

**Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE)
Yonge/ Clark Construction Liaison Committee
Date: June 11, 2026
295 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill, ON**

ATTENDEES

City of Markham:

- Councillor Keith Irish, Ward 1
- Kant Chawla, Project Manager
- David Fleischer, Senior Planner

Community Representatives:

- Jordan Max, President, SpringFarm Ratepayers Association
- Valerie Burke, Thornhill Historical Society
- Andrew Baldwin, President, Thornhill Historical Society
- Evelin Ellison, Thornhill Historical Society/ Ward 1 South Ratepayers Association
- Reza Nazer, Owner, Nazer Legal
- Dave B., Local Resident
- Susan G., Local Resident
- Stephen L., Local Resident

North End Connectors (NEC):

- Juan Tineo, Design Build Director
- John Provenzano, Communications & Community Engagement Director
- Stuart McGhie, Traffic & Transit Manager
- Erika Vilmanis, Communications Specialist
- Ash Naroo, Communications Specialist

Metrolinx:

- Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement
- Richard Tang, Director, Community Engagement, 905 East
- Alim Lila, Manager, Community Engagement, Yonge North Subway Extension
- Sasha Naidu, Community Engagement Advisor, Yonge North Subway Extension

OVERVIEW

The first Yonge / Clark Construction Liaison Committee meeting took place on Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 6:00p.m. to 7:27p.m. by way of a hybrid model with attendees joining at the YNSE Community Office or on Microsoft Teams. The Committee serves as a forum for open dialogue between Metrolinx, North End Connectors (NEC) and stakeholders - including elected officials, local residents and businesses - to share information and gather feedback

on the Yonge North Subway Extension as it relates to the community. The Yonge North Subway Extension will bring five stations with roughly eight kilometers of new subway service on TTC's Line 1, extending north from Finch Station to Richmond Hill.

The meeting began with an overview of the Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) project and an introduction to the Metrolinx & Project teams, and members overall. Metrolinx then established what a CLC was, and the desired goal and commitments of this Committee.

Following this, Metrolinx presented an introduction to Emergency Exit Buildings (EEBs), what they are, why they are essential, and how they will be constructed through two separate contracts under the project (Advanced Tunnel and Stations, Rail & Systems). Following this, a construction update was provided by North End Connectors (NEC) on current early works, upcoming work, and their phases. NEC also highlighted key elements of what to expect during construction, and what mitigations measures they explore and/or utilize during construction.

The meeting concluded with a roundtable and introduced members to the upcoming site walk in the fall for Emergency Exit Building (EEB) 4.

Feedback from members primarily focused around EEB 4, and the impact of construction near their homes/ businesses and against traffic along Yonge Street. Community feedback has been shared internally with the appropriate teams, to consider community suggestions where possible.

QUESTIONS

The following questions were recorded and discussed during the CLC.

1. Why did Metrolinx choose this specific location (i.e., Yonge & John) for Emergency Exit Building 4? Why didn't Metrolinx use the parking lots on the west-side of Yonge Street as an alternate location?

Metrolinx considered and studied several possible locations for Emergency Exit Building 4, but based on constructability, community impacts, and regulatory requirements, the right-of-way at Yonge Street & John Street was determined to be the best location for EEB 4.

2. Why is Metrolinx widening the road at Yonge Street & John Street? Is Metrolinx taking away the sidewalk for pedestrians?

NEC, on behalf of Metrolinx, will widen the roadway in order to make room for future construction of Emergency Exit Building 4 and to ensure that there are no significant impacts to traffic along Yonge Street. Through the road widening, Metrolinx will ensure that Yonge Street maintains two lanes for traffic and transit use.

Metrolinx is not taking away the sidewalk from pedestrians. A temporary sidewalk will be built to accommodate pedestrians and the community during construction.

3. Will there be any impacts to the watermain along the Yonge Street Right-of-Way (ROW)?

No, there are no watermain relocations at this time, nor anticipated impacts.

4. Will Yonge Street continue to have four lanes for traffic?

Yes, Yonge Street will continue to have four lanes for traffic. This was the purpose of the road widening early works that are slated to begin shortly

5. What will be the depth of the Emergency Exit Building 4 shaft underground?

The Emergency Exit Building 4 shaft will be 44 metres underground.

6. When you are constructing the shaft for the EEB, will Metrolinx or NEC take up the entire width of the road (i.e., Yonge Street) to complete the work?

No, NEC will complete this work in stages in order to separate construction equipment and work zones from the roadway and minimize impacts to traffic along Yonge Street.

7. The community has observed Metrolinx removing trees in the surrounding areas. What is Metrolinx doing to replant these trees? Is Metrolinx adhering to the City of Markham's policies surrounding tree replanting? What types of trees will Metrolinx replant?

With respect to tree replanting and restoration, Metrolinx works with local conservation authorities to support local restoration efforts and programs as well as adhere to applicable requirements and/or bylaws. Metrolinx aims to prioritize native trees for replanting. Further information on how we manage our trees, vegetation, and habitats during construction can be found on our website [here](#).

8. Will York Region Transit routes be changed or modified due to Metrolinx construction?

Metrolinx works with our transit partners (i.e., York Region Transit and TTC) to ensure that customers continue to have access to reliable transit as we build the Yonge North Subway Extension. Where there are changes or modifications to service, Metrolinx works with local transit partners to inform customers as soon as possible to ensure appropriate planning and wayfinding.

9. Will traffic signs facing Yonge Street create light pollution into people's homes along Yonge Street (i.e., Confederation Way)?

Lights and illuminated signs will be directed toward the street and away from nearby homes. If you notice any issues once the lights and signs are in place, please reach out to us and we'll look into it.

10. Where does the construction of Emergency Exit Building 4 fit into the construction schedule?

Emergency Exit Building 4 will be constructed first under the current project schedule. It is referred to as Building 4 because it is the fourth of six EEBs going from south to north along the extension.

11. Are there any concerns about damaging properties along the ROW while constructing the shaft for EEB4? Are there any special considerations being assessed to mitigate impacts if so?

The shaft for this emergency exit building will be built deep below surface level within the Yonge Street right-of-way, and we don't expect there will be any significant impacts to the homes above. We will be taking extra care during construction to make sure homes and other sensitive structures in the area are safeguarded from vibrations.

Additionally, Metrolinx and North End Connectors are working to coordinate pre-construction surveys with local property owners and businesses in the area of Yonge Street and John Street to assess existing property conditions.

12. When is piling for the underground shaft expected to begin?

Piling is tentatively expected to begin in the mid-summer/fall of 2026. Details on timing, impacts and mitigations will be communicated to the community in future Construction Liaison Committee meetings, and construction notices.

13. Who do residents or businesses contact if there are any issues? How will our concerns be addressed?

As always, the community is encouraged to reach out to Metrolinx either via email at YongeSubwayExt@Metrolinx.com or via phone at 416-202-7000. Concerns will be triaged and actioned accordingly by the YNSE Community Engagement team.

NEXT STEPS

Metrolinx will host a site walk with CLC members prior to the start of piling for the construction of the underground shaft for Emergency Exit Building 4.

Metrolinx will continue to work with CLC members, residents, and the wider community to ensure that their voices remain heard and documented.