provided a construction update accompanied by safety moment tips about community safety around construction sites. During the session, attendees were able to hear updates on current excavation progress at both sites or upcoming work and construction look-ahead, with a moment at the end to ask questions. Metrolinx concluded the formal presentation with an update on the community engagement and information on how to contact their project team.

QUESTIONS

Queen West BIA asked, when does the tunneling begin?

- **OTG** replied, the tunnel boring machine is expected launch in 2025 from Exhibition and will take time to get to Queen Spadina. OTG will complete cavern excavation before the tunneling. More information will be provided as available in the future.

A resident stated they passed by the King Bathurst site and asked about the large structure on the north side.

- **Metrolinx** replied that the structure is an acoustic shelter that mitigates noise and dust. Not every site will have an acoustic shelter due to space, machines and cranes needed for work.

A resident asked how noise and dust will be mitigated at the Queen-Spadina sites?

- **Metrolinx** stated they are using noise monitors to monitor noise at sites. There are other measures in place, such as mud mats, to prevent dirt and dust from going into the community.
- **OTG** added that they receive notifications if they exceed the noise parameters given to OTG by Metrolinx. The notification gets sent to OTG construction, environmental teams as well as Metrolinx teams, ensuring the disruption is investigated. There are also dust monitors that control the quality of the air, and vibration monitors that assess the vibration caused by the machinery.

Resident asked for clarification about a meeting scheduled November 5th from 7- 8:30 p.m.

- **Metrolinx** replied they are unaware of the meeting held at that time, but they will reach out to their colleagues and circle back with the resident. Metrolinx noted that the current CLC is the only scheduled meeting related to the Queen-Spadina construction.

Next meeting date: December 5, 2024.