

Exhibition CLC June 2025 MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2025
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Residents/ Associations

- Chris Fraser (Liberty Village BIA)
- Michael Przybylouski (Allied Properties)
- Abhi Kathuria (Liberty Village BIA)
- Ellen Lai (Liberty Village Resident Association)
- Ross Howey (Liberty Village Resident Association)

OTG

- Allison Dewhirst
- Geoffrey Cardoso
- Maria Mihailescu

City of Toronto

- Lisa Ma (Transportation Services)
- Vitha Sivatharman
- Nancy Aranha
- Samantha Hamilton (MPP Chris Glover EA)
- Vienna O'Shea (Deputy Mayor Malik's office)
- Katiana Moussa
- Nazil Dehghani

Metrolinx

- Mark Clancy
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Ross Andersen
- Mohammed El Hendy
- Julia Orsini
- Khaled Ryaz
- Daniel Voisin
- Gustano Brandao Costa

OVERVIEW:

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, Metrolinx hosted an in-person CLC meeting for the future Ontario Line at Exhibition Station, in partnership with Ontario Transit Group (OTG).

After a land acknowledgement, the meeting progressed with a construction update about the future Exhibition Station and associated works. Information about the Ontario Line work zones, current and upcoming work was shared as a look at the progress made in the past several months.

During the session, attendees asked questions related to construction and haul routes.

QUESTIONS:

A resident stated, they provided a 2-month summary of identified trucks repeatedly not following the approved haul route.

- **OTG** replied, they are committed to keeping trucks on the approved route and shared a list of mitigations in place to keep drivers on the correct route. These mitigations include
 - Daily briefings and maps of approved routes are shared with the drivers.
 - Trucks that have been identified as not following the routes have been shared to the trucking company with an ask for the truck/driver to be reassigned.
 - OTG is in a transition period to having the truck routes shift to Dufferin Street ingress and egress. As the excavation in the portal is now complete, trucks are able to make this switch in route.
 - While there may be rare instances where drivers deviate from the route to avoid accidents or obstacles, all drivers are being provided with the correct haul route information.
- **OTG** stated, although challenging they cannot control the decisions of drivers in the moment and due to the mitigations and phase of work, the number of noncompliant trucks are decreasing, and they will continue overcome this challenge.

A resident stated the flagger at the Hanna Avenue and East Liberty Street does not clearly direct trucks to the approved route.

- **OTG** replied, they can further investigate the flagger, and they note that the number of trucks going in and out of Hanna Avenue is decreasing.

A resident asked for clarity on the Strachan Avenue ramp and what closures are required for this work.

- **OTG** replied, the design for this work remains under review and a notice will be provided highlighting the impacts.

A resident asked for clarity on the location of the future grout plant.

- **Metrolinx** replied, the grout plant will be installed on the east end of the portal beside the future conveyor, closer to Strachan Avenue.
- **Resident** asked if dust mitigations are being considered?
- **OTG** confirmed that there are dust mitigations and the structures themselves help mitigate dust, more information to be shared closer to that phase of work.

A resident asked if it would take the team two months to start the Dufferin Street ingress and egress route?

- **Metrolinx** stated the transition is ongoing with the goal to have majority of the trucks using that route over the coming weeks.

A resident asked if there will be a utility shutdown in the upcoming months?

- **Metrolinx** confirmed there will no utility shutdown in the next 2 months.

Liberty Village BIA asked if truck routes are expected to change during the TTC King/Dufferin work?

- **Metrolinx** replied, the routes will be adjusted, and trucks will exit the site using Mowat Avenue and Fraser Avenue gates.
- **Liberty Village BIA** stated that those routes are in a high pedestrian area, and they request a flagger to be implemented during the change in routes.

Action item: OTG and Metrolinx to investigate implementation of a flagger on Mowat Avenue and Fraser Avenue during the TTC King/ Dufferin work, and to provide more information on temporary truck routes during that time.

City of Toronto asked, during the switch to overnight hours to accommodate for the CNE, what resident feedback have the teams received and what outreach was done to communicate the change in work hours?

- **Metrolinx** confirmed there have been no complaints or feedback and stated a notice to the community was provided as well as reminders in the newsletters, CLC and recent pop up.

A resident asked, why are the CNE work hours starting at 9:00 p.m. if the CNE does not close until 10:00 p.m.?

- **OTG** replied, the activity on site may begin as early as 9:00 p.m. however haul routes and truck access will not begin until 12:00 a.m., OTG confirms there were conversations prior to the CNE to discuss safety and access for pedestrians.

A resident stated, the streetsweeper was dry sweeping on East Liberty Street causing more dust on the nearby patios. The **Liberty Village BIA** stated this is a reoccurring issue they have identified as well.

- **OTG** stated they will inform the trucks to be refilled regularly and will take this feedback to see if they can further increase the frequency of refills.

A resident suggested to Metrolinx to make a larger contribution to the neighbourhood outside of pop ups at condos, stating that having a booth at movie nights or providing an ice cream truck on a summer day to show the community they care.

- **Metrolinx** will further look into how they can make a larger presence in the neighbourhood.

Liberty Village BIA stated that they request more information on FIFA before the New Year, including updates on construction, GO schedules and truck routes.

- **Metrolinx and OTG** confirmed more information will be shared as available.

Next meeting: October 2025