

**Ontario Line  
Pape-Riverdale (PJPS) Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)**

July 29, 2025  
6:00 – 7:00 PM

**ATTENDEES****Community Members**

- Cara McCutcheon
- Shelley Kline
- Karen Paul
- Ian McCabe

**City of Toronto**

- Michael Paolucci
- Raymond Gonzales

**Pape North Connect**

- Sepehr Abdollahzadeh
- Erika D'Urbano

**Elected Officials and  
Representatives**

- Rob Kaufman (MPP  
Tabuns' Office)
- Taamara Thanaraja  
(Councillor Fletcher's  
office)

**Pape Children's House**

- Susan Cass

**TDSB**

- Vladimir Tarakanov

**Metrolinx**

- Sean Major
- Ivan Simic
- Zaidun Alganabi
- Tennyson Snelling
- Phil Rodriques
- Amy Chiang
- Alex Iantorno
- Lindsey Smith

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**Metrolinx** started the meeting with a land acknowledgement, safety moment and session guidelines.

**Route:**

The site walk visited these areas:

- 220 Langley Avenue and northwest corner of Pape Avenue and Langley Avenue
- The Pape Avenue footbridge
- 369 Pape Avenue
- Corner of Pape Avenue and Riverdale Avenue

**The site walk CLC meeting focused on:**

- Microtunneling at Riverdale and Langley Sites
- Upcoming Work: Manhole Diversions Phases 1 and 2
- Work at the Gerrard Portal

**Discussion:**

**Question 1:** What does ground improvement work entail?

**Metrolinx Response:** Ground improvement at the Gerrard portal site involves excavating vertical columns and filling them with concrete to provide stability north of the portal headwall. Ground improvement will enable the tunnel boring machines (TBMs) to break through and establish forward pressure while minimizing ground settlement risk.

**Question 2:** Considering that **Metrolinx** will not share the complete environmental reports for the 449 Carlaw site, can a mitigation schedule be shared with the timings of implementation?

**Metrolinx Response:** Our constructors do not have schedules for implementing mitigative measures on site. Our constructors follow all Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) legislation, and have outdoor air quality (OAQ), noise, and vibration monitors on site to respond to any warning level alerts promptly to mitigate the environmental nuisance prior to exceeding the allowable thresholds. **Importantly, on-site mitigative measures (such as watering) are only implemented when our constructors site observations or real-time alerts indicate the need for mitigation.**

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**Question 3:** Based on lived experience, soil is blowing into the air and travelling eastwards towards the residential community. What is **Metrolinx** doing to ensure that its constructors are implementing mitigative measures promptly?

**Metrolinx Response:** Our constructors have been implementing dust mitigation measures on-site regularly and proactively. Based on the results of our outdoor air quality (OAQ) monitor on site over the last two weeks, the amount of dust and particulates in the air has not exceeded the allowable limit.

**Question 4:** How many air quality exceedances have there been at the 449 Carlaw site over the past two weeks?

**Metrolinx Response:** There have not been any outdoor air quality (OAQ) exceedances on site over the past two weeks from July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Question 5:** Can the Ministry of the Environment Parks and Recreation (MECP) collect anecdotal community data on air quality concerns?

**Metrolinx Response:** The MECP has been on site on several occasions and had no concerns with the overall air quality. The MECP does not collect community data based on lived experiences of community members residing nearby the site.

**Question 6:** Since CLC members are provided with monitoring reports impacting the school, could members also receive the monitoring reports for the 449 Carlaw site?

**Metrolinx Response:** While it is not **Metrolinx's** standard practice to provide environmental monitoring reports to CLC members, an exception was made for Pape Avenue Junior Public School due to the sensitivities associated with school operations and impactful construction works occurring simultaneously.

Importantly, once Pape Children's House (PCH) ceases operations at the school, we will no longer be sharing monitoring reports with CLC members from September onwards.

**Question 7:** Are the environmental monitoring machines operating on a 24/7 basis?

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**Metrolinx Response:** Yes. The environmental monitoring machines are operating during regular work hours.

**Question 8:** Can community members be provided with maps of the locations of Clearway and PNC's environmental monitors on site?

**Metrolinx Response:** We have provided community members with a map of Clearway and PNC's environmental monitors at May's site walk meeting. Click [here](#) to see the May 27 presentation deck and scroll to slide 7.

**Question 9:** The current fast fencing and noise wall barriers at the 449 Carlaw site are inadequate. Can the fencing height be increased?

**PNC Response:** We are conducting noise modelling ahead of new phases of work and will be adjusting the noise walls as required to mitigate new phases of work.

**Question 10:** Where will the portal be at the 449 Carlaw site?

**Metrolinx Response:** The exterior west, north, and east walls of the portal are currently being outlined as guide walls by white Styrofoam blocks in the ground. Each block marks the location of a future pile for the wall, and these are visible from the pedestrian bridge.

**Question 12:** Was there an environmental assessment completed at the 449 Carlaw site?

**Metrolinx Response:** The former 449 Carlaw Avenue property owner conducted a series of Phase II subsurface environmental investigations and risk assessments. **Metrolinx** reviewed the reports after acquiring the property to evaluate whether additional investigations to support construction of the subway were necessary. A summary of the findings was provided during the June 24th CLC meeting. The findings provided the baseline conditions allowing for the planning of the construction works including ensuring that the appropriate mitigation measures against soil and groundwater contamination are in-place during construction.

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Furthermore, the Phase II ESA will be updated to support the filing of a Record of Site Condition (RSC) at the portion of the property above the subway tunnel where a future park has been proposed. The timeframe for the Phase II ESA update is unknown at this time.

Importantly, the risk assessment evaluated the on-site contamination and concluded that adverse impacts to the off-site neighboring properties are unlikely.

**Metrolinx** is conducting remediation in accordance with applicable regulations and the highest standard of care on an as-needed basis to support construction of the subway.

**Question 12:** Why can't **Metrolinx** provide CLC members with the complete environmental testing reports for the 449 Carlaw site?

**Metrolinx Response:** It is not **Metrolinx's** standard practice to provide members of the public with the complete environmental testing reports for our projects.

**Question 13:** When is the projected start date for the manhole diversion works?

**Metrolinx Response:** The earliest date we received from our constructor was a Phase 1 start date in mid-August, but an actual date is still to be determined.

When all the details are finalized, a physical and digital notice will be distributed to the community.

### **Action Items**

**Action Item 1:** **Metrolinx** to co-ordinate with Property Acquisitions team on assisting Pape residents who will be moving to ensure that moving trucks and movers can successfully.

**Metrolinx Response:** **Metrolinx** will be co-ordinating with Clearway to assist residents who are moving during phase 1 and phase 2 of the manhole diversion works.

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**Action Item 2: Metrolinx** to provide clear traffic configuration maps for the Manhole Diversion Phases 1 and 2 showing where pedestrians can cross and crosswalk closures.

**Metrolinx Response:** We have provided clear traffic control maps for these works in our advance notice we distributed to community members.

**Action Item 3: Metrolinx** to send TDSB a letter about the decision to remove the noise wall and to stop sharing the environmental monitoring reports with the CLC members after the school ceases operations once Pape Children's House relocates.

**Metrolinx Response:** This action item is in progress.

**Action Item 4: Metrolinx** to determine if borehole investigation works are taking place at the Pape Avenue Junior Public School playground.

**Metrolinx Response:** Our team determined that these works are unrelated to PTUS or AWII works at the Gerrard Portal.

**Action Item 5: Metrolinx** to determine if PDO and TCP on-site support for the upcoming manhole diversion works can be extended past 6:00 p.m. to ensure community safety.

**Metrolinx Response:** At this time, the traffic configuration plan (TCP) is still being negotiated with the city and has not been finalized. **Metrolinx** will work with the city to determine if enhancements to the TCP can be made.

**Action Item 6: Metrolinx** to request to the Lakeshore East Joint Corridor team to share the haul routes at their next CLC meeting.

**Metrolinx Response:** This request has been forwarded to the Lakeshore East Joint Corridor Community Engagement representatives.

**Action Item 7: PNC** to determine if they can provide construction look ahead updates for the next 6 months.

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**PNC Response:** PNC will provide a slide on general sequencing of works until the tunnel boring machine (TBM) launching with approximate timelines at the next CLC meeting.

**Action Item 8:** PNC to determine if CLC members can be provided with weekly or monthly reports looking back of mitigation measures taken on site?

**Metrolinx Response:** We will continue to summarize new environmental mitigation efforts at each CLC as has been done previously. Additional slides pertaining to environmental mitigations at both the Bain and Gerrard Portal site will be included in a revised digital distribution of the deck from this site walk.

**Action Item 9:** Metrolinx to send community members all outstanding monitoring reporting for Pape Avenue Junior Public School.

**Metrolinx Response:** This action item is in progress.