

Queen/Spadina CLC MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2025
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

BIAs/Community Groups/Non-Profit Organizations/Residents

- Maureen Larkin (MPP Chris Glover's Office)
- Alan Liu (Queen Street West BIA)
- Sophia Karadov (20 Vanauley Resident)
- Alex Pickering (438 Richmond Resident)
- Patricia Ingold (438 Richmond Resident)
- Pam Ingold (438 Richmond Resident)
- Norman Young (438 Richmond Resident)
- Saied Dehgoli (438 Richmond Manager)
- Soon Mow (438 Richmond Resident)

City of Toronto

- Terry Francoeur (Transportation Services)
- Sonia Tyagi (Transit Expansion)
- Lais Siqueira (Economic Development)

Metrolinx

- Franca DiGiovanni
- Kenia Barreto
- Ross Anderson
- Libaan Geedi
- Daniel Cicero
- Saikat Basak
- Kelvin Lee

OTG

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

OVERVIEW:

On Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Metrolinx hosted a virtual Queen-Spadina Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting in partnership with OTG. The session began with a safety moment and session guidelines for CLC meetings, as an update for new meeting members. OTG and Metrolinx also reviewed frequently asked questions following topics such as working hours, noise and mitigations in place at the sites.

The meeting progressed with an update on construction. Participants were informed about ongoing activities, such as cavern excavation at the north site, excavation progress at the south site, and the upcoming construction schedule. Additional updates covered noise and vibration monitoring. Metrolinx provided an update on a recent CPTED tour of the site. At the end of the meeting, Metrolinx provided contact information and encouraged CLC members to submit questions, which are listed below.

QUESTIONS

A resident raised concerns about dust accumulation on balconies.

- **OTG** acknowledged the issue, noting there is monitoring in place for dust and currently no alerts related to this from the site.
- **Metrolinx** added that construction on the façade of the resident's building may have contributed to dust.

A resident expressed concerns about the hours of work at the south site (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.), in particular rock-breaking during this time.

- **OTG** clarified that full-day rock breaking is rare but reiterated that 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. are the allowable working hours and any work can take place during this time frame.
- **Metrolinx** noted a 5-unit pilot program for secondary window glazing is underway to mitigate the noise impact. The glazing is a magnetic acrylic panel to reduce noise. Results of the pilot will be analyzed before considering any further expansion of the program.

A member asked about reducing work hours for the south site, due to the rock breaking noise and its impact on residents.

- **Metrolinx** acknowledged this concern but confirmed the working hours schedule remains unchanged, balancing operational need with minimizing impacts.

A resident asked about mitigation measures to reduce noise from the south site, including an update on the secondary glazing pilot project at 438 Richmond Street Building.

- **Metrolinx** noted a 5-unit pilot program for secondary window glazing is underway to mitigate the noise impact. The glazing is a magnetic acrylic panel to reduce noise. Results of the pilot will be analyzed for approximately 1-month before considering any further expansion of the program.

A resident asked Metrolinx to reduce the work hours.

- **Metrolinx** replied that due to project schedule requirement working hours cannot currently be reduced, however OTG is making efforts to minimize noisy activities on weekends, and some weekday work does not always run until 11:00 p.m.

A resident raised concerns about wet dust accumulation on sidewalks, especially along Queen Street West and Spadina Avenue, and requested clarification on what a mud mad look like.

- **OTG** responded that mud mats were removed after piling activity, as currently trucks drive over asphalt and wooden deck on-site. This is a more effective mitigation as it reduces the need to drive over dust in the site.
- **OTG** has instructed gate personnel to wash sidewalks at the entry /exit point and will review this with the team.

A resident inquired about noise monitors and asked how the monitoring process is being followed.

- **Metrolinx** responded that noise is monitored in real time 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Both Metrolinx and OTG receive automatic notification. If an alert is reported an investigation is launched.

A resident asked if the presence of a Toronto police office at the site is permanent.

- **Metrolinx** clarified that a paid-duty officer is stationed at the Spadina exit gate to help pedestrian access. Toronto Police may be in the area for other reasons.

A resident questioned why there was an apparent increase of noise during the last two weeks of June.

- **Metrolinx** responded that different levels of noise occur during different activities and confirmed there were not alerts reported through the end of June.
- The **resident** asked about alerts in the month of April.
- **Metrolinx** explained that this was tracked and in response to feedback from residents in April, OTG reduced some specific activities on weekends and changed out equipment for quieter alternatives.

A resident asked why the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) recommended higher hoarding, but it was not implemented.

- **Metrolinx** responded the hoarding design is based on contractual obligations, and the higher hoarding is not required in the contract.

A resident mentioned he observed damaged in the noise blankets on equipment.

- OTG committed to inspect the condition of the noise blankets and replace or repair as needed.

ACTION ITEMS

- **OTG** to review condition of noise blankets on machinery.
- **Metrolinx** to follow up the resident in the Environmental Impact Assessment recommendation vs actual site conditions.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2025, between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.