

**Corktown CLC - Meeting #16  
MINUTES**

November 28, 2024

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Teams Meeting)

**Attendees:**

- MPP Chris Glover
- Sasha Kane (MPP- Wong-Tam)
- Tom Davidson (Deputy Mayor Malik)

**BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents**

- Cory Lemos (CRBA)
- Ole Calderone (CRBA)
- Suzanne Kavanagh (SLNA)
- Michael Bethke (Waterfront Toronto)
- Candace McCool
- David Balcon
- Barbara C
- Shannon

**Metrolinx**

- Daniel Cicero
- Amanda Kusick
- Zahrah Munas
- Katiana Moussa
- Mark Clancy
- Jason Hall
- Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
- Jesse Pakkala

**City of Toronto**

- Mohamed Auf
- Nazli Dehghani
- Terry Francoeur
- Nancy Aranha

**OTG**

- Daphrane Ligan
- Allison Dewhirst
- Bella Santos
- Jennifer Marques

**Elected Officials**

- Eddie LaRusic (Councillor Moise's Office)
- Nancy Trendoff (MPP Glover's Office)

**KO Constructors / LURA**

- Scott Brazeau
- Jeff Harbach
- Zoie Edwards

**OVERVIEW:**

On Thursday, November 28, 2024, **Metrolinx**, in partnership with **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)** and **KO Constructors**, hosted a virtual meeting to review the latest construction progress at the Corktown and Don Yard sites.

**KO Constructors** started the construction progress update by detailing various activities at the Don Yard work zone. These updates included ongoing efforts to minimize community impacts, concluding with a question-and-answer session for this portion of the presentation.

**OTG** provided updates on the progress at the Corktown north and south sites. **OTG** shared details about the ongoing excavation of the shaft, the installation of struts and walers, and tie-back installation at the north site. At the south site, excavation work, the installation of concrete struts and walers, and frost protection measures along concrete walls for insulation during the colder months are ongoing. A brief update was shared as to what milestones can be expected over the winter and spring months into the new year.

For October, **KO Constructors** and **OTG** presented a summary of construction-related noise incidents classified as exceedances as well as plans put in place to address the noise for the future, noting that construction-related exceedances are minimal when compared to the high ambient noise levels typical within the city and often captured by monitors at the sites in any given month. No vibration exceedances were reported for this period.

**QUESTIONS:**

- **MPP Chris Glover asked** when does the work on building 200 columns in the ground start?
  - **KO responded** that work is already in progress and jet grouting will start in December and take place at the east end of the job site.
- **MPP Chris Glover asked** what will the noise impact of jet grouting on the community be?
  - **KO responded** that jet grouting is an entirely different process than secant piling drilling and minimal noise is expected. There is a centralized grout plant that is further east of where the condominiums are where most of the work will take place. The secant drilling is a much noisier operation and is currently operating from 7am-11pm in response to community feedback. The new auger cleaning mechanism is also in place after 7pm to minimize noise at nighttime for the community.
- **MPP Chris Glover asked** if the new auger cleaning mechanism is time consuming and why is it not happening earlier than 7 pm?
  - **KO responded that** it is time consuming, and we are doing some analysis on the process still, but it is approximately 40% slower. It is working to reduce noise.
- **MPP Chris Glover asked** about increasing the work during the day. Is there a way to intensify the work during the day so that it could end at 7pm?
  - **KO responded** that the team is always looking for ways to add resources, but this is also about safe working space. The job site is quite linear and

only has one access point in and out, this impacts the number of rigs that can operate safely as well as safely separating workers while things are in operation. We are continuing to look at options.

- **MPP Chris Glover asked** if all 3 drill rigs running continuously from 7pm-7am?
  - **KO responded that** as of today, all 3 drill rigs are operational as we work towards full production again. There is 1 drill rig working at night and we are trying to get a second drill rig and crew working the evening shift.
- **EWCA asked** how will dust control be managed during the jet grouting procedure? What testing and calibration have been done prior to the procedure?
  - **KO responded that** the process around stationary equipment, such as acoustic blankets, will help contain dust. The jet grouting process also happens below ground, so it won't generate dust at ground level and the slurry solution is liquid when it comes to ground level. The season currently, being wet and cold, also helps contain dust. We also have air monitors installed closely to the work that we are notified promptly if there are any exceedances. The wheel wash station is also a tool quite effective to ensure the construction work is not bringing dust onto community roads.
- **CRBA asked** what's the status of hoarding and the artwork to go on it?
  - **Metrolinx responded** that there is Metrolinx project signage that will be up around mid/late December, and more is also in production. The Community Artwork Program is still coordinating happening about what the path forward will look like. Space on the site's south side is reserved for community artwork.
  - **CRBA suggested** that a board to show the community what the artwork might look like should be provided at upcoming public meetings.
  - **Metrolinx responded** that's a great idea that Metrolinx will consider.
- **A resident asked** what will rock excavation in the south site sound like?
  - **OTG:** Excavation at the rock level is approximately 16 metres down and the community should not expect to hear an increase in noise because there are 5 metre noise walls in place near the excavation areas.
- **A resident asked** how the membership can be notified of the meetings scheduled outside of the monthly CLC meetings.
  - **Metrolinx:** Information on upcoming meetings is shared through emails, community newsletters and notices. Metrolinx will respond to any inquiries addressed through the Ontario Line email address, which is available to all members of the public.
- **A resident asked** for an update on the status of artwork to be installed on site hoarding.
  - **Metrolinx:** Plans continue to formulate with progress being made as we understand the importance of the artwork within the community.
  - **OTG:** Additional Metrolinx branded signage is currently in production and expected to be installed in the third week of December at the north site and a

small area of the south site. OTG and Metrolinx are refining and finalizing details of a community artwork program with areas of the south site expected to be designated to the community art portion on the south site.

- **A resident** asked if the community can be provided with an update with a visual board in the future meetings. **Metrolinx** confirmed updates will be provided as they are available.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Metrolinx and OTG** to provide updates on the community artwork program as they become available.
- **Metrolinx/KO Constructors** will follow-up with MPP Chris Glover's Office about soil quality in the Don Yard.
- **Metrolinx/KO Constructors** will provide an update on dust mitigations being implemented for upcoming piling work to the CLC membership.