

## **Queen/Spadina CLC MEETING MINUTES**

August 5, 2025  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### **ATTENDEES:**

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

- Alan Liu (Queen Street West BIA)
- Sophia
- Soon Mow Teh
- Pam Ingold
- Patricia Ingold
- Simon Wong (Queen Street West BIA)
- Jason Fidalgo
- Matt
- Saied Dehgoli

#### Metrolinx

- Franca DiGiovanni
- Kenia Barreto
- Ross Anderson
- Mark Clancy
- Libaan Geedi
- Sara Wilbur
- Kelvin Lee
- Flavia Santiago

#### City of Toronto

- Terry Francoeur
- Lais Siqueira Fabricio
- Katiana Moussa
- Nazli Dehghani

#### OTG

- Lois Rouveyrol
- Allison Dewhirst
- Maria Mihailescu
- Chloe Loreto

### **OVERVIEW:**

On Tuesday, August 5, 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. 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. At the end of the meeting, Metrolinx provided contact information and encouraged CLC members to ask questions, which are listed below.

### **QUESTIONS**

**A resident** requested clarification about noise monitor alert reports and asked how many alerts were triggered during the current phase of excavation.

- **Metrolinx** explained that when noise alerts are triggered, the contractor provides a tracker the following day detailing any alerts and the reasons behind them. These alerts may include false positives caused by external factors such as trucks, traffic,

helicopters, ambulances, or fire trucks. The contractor reviews the recordings and submits a report to Metrolinx identifying the source of each alert.

- **Metrolinx** noted that the rock breaking cycle commenced in early July but confirmed that specific alert data for the current phase is not available at this time.

**A resident** asked what the constraints are for noise during evening and daytime?

- **Metrolinx** replied noting noise tolerance is subjective, as individuals perceive and accept varying levels of sound differently. They noted that the daytime limit is averaged over a 16-hour period.
- **Metrolinx** stated they do not have the authority to disclose specific noise threshold values and apologized for not being able to provide further details at this time.

**A resident** asked if noise monitors are installed on the 438 Richmond Street building as discussed in a previous meeting.

- **Metrolinx** replied, stating there were rooftop monitors installed, and within a 6-week period there were no exceedances during that phase of work. The monitors have since been relocated as part of a pilot program positioned outside the affected units. This relocation aims to assess the effectiveness of the monitoring setup in capturing accurate noise data.

**A resident** stated the window pilot program reduced half the noise, and asked if the rest of the units in the building will have window panels installed?

- **Metrolinx** said the intention of the secondary window was never to eliminate noise, but to conduct research to see how effective this tool can be. Based on the data collected they will see how effective it is. The entire north face of the building will not all get window glazing; at this time they cannot confirm further plans.

**A resident** asked why there is an acoustic shelter at Osgoode station (where there is no residential building) and not at Queen-Spadina station?

- **Metrolinx** noted the purpose of the acoustic shelter is for 24-hour work. The site adjacent to 438 Richmond Street is not doing 24-hour work therefore they will not be an acoustic shelter.
- **A resident** asked why there is no acoustic shelter at the King-Bathurst south site where there are residential buildings?
  - **Metrolinx** replied that King-Bathurst is very similar to Queen-Spadina due to the fact that both sites have works from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. King-Bathurst north site has an acoustic shelter because it is 24-hour work.

**A resident** stated it is disappointing that Metrolinx will not release the data for their noise monitors.

- **Metrolinx** stated the Ontario Line noise limit is not the same as the City bylaws. At request of Metrolinx, **OTG** added they do not have more information about noise data to share at this time.

**A resident** asked what the dust mitigations are in use on-site, noting there is lots of noticeable dust at the 438 Richmond Street building.

- **OTG** replied, highlighting that a primary way to control dust is by the use of water, their methodology is to control the dust at the site. It's impossible to eliminate but they

try to minimize as much as possible. Additionally, they using a ripper instead of a hammer for rock breaking as its less noisy and less dust at the bottom of the shaft, in addition to spraying lots of water to keep the dust down.

- **A resident** added there is still a lot of dust, and request Metrolinx to clean the alleyways and roads around the site.
  - **Metrolinx** replied they will look into this request.

**A resident** asked why they continue to hear noise is an issue at the Queen-Spadina site, other than the pilot program what other mitigations are being considered.

- **Metrolinx** clarified that the pilot program is not a formal mitigation measure but rather a goodwill initiative aimed at supporting residents who have voiced complaints. It is not a regulatory requirement. Several actual mitigation strategies have been implemented, including:
  - Installation of additional acoustic blankets
  - Modification of the broadband backup sound
  - Replacement of a large hammer attachment to reduce noise (ripper)
  - Adjustment of hoisting alarm volume
  - Adjustment of rockbreaking activities on weekends
  - Stopped work during pre-approved early hours

These efforts reflect a layered approach to noise management, acknowledging that no single solution can address all concerns. The team continues to adapt based on community feedback. The current excavation phase is expected to continue until the end of the month, followed by a temporary pause.

- It was noted that only three Saturdays have triggered confirmed noise alerts due to rockbreaking or scraping. Weekend noise limits are stricter than weekday thresholds. One alert was resolved by adjusting the hoist alarm volume.

**A resident** stated they appreciate the photos in the presentation, and notes that putting the noise and dust aside, the project is very important. They want to make note that living downtown this is a reality to the location. Metrolinx replied, they appreciate the patience.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Metrolinx** to investigate request to clean alleyways and roads around the south site.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025, between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.