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Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE)
Yonge / Clark Construction Liaison Committee #3
Date: October 28, 2026
Hybrid

ATTENDEES

City of Markham:

- **David Fleischer**, Senior Planner, Planning and Urban Design
- **Kant Chawla**, Project Manager
- **City of Vaughan:**
- **Gino Martino**, Program Manager

Elected Officials:

- **Benjamin Birnbach**, Executive Assistant to Laura Smith

Community Representatives:

- **Scott Ecclestone,** Secretary & Vice-President, SpringFarm Ratepayers Association
- **Evelin Ellison,** Thornhill Historical Society/Ward 1 South Ratepayers Association
- **Vicky E.,** Local Resident
- **Youval Zilberberg.,** Director of York Condominium Corporation No. 491
- **Dave Bradshaw.,** Director of York Condominium Corporation No. 491
- **Stephen Filby.,** Director of York Condominium Corporation No. 491

North End Connectors (NEC):

- **John Provenzano**, Communications & Community Engagement Director
- **Stuart McGhie**, Traffic & Transit Manager
- **Ash Naroo**, Communications Specialist
- **Erika Vilmanis**, Communications Specialist

Metrolinx:

- **Richard Tang**, Director, Community Engagement, 905 East
- **Alim Lila**, Manager, Community Engagement, Yonge North Subway Extension
- **Mark Thompson**, Construction Lead, Yonge North Subway Extension
- **Natasha Hodge**, Manager Environmental Programs & Assessment
- **Umang Devmurari**, Project Manager, Yonge North Subway Extension
- **Ifhtia Haque**, Community Engagement Advisor, Yonge North Subway Extension

OVERVIEW

The Yonge & Clark/EEB 4 Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting took place on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Metrolinx Community Office at 295 High Tech Road in Richmond Hill, with a virtual attendance option available. Members of the CLC and representatives from the Metrolinx Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) and North End Connectors (NEC) project teams were in attendance.

The meeting provided CLC members with an opportunity to receive updates on construction activities and planned works in the Yonge & Clark area, as well as engage directly with the project teams on potential community impacts. Members were encouraged to ask questions, share observations, raise concerns, and provide community feedback for the project teams' consideration.

Discussions focused on updates regarding the launch shaft and arrival of the first tunnel boring machine, EEB 4 overnight piling work and road widening work on the west side of Yonge Street, the Clark realignment plan, and planned construction activities in the Yonge & Clark area.

QUESTIONS

The following questions were recorded and discussed during the CLC.

Launch Shaft and Tunnelling

1. Where is the tunnel launch shaft located?

A: The tunnel launch shaft is located near Langstaff Road and Ruggles Avenue in Markham. This site will serve as the starting point for the tunnel boring machines (TBMs) that will construct the twin tunnels for the Yonge North Subway Extension.

2. The Langstaff Gateway area has historical significance. Have any notable archaeological discoveries been made during project investigations?

A: Archaeological assessments are completed before construction begins, in accordance with provincial requirements.

3. How large are the tunnel boring machines (TBMs)?

A: Each TBM is 6.6 metres in diameter and 208 metres long and will excavate one of the twin tunnels for the subway extension.

4. Will residents experience noise or vibration during tunnelling operations?

A: Extensive geotechnical investigations, including borehole testing and soil analysis, have been completed to understand underground conditions along the tunnel alignment. Based on experience from similar subway projects, tunnelling occurs deep below the surface and is not expected to result in significant noise or vibration impacts at ground level. Monitoring will continue throughout tunnelling activities to ensure impacts remain within applicable guidelines.

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EEB4 Overnight Work

5. Can the noise and vibration monitoring results for piling work at EEB4 be shared?

A: The project team is currently reviewing monitoring data, including identified exceedances, to better understand any patterns or trends. The findings will help inform ongoing mitigation measures where required.

6. What measures have been implemented to address jaywalking near EEB4?

A: The observed jaywalking activity has been limited to a small number of individuals. The project team has undertaken direct outreach and education efforts and has installed chain-link connectors along the east side of the corridor to help discourage unsafe crossings and improve pedestrian safety.

7. Will stakeholders receive advance notice of overnight work?

A: Yes. Advance notification is provided through the project's standard notification process, including community notifications, stakeholder outreach, and coordination with municipal partners.

8. What work is scheduled for Halloween night?

A: Line painting activities are currently planned for Halloween night. The work will be supported by paid-duty police officers to help manage traffic and maintain public safety.

Yonge Street Realignment

9. What are the plans for existing bus shelters during the Yonge Street realignment?

A: Metrolinx will work with transit and municipal partners to ensure bus stops and shelters remain accessible to transit users throughout construction. Where relocations are required, efforts will be made to maintain convenient and safe access to transit services.

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10. How is student safety near Thornhill Secondary School being considered? Has a temporary speed reduction been explored?

A: Student and pedestrian safety remain a priority during construction planning. The project team will continue working with municipal and transportation partners to evaluate appropriate traffic management measures, including the potential for temporary speed reductions and other safety enhancements in the area.

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11. Will street lighting be adjusted as part of the realignment work?

A: Yes. Street lighting will be reviewed and adjusted as required to support the new roadway configuration and maintain appropriate lighting levels for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Future Clark Station

12. What are the plans for the future South Plaza at Clark Station?

A: Detailed plans for the South Plaza are still under development and are not available for public release at this time. Additional information will be shared as the design advances.

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13. Is the Esso gas station included in the future Clark Station plans?

A: No. Based on the current station planning, other properties have been identified for future station-related infrastructure, and the gas station property is not currently included within the planned station footprint.

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14. When will the design for the future Clark Station be finalized? Can the station architecture reflect the area's historic character?

A: Further design development will occur through the future Stations, Rail and Systems (SRS) contract. More detailed station designs will be available as that work progresses.

NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Clark Open House scheduled for Winter 2026. Next CLC tentatively planned for Winter 2027.

PHOTOS & ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

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