

Metrolinx Finch West LRT: Ward 7 Public Meeting

Date: July 17, 2018

To: City Council

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report responds to direction from Council on May 24, 2018 for Transportation Services, in conjunction with the local Councillor and the Emery Village BIA Improvement Area, to hold a public consultation that includes Metrolinx, City of Toronto Staff, members of the public and residents, commercial and industrial owners in Ward 7 to discuss the overview of construction activities, impacts and mitigation measures along with the delegated authority to temporarily close traffic highways or portions of highways as required for the construction of the Metrolinx Finch West LRT corridor and to report the results directly to the July meeting of City Council.

The public consultation meeting was held on June 21, 2018 and was attended by over 400 people.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

The Interim Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of February 8, 2012, affirmed its support for the LRT priority plan for Toronto consistent with the Metrolinx "5 in 10" plan and the early implementation of the Finch West LRT project.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.CC17.1>

At its meeting of October 30, 2012, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Master Agreement with Metrolinx and the Toronto Transit Commission ("TTC") for the Metrolinx Light Rail Transit projects in Toronto.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.CC27.6>

City Council, at its meeting of March 31, 2016, approved details of the list and ranking of public realm improvements along Finch Avenue West that should be obtained using the Public Realm Amount allocated to the Finch West Light Rail Transit project.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX13.9>

City Council, at its meeting of May 22, 2018, delegated to the General Manager, Transportation Services, the authority to temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days, until March 31, 2020 with the exception of those highways listed in section 937-4 of Chapter 937, as required for the purpose of the construction of the Metrolinx Finch West LRT corridor.

In addition, City Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services, in conjunction with the local Councillor and the Emery Village Business Improvement Area, to hold a public consultation that includes Metrolinx, City of Toronto staff, members of the public and residents, commercial and industrial owners in Ward 7 to discuss the overview of construction activities, impacts and mitigation measures along with the delegated authority to temporarily close traffic highways or portions of highways as required for the construction of the Metrolinx Finch West LRT corridor and to report the results directly to the July 23, 24 and 25, 2018 meeting of City Council.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.PW29.1>

COMMENTS

Following Council's direction for the City to hold a public consultation meeting, City staff liaised with Metrolinx to request that a public meeting be held. The Ward 7 Councillor identified the venue and the date the meeting was to be held, June 21, 2018, and Metrolinx, who are advancing the Finch West LRT project, agreed to take a leading role in arranging the meeting.

Metrolinx secured the venue identified by the Councillor, made arrangements for audio equipment, including equipment to broadcast the meeting to an overflow area at the venue, and published notices of the meeting in the Etobicoke Guardian and North York Mirror newspapers (see Attachment 1) along with postings on the Finch West LRT website, Metrolinx Twitter and Instagram accounts (see Attachment 2). In addition, the

Ward 7 Councillor ensured the meeting was well publicised through roadside signage and his newsletter.

The meeting was well attended with 406 people signing an attendance sheet, of which 360 were Ward 7 constituents. The Ward 7 Councillor chaired the meeting and the agenda (see attachment 3) comprised three presenters, the Ward 7 Councillor, a consultant on behalf of Emery Village BIA and Metrolinx, followed by a question and answer session. A number of senior staff from Transportation Services were in attendance, along with senior staff from Metrolinx, staff from City Planning, Infrastructure Ontario and from the consortium who will be constructing Finch West LRT, Mosiac. The meeting was covered by CBC, CTV, and the Toronto Star.

Following the meeting Metrolinx placed notices thanking people for attending in the Etobicoke Guardian and North York Mirror newspapers, the French newspaper, Toronto L'Express and posted the Metrolinx presentation on the project website.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Notice of the Public Meeting

Attachment 2 - Twitter and Instagram Notice of the Public Meeting

Attachment 3 - Public Meeting Agenda