



Basement Flooding Protection Program Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street Virtual Trailer No. 3

Date: Thursday, May 25, 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 Rachele Joseph, Manager Design & Construction Linear Underground Infrastructure, Engineering & Construction Services.

Councillor Perks sent his regrets as he was unable to attend due to another scheduled meeting. Sky Pepin and Meri Newton from his office were 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
Has testing the noise levels of the generators occurred?	City staff will follow-up as to testing of the noise levels. The generator specification sheets were checked to ensure that they operate within the noise bylaw.
How is the tunnel boring machine going to be removed and how does it relate to the open cut work identified. Where is the location of the open cut work?	The open cut work will follow once the jet grouting is complete. There will be open cut construction on Old Mill near Bloor and at the Riverside Drive shaft location. A graphic of the location of the forthcoming open cut works can be provided. The contractor has hand mined from the retrieval shaft to the face of the tunnel boring machine. When they exposed the machine underground, water infiltrated into the tunnel causing the ground above the tunnel to require stabilization prior to safe removal of the tunnel boring machine. The compaction and jet grouting operations are stabilizing the ground to allow the workers to enter the tunnel safely to remove the machine in parts. As the machine is removed, a small section of piping will be pushed through to complete the sewer connection.

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<p>The incident with the two light poles involved a truck that was working on the site. Why is there an issue with the truck being outside of the worksite?</p>	<p>The City is gathering information about the incident, including timing to replace the light poles.</p>
<p>It has been previously stated that the work will be completed by August. I am concerned that it is now going to be completed in September. There have been several days lost to issues with fixing machinery and water issues.</p>	<p>We have identified that completion of the project will be moving into September, and to the best of our knowledge the project should be completed in September. We will provide additional updates should issues arise or if there are changes to the schedule.</p>
<p>We would like to see plans for the work on a weekly basis moving forward, including documentation and an increased level of detail of the engineering plans as they relate to day-to-day or week-to-week operations on-site and the engineering scope of work for the shoring of the site. We require this information to be provided to the community for the purposes of possible litigation in the future.</p>	<p>The City does provide weekly updates to the community and will look at providing more details in the upcoming trailer that describe the work that is going on for a meaningful understanding of the scope of work.</p> <p>We can assure that the site is safe.</p>
<p>In regard to the flooding/spill into the Humber River, was there analysis of the water? Was it reported to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP)?</p>	<p>The MOECP is aware of the outfall spill which was related to sediment and not sewage.</p> <p>As for the reference to test results regarding particles in the water found by the property management at 1 Old Mill Drive, this is related to the test of their storm sewer discharge. The City is working with the Property Manager at One Old Mill Drive on the details.</p> <p>All work and monitoring is being done to MOECP standards.</p>
<p>The water damage to the park, near 24 and 26 Old Mill Drive, has created issues with grading and exposed tree roots. I would like a written guarantee or a certificate of safety that there isn't water damage, and our houses are safe to sell.</p>	<p>City staff will follow-up on any water damage to Traymore Park.</p>
<p>Concern about access for emergency vehicles on Old Mill Drive.</p>	<p>The City will follow-up on access to Old Mill Drive for emergency vehicles.</p>

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<p>It is disheartening to hear the vague promises made. Councillor Perks' absence at these meetings is upsetting as he fails to fulfill his duties to his constituents. There is a lack of proper communication, like updates and documentation. There is an ongoing threat to our safety as water and sewage is spilling into the parks. Want confirmation that our drinking water is safe.</p>	<p>The pipe that carries your drinking water is separate from the pipe that discharges stormwater. The tests have shown that there is sediment in the storm water piping, which collects rainwater and drainage. Drinking water is unaffected by this sediment. The consultant will be visiting 1 Old Mill Drive to investigate that issue further.</p> <p>The grouting operation does not produce any sewage (sanitary). The water that is used as part of the operation is removed once it is used.</p> <p>As noted, City staff will provide more details about the operations to help residents understand what is taking place at the site.</p>
<p>The traffic management issue is still ongoing, as more stuff is being added to the location and it is creating more of a barrier. There is limited space. Could the contractor use the Green P parking lot instead of the condo driveway?</p>	<p>The City has reviewed the traffic management issue and is looking at installing a mirror, like those in parking garages for better sightlines. City staff will follow-up on the installation of the mirror.</p> <p>We are currently in discussions with Green P on the use of the parking lot.</p>
<p>The building management at 520 Riverside Drive is interested in resodding the site and concerned about the work occurring in September. If we resod before the restoration work is scheduled to be completed, would there be reimbursement or would it be better to wait, if work is still scheduled to be completed?</p>	<p>The connection at Riverside Drive and Old Mill Drive is scheduled to take place during July and August and then sod restoration would follow in September. The City typically waits until the work is completed to place sod, so it is not disturbed by the ongoing construction efforts. It is our understanding that September is a better time to resod as well, but we will clarify this.</p> <p>City staff will examine the sod requirements at this location and will confirm timelines for restoration.</p>
<p>Is it possible to have representatives from the contractor at these meetings?</p>	<p>The project team will follow-up to see if site staff can attend the next trailer.</p>
<p>We are interested in having access to the project specifications.</p>	<p>The City's engineering drawings are not made public. We will confirm with our Legal staff on what can be shared.</p>
<p>Why were the trees removed at 2 Old Mill Drive?</p>	<p>They were removed to complete the work and will be reinstated at the end of the project.</p>

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Will the City or the contractor bear the cost of cleaning the building at 1 Old Mill Drive? There is water sprays and dust on the windows and lower-level walls.	If the lower-level walls are dirty with sediment due to the construction, it should be cleaned and we will follow-up with the contractor.

Action Items:

1. City staff to follow-up about testing the noise output from the generators.
2. City staff will provide a more detailed presentation of the work being performed at the site, including a graphic of the location of the forthcoming open cut works at the next trailer.
3. City staff will follow-up on any water damage in Traymore Park.
4. City staff will follow-up on providing additional access to Old Mill Drive for emergency vehicles.
5. City staff to follow-up on the timeline for the installation of the mirror for traffic sightlines at 2 Old Mill Drive.
6. City staff will follow-up on sod restoration timelines at Riverside Drive.
7. City staff will follow-up to see if site staff can attend an upcoming virtual trailer session.
8. City staff will follow-up with our Legal Division as to what documents can be shared with the public.

Total Participants: 15

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