



REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY BY CITY COUNCIL

Regarding the Gardiner East Project

Date:	March 6, 2023
To:	Infrastructure and Environment Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	Ward: All

City Council Decision

City Council on February 7 and 8, 2023, referred Administrative Inquiry IA3.1 from Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's regarding the Gardiner East Project and Answer IA3.1a from the City Manager to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for consideration.

Summary

Councillor Josh Matlow has submitted the following Administrative Inquiry:

I am submitting this administrative inquiry under Municipal Code Section 27-7.11 to seek information regarding the status of the Gardiner East “hybrid” construction project.

A February 2016 Staff [Report](#) estimated the lifecycle cost of the Hybrid 3 option (which was ultimately chosen by Council) for the Gardiner East rebuild to be \$1.053 billion in 2013 dollars (\$1.31 billion in 2022 dollars).

Question 1: What is the updated cost estimate for the Gardiner East Hybrid 3 option?

An October 19, 2022 CP24 [article](#) included a statement from a City spokesperson confirming that only \$500 million in contracts have been committed to the Gardiner East project. The spokesperson also confirmed that the design has not been finished, no contracts have been awarded for the easternmost portion of the project, and that construction is not scheduled to start until 2026.

Question 2: Is the \$500 million figure regarding contracts awarded for the Gardiner East rebuild cited in the CP24 article still accurate?

Background Information

(January 27, 2023) Administrative Inquiry from Councillor Josh Matlow on the Gardiner East Project (IA3.1)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ia/bgrd/backgroundfile-234030.pdf>

(February 6, 2023) Answer from the City Manager Regarding the Gardiner East Project
(IA3.1a)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ia/bgrd/backgroundfile-234260.pdf>)