

Thorncliffe Park Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) MEETING SUMMARY

May 29, 2025

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

Community Representatives

- Masood Alam
- Jason Ash (Friends of Thorncliffe Park)
- Ahmad El Sarraff (A77)
- Abdul Jogiat (Islamic Society of Toronto)
- Geoff Kettel (Leaside Residents Association)
- Karma S. Lhamo (The Neighbourhood Organization)
- Vanessa Rose (Leaside Business Park)
- Shakhlo Sharipova (Thorncliffe Park Autism Support Network)

Elected Officials/Staff

- Erin McLean-Purdon (MPP Bowman)
- Farzana Rajwani (Councillor Chernos Lin)

City of Toronto

- Sheikh Alam
- Mohammed Ibrahim
- Astro Man
- Michael Paolucci
- Navi Tathgar

Trillium Guideway Partners

- Abdulrahman Abu-Salhieh
- Abigail Atmadja

- Sherline Joe
- Boris Santander
- David Wills

Connect 6

- Rob Granatstein

Leaside Valley Builders

- Raymond Deasy
- Andreas Pandikiu

Metrolinx

- Rubab Abid
- Dami Adebayo
- Robert Chisholm
- Daniel Cicero
- Jim Cumming
- Prabir Das
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Vincent Domey
- Michael Endrizzi
- Easton Gordon
- Mathavan Jaya
- Jenice Millington
- Brian Mitchell
- John Potter
- Phil Rodriques
- Nagina Shahsamand
- Lindsey Smith
- Austeja Vaskeviciute

OVERVIEW:

On May 29, 2025, **Metrolinx** hosted the Thorncliffe Park Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting attended by community representatives, offices of local elected officials, City

of Toronto officials, and Metrolinx contractors, namely: **Trillium Guideway Partners** (TGP), **Connect 6** (C6), and **Leaside Valley Builders** (LVB).

Metrolinx presented details of ongoing and planned construction, highlighting traffic impacts for the rest of the year at each phase. The presentation covered utility relocations on Overlea Boulevard and Beth Neilson Drive, followed by guideway, station, and operations, maintenance, and storage facility construction plans. At the meeting, Metrolinx introduced the West Don Crossing scope, explaining the need for in-water works alongside the restoration plan for tree removals.

Community questions and responses from the meeting are outlined below.

QUESTIONS:

- **In what areas will the alternating lane closures on Beth Neilson begin for planned utility relocations?**
 - Lane reductions will follow a similar pattern to the road's configuration since mid-May, with lane closures occurring in stages along different parts of the roads.
- Follow up Question: Can the alternating lane closure staging be in place for the remainder of utility relocations?
 - **Update provided through this meeting summary:** Each utility contractor will share their traffic configuration before work begins. Bell who are currently on-site will maintain an overnight single lane closure throughout the work zone for ongoing civil work. For other utility relocations, Metrolinx will continue to advocate for single lane closures and share with the community, the traffic configurations agreed to for their work in the area.
- **Are 51 Beth Neilson Drive and 255 Wicksteed Avenue required for Ontario Line construction?**
 - **Update provided through this meeting summary:** Metrolinx has both permanent and temporary impacts at 51 Beth Neilson Drive and 255 Wicksteed Avenue for Ontario Line construction.
- **What is the balanced cantilever method that the Don Valley Crossings will be constructed with?**
 - The balanced cantilever method lets builders construct the bridge outward from a central support or pier in two opposite directions. The central support structures enable workers to add segments alternately on each side, balancing the load and keeping the central structure stable during construction.
- **Can the next meeting present renders of the Ontario Line path through Thorncliffe Park highlighting various parts of the community as they currently exist?**

- **Update provided through this meeting summary:** Metrolinx is preparing for an open house in Thorncliffe Park in September to showcase updated renderings and details about the elevated guideways, stations, and the operations, maintenance, and storage facility in Thorncliffe Park. Metrolinx is also exploring the possibility of a site walk with committee members to visit various areas of the community where construction is planned or underway.
- **What is being done to address safety issues for mosque congregants during the weekly prayers?**
 - Metrolinx coordinates construction safety with Enbridge who currently control construction activity closest to the mosque as they relocate a gas main pipeline along Overlea Boulevard. Metrolinx will contact mosque representatives to better understand concerns.
- **How many piles are going to be built on Overlea Boulevard, north of Millwood, what hours will work proceed?**
 - **Update provided through this meeting summary:** Metrolinx plans to install guideway piers at 22 locations in the highlighted section, requiring 43 total piles. Pile construction is expected to commence in October 2025. Currently, workers typically operate between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays, though some construction techniques may require extended hours or additional activity during certain stages.
- Follow up Question: What kind of noise is expected?
 - Pile construction will see a different but considerable noise profile with its use of drill rigs instead of impact hammers. A slurry will stabilize the earth until workers insert rebar and concrete.
- **Why are there still lane closures on Overlea Boulevard?**
 - Enbridge currently has lane closures on Overlea Boulevard as it relocates a gas main pipeline for the Ontario Line advance works. Enbridge is installing a new gas main and decommissioning the old one. The lane closures mark the work zone needed for Enbridge to perform the civil works.
- **What is the construction plan for Banigan Drive and Thorncliffe Park Drive, north of Overlea Boulevard?**
 - **Update provided through this meeting summary:** Construction work plans and work zones are still under development. Specific details, including associated impacts to Thorncliffe Park Drive and Banigan Drive will be shared with the community once available.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Metrolinx will explore the possibility of a walking tour for committee members to view the general areas of Ontario Line construction in Thorncliffe Park.