

Moss Park CLC #16 / MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2025
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)
- Brent Swan
- Debbi Meredith
- Sylvie Greeniaus
- Elena
- David B
- Ahsen Bhatti

City of Toronto

- Eddie LaRusic
- Nazli Dehghani
- Michael Paolucci
- Mohamed Ibrahim
- Mark Ventresca

Metrolinx

- Amanda Kusick
- Zahrah Munas
- Mark Clancy
- Malcolm MacKay
- Jason Hall

OTG

- Eric Devera
- Allison Dewhirst
- Bella Santos

OVERVIEW:

On May 15, 2025, **Metrolinx** and **Ontario Transit Group (OTG)** teams hosted a virtual Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting for the future Ontario Line station at Moss Park. **Metrolinx** welcomed attendees, provided a land acknowledgment, and introduced new Session Guidelines slide as part of the regular meetings moving forward. The safety moment for this month focused on the need for enhanced site lighting. In addition to the new Session Guidelines, the presentation will also now report any noise and vibration exceedances from the previous month for future meetings.

OTG provided a construction update, noting that excavation at Moss Park Station is nearly complete, marking a major milestone for both the site and the Ontario Line overall. In the coming weeks, excavation equipment will be removed and temporary operations phased out as the team transitions into permanent station construction—with Moss Park expected to be one of the first stations to reach this phase.

Next steps include pouring the concrete base slab, which will support the station's structure and house essential systems. Installation of a tower crane will also begin shortly. **OTG** acknowledged challenges with the crane's foundation design, but confirmed a safe solution is now in place, and installation will soon be visible on site.

Excavation and temporary works are expected to finish by June, with no major changes anticipated during this period. **OTG** thanked the community for its ongoing patience and engagement as the project moves into its next stage.

Following the progress update, **Metrolinx** opened the meeting to a Question-and-Answer period.

- **Attendee:** stated that at the Moss Park open house, we were told we'd be contacted about job opportunities. Who is responsible for following up with the community coalition on this?
 - **Metrolinx:** That responsibility falls to the Community Benefits Team, who are separate from the construction team. I'm not sure if the discussions have happened yet, but I'll follow up with them and provide you with an update.
- **Attendee:** Have any Moss Park community members been hired as a result of recent job fairs? Is there a report or record of this?
 - **Metrolinx:** That information is also handled by the Community Benefits Team and not part of the CLC's scope. However, the question will be raised with them and a follow-up shared back.

- **Attendee:** I've been hearing a persistent buzzing noise late at night. Is this coming from the Moss Park construction site?
 - **OTG:** We're not operating any equipment between 2:00-6:00 a.m. The latest our crews have worked is until 10:50 p.m., and that has only happened on occasion. The buzzing may be from nearby developments, which can make it hard to tell where noise is coming from.
- **Attendee:** Could the buzzing noise be coming from a generator on-site?
 - **Metrolinx:** That's unlikely, as the connected to temporary power at the site is completed, and there is no longer need for generators. This should reduce both noise and environmental impact.
- **Attendee:** When will construction at Moss Park be completed?
 - **OTG:** Physically, the station is expected to be completed by 2029. The park will be restored, and the parking lot for Moss Park arena will be relocated. However, full system testing and certification will continue beyond that before the Ontario Line opens.
- **Attendee:** What's the status of the community art program at the Moss Park site?
 - **Metrolinx:** We are working closely with OTG on a proposal. It's currently under internal review. We expect to provide a detailed update within 3-4 weeks, hopefully by the June CLC meeting.
- **Attendee:** Will local artists and residents be involved in the art for Moss Park hoarding?
 - **Metrolinx:** Yes. The intention is for the art to reflect the Moss Park community. Local input has already been gathered, including references like nature and Indigenous themes. The program will not simply contract out to a corporate provider; community voices will shape the final artwork.
- **Attendee:** Other stations already have art—why is Moss Park taking longer?
 - **Metrolinx:** Some stations used existing art from BIAs or other sources. In Moss Park, a community-based program is being developed specific to Moss Park. There's no local BIA, but we're working with groups like Jamii and Onsite Gallery to ensure local involvement.
- **Attendee:** asked if the Moss Park Coalition can serve as the lead group for art and local business promotion, since there's no BIA?
 - **Metrolinx:** That's a good idea. Follow up with Kelly Hagan (Metrolinx) and copy me so we can explore how to move that forward.
- **Attendee:** asked will the results of the community art survey be included in the proposal to Metrolinx?
 - **Metrolinx:** Yes, that feedback is being incorporated.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Moss Park Coalition** to reach out to Kelly Hagan from the Community Benefits team and include Mark Clancy in the messaging on employment opportunities and stats on any local hiring.