



Basement Flooding Protection Program Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street Virtual Trailer No. 2

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Meeting Type: Virtual

Start time: 10:00 a.m. End Time: 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Overview:

The meeting was facilitated by Tracy Manolakakis, Manager, Public Consultation Unit and an update on the project's status was provided by Carolina Santamaria Garcia, Senior Project Manager, Engineering & Construction Services.

Councillor Perks sent his regrets as he was unable to attend due to City Council being in-session. Sky from his office was in attendance to take record of resident concerns. The update was followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions and to hear responses from City of Toronto staff.

Questions & Comments

The following comments, questions and answers were provided during the meeting.

Questions & Comments	Project Team Answer
Is the project still on schedule? Should we expect more delays?	<p>Work on the Basement Flooding Protection Program Phase 4 Contract on Old Mill Drive is currently paused while the City and the construction contractor review elements of the project that arose as result of the emergency work following the issue with the micro-tunneling boring machine in April 2022. The City is committed to working with the contractor and continuing work on the site as soon as possible. In the meantime, City staff have visited and inspected the work site to ensure the construction area is safe while construction work is paused.</p> <p>As information becomes available, the City will provide update on any changes to the current schedule.</p>

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<p>The condominium residence at 1 Old Mill Drive must discharge storm water into the storm sewer system and submit test results to the City to show that they fall within required limits. If we have to switch to discharging in the sanitary sewers, there are charges. The latest test results show the total suspended solid particles now exceed the City limits, which has never happened before. Could the results be because of the construction work? The report is to be submitted on May 15th.</p>	<p>The City will request details from the resident Ernesto Gradin (member of condo board) and the building management to support their inquiry with Sewer Use Bylaw Unit about the testing.</p>
<p>The trees on the boulevard between 2 Old Mill Drive and the road have disappeared, and the boulevard now has equipment on it.</p>	<p>The trees at 1 Old Mill Drive were removed due to a watermain relocation. The trees were young saplings and will be compensated when the work is complete. The building management were advised of the removal ahead of time. The City will follow-up about 2 Old Mill Drive.</p>
<p>We want to ensure that there is documentation on what the maximum noise levels are for the equipment and ensure that the contractors are complying with the Noise Bylaw.</p>	<p>The generators that are in use in the machine recovery operation zone have a noise reduction cladding installed to reduce the noise impacts from the equipment. The site team has verified that noise control measures have been implemented.</p> <p>The City will follow-up when the generators and pumps are in use again to ensure that they are within limits.</p>
<p>Is there a plan to restore the sidewalk damage further north on Old Mill Drive and on Catherine Street?</p>	<p>Upon completion of the construction work an assessment will be completed to review pre-existing conditions against post-construction, and deficiencies will be rectified.</p>
<p>There is a pattern in this project with halts in work, with work stopping for one to two weeks and then restarting with a new approach. What is the reason for the halt this time?</p>	<p>This is a complex project with many moving parts and we know a delay of any kind of delay is frustrating. We apologize for this delay and are working closely with our contractor, who is working with their subcontractors to ensure we have a plan in place that the City and our Contractor are all on the same page with. We do not have all the information needed to provide a further update at this time. We promise to provide you with an update as soon as we can.</p>

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<p>My condominium unit sits right above the site and I can hear the workers. Our windows are filthy, and we can't open them. It is an extremely difficult place to live and work. We are reasonable people who can understand delays. We pay taxes. Is there compensation or tax relief for residents?</p>	<p>Councillor Perks addressed the question of compensation for residents in the last meeting and advised that there is not any property tax relief available.</p> <p>Sky Pepin will bring it to the Councillor's attention and will provide an email reply to Eugene.</p>
<p>An effort has been made to meet the deadline by working on Saturdays. I spoke to the contractor staff and they know why there is a delay. The City knows the answer and as a taxpayer, I want to know the answer.</p>	<p>We are working with the contractor and the subcontractors to agree on a plan to move forward. This is about the work we are doing and we do not want to provide incomplete information. We promise to provide an update as soon as we can.</p>
<p>Residents are concerned about the budget. Where is the money coming from?</p>	<p>The project has a budget that has been approved to complete the work.</p>
<p>I have spoke with the contractor staff and they indicated that the work has stopped due to political reasons. We have not received timely responses from the City, the Councillor or the contractor.</p>	<p>The City is working with the contractor and the subcontractors to agree on a plan to move forward. This is about the work we are doing, and we do not want to provide incomplete information. We promise to provide an update as soon as we can.</p>
<p>Have City staff been to the site? Has Councillor Gord Perks been on site? We would like to have a site walk with Councillor Perks.</p>	<p>Councillor Perks has been in the neighbourhood. Sky Pepin has been on site and has advised Councillor Perks of the status of the construction site. Sky will discuss the site walk with Councillor Perks.</p> <p>City staff have bi-weekly meetings, with the project team, on site, including a walk arounds the site. The City's inspection contractor also walks the site on a daily basis.</p>
<p>Can the porta-potty, located at 2 Old Mill Drive, be moved to the Green P parking lot?</p>	<p>The project will review if this request can be accommodated and will advise.</p>
<p>What happened last week when a large truck pulled down two light poles?</p>	<p>An incident that occurred on Bloor Street, west of Old Mill Drive, on the afternoon of Wednesday May 3, where a vacuum excavator truck departed the project work zone with its boom up while driving and hit the overhead wires that pulled down the light poles. The incident did not involve any other vehicles or people.</p> <p>The project team will follow-up on timelines for replacement of the light poles.</p>

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Can safety measures be put in place around the site trailer as it blocks sightlines?	The project team will review the traffic management plan for this area.
The contractor and engineering staff are parking on Old Mill Drive but should be using the Green P parking lot.	<p>The contractor has been instructed to avoid parking on Old Mill Drive and on the bridge at Catherine Avenue.</p> <p>The project team will follow-up with the contractor and advise them to look for alternative parking options.</p>
The work area fence gate was left wide open last week and I called 3-1-1 to let them know. The contractor should be responsible for ensuring it is closed and not residents.	<p>Thank you for reporting the open fence gate.</p> <p>The contractor will continue to be reminded of their contractual obligations for site safety and the site inspector will also be reminded to check the site at the end of each day.</p> <p>If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Field Ambassador at the BFPP hotline phone number 416-388-5497 or email BFPP@toronto.ca</p>
There is an emergency exit door on the west side of 1 Old Mill Drive, that has been blocked on occasion. It is a fire escape. There needs to be education for the contractor and staff.	The project team will follow-up to ensure that there is no blocking of the emergency exit door at this location.
The contractor should be held responsible for making mistakes. The contractor is not being held to account.	The City reviews all issues occurring onsite to hold the contractor accountable, where they are responsible.

The following questions were included in the Webex chat and responses are provided below.

Regarding restoration of private boulevards damaged by construction vehicles: the Green P lot behind 1 Old Mill has been used by construction vehicles such as cement machines, and the vehicles have backed into and knocked over the stones on the privately-owned boulevard which have crushed the foliage and damaged the trees. Will the restoration work also repair the privately-owned boulevard along Old Mill?	Upon completion of the construction work, an assessment will be completed to review pre-existing conditions against post-construction, and deficiencies will be rectified.
How can we get your contact information?	The Field Ambassador can be contacted at the BFPP hotline phone number 416-388-5497 and email BFPP@toronto.ca .

Is anyone from the contractor team in these meetings?	Staff from Engineering & Construction Services and Councillor Perks attend the virtual trailer meetings.
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Action Items:

1. City staff to follow-up with Ernesto Gradin and building management at 1 Old Mill Drive to obtain more details on the water testing concern to support an inquiry with the Sewer Use Bylaw Unit about the testing.
2. City staff to review tree removals in the proximity of the 2 Old Mill location and advise.
3. City staff will follow-up when the generators and pumps are in use again to ensure that they are operating within the allowable Noise Bylaw thresholds.
4. Upon completion of the construction work, project staff will inspect the sidewalks and note any deficiencies against pre-construction conditions.
5. Sky will follow-up with Eugene by email about tax relief and compensation.
6. Sky will follow-up with Councillor Perks on a request for a site walk with residents and staff.
7. City staff will review the request to relocate the porta-potty located near 2 Old Mill Drive.
8. City staff will follow-up and advise on timelines for the replacement of the two light poles.
9. City staff will review the traffic management plans around 2 Old Mill Drive for line of sight issues.
10. City staff will follow up to advise the contractor to look for alternative parking options to avoid parking on Old Mill Drive.
11. City staff will continue to remind the contractor of their contractual obligations for site safety.
12. City staff will remind the contractor not to block the emergency exit door at 1 Old Mill Drive.

Total Participants: 22

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