

## Basement Flooding Protection Program Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street Virtual Trailer No. 6

**Date:** Thursday, August 3, 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 updates on the action items and project status was provided by Carolina Santamaria Garcia, Senior Project Manager, Engineering & Construction Services.

Councillor Perks was unable to attend, but Clive Scott from his office was in attendance to take record of resident concerns.

### Questions & Comments

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

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The tree in front of 47 Old Mill Drive is dying due to the construction. Is it possible to have it treated or replaced?	City staff will conduct an inspection of the tree at this location. Note, tree protection zones will remain in place until the completion of the contract.
The completion date has become a running joke, being extended by month. You were confident in September. The information your getting is not reliable.	The completion date provided in the progress updates is based on the best information available at the time. The change in schedule was necessary as some of the remaining work now needs to happen sequentially rather than simultaneously. This adjustment will ensure a smoother construction process and aligns with crew availability. It is a complicated contract with developments that can change the timelines. The receiving shaft required more work than anticipated to pump it down and clean it out. Grout was discovered at the bottom of the shaft that requires chipping to remove after the water is removed.
Will the further delay cost the City of Toronto more?	The costs are always being evaluated by the team, but the scope of the project remains unchanged, with only the duration adjusted.

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<p>Are you able to speak to the emergency work by 1 and 2 Old Mill Drive. We received last minute notices. Why are the steel plates still there on site?</p>	<p>A notice was sent on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 for the work that was scheduled on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. On July 18, the contractor found that the sanitary sewer was encased in concrete and they were not equipped to manage that. An emergency notice for an additional driveway closure was issued on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as the work needed to continue on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</p> <p>We utilized the steel plates to ensure timely access to the driveway and avoid any delays. The backfill and temporary restoration work are scheduled to be completed this week, and we are working diligently to ensure that the driveway is fully reinstated and safe for use as soon as possible</p>
<p>The wooden pedestrian walkway, near the shaft, are not secure.</p>	<p>City staff will conduct an inspection of the wooden pedestrian walkway to ensure its stability and security.</p>
<p>We prefer realistic timelines; another month is not realistic. The vacuum trucks are still operating in front of 2 Old Mill Drive. They start at 7:00 AM. Is the stuff that they are removing, what was installed two years ago? The stuff that is coming out is the reinforcement and circular tubes.</p>	<p>The Contractor is preparing the site for the remainder of the works and are excavating the topsoil and removing any above ground green plastic piping remaining from the jet grouting operation.</p> <p>The completion date provided in the progress updates is based on the best information available at the time. The change in schedule was necessary as some of the remaining work now needs to happen sequentially rather than simultaneously. This adjustment will ensure a smoother construction process and aligns with crew availability.</p> <p>Currently the receiving shaft is being pumped down and cleaned out to allow the MTBM retrieval work to proceed, which will take about 6 to 8 weeks to fully remove the MTBM.</p> <p>If there are any further delays to the schedule, we will notify the community and we will continue to provide bi-weekly progress updates to keep you informed about the ongoing developments and status of the project.</p>

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<p>Was woken up at 4:00 AM on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 by a big machine being removed. When will the light poles on Bloor Street West be installed?</p>	<p>City staff will investigate with the contractor what machinery was being removed from site at 4:00 AM on August 1, 2023 and provide a response, as the working hours are established to start no earlier than 7:00 am.</p> <p>Toronto Hydro is the entity responsible for the installation of the light poles. Toronto Hydro confirmed that their contractor is working on the design drawings and that the aluminum poles have been received. Once Toronto Hydro has approved design drawings and confirmation from their contractor, they will provide an estimated installation date.</p>
<p>It was indicated that the sanitary and storm sewer bypass was completed. Can the generator, pump, hoses and car ramp over the hoses be removed? Can the generator be relocated? It has made different sounds, like a drumming noise, which was due to a floats issue.</p>	<p>Only the storm sewer syphon bypass hose and the generator will remain in Traymore Park to avoid overland flooding in the park.</p> <p>City Staff will confirm if there is a more feasible location for the generator. City staff will coordinate a inspection of the bypass system ahead of the expected rainfall.</p>
<p>On the south side of the site, near Bloor Street West, between the south fence by the shaft and Bloor Street, at the crosswalk, there is lots of gravel on the sidewalk and the road.</p>	<p>City staff will follow up on the gravel on the sidewalk and road.</p>
<p>Will the new storm sewer connect to the sewers at Bloor Street West? Will there be more digging from the shaft?</p>	<p>We are not performing any work on Bloor Street West under this contract. After recovering the machine, the infrastructure work to connect the new storm sewer will commence with an open-cut sewer connection at the Riverside Drive shaft, followed by the open-cut maintenance hole work on Old Mill Drive for the tunnelled storm sewer.</p>
<p>I have an issue with the dust and dirt from the grouting process. The annual window washing took place during the grouting and was a waste. Urging that it be included as a part of the remedial work.</p>	<p>Window washing is not typically part of remedial work, but we can review this and follow up.</p>
<p>There is lots of concrete dust at 2 Old Mill Drive. It is difficult to avoid. The new building construction brings in street cleaners. Has this been considered?</p>	<p>City staff are coordinating with the contractor to conduct street cleaning on Old Mill in the next few days.</p>

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<p>In the pedestrian path in Traymore Park, in-between the two temporary repairs that have already been repaired, seems there is sign of settlement starting.</p>	<p>City staff will conduct an inspection of the conditions at this location.</p>
<p>Regarding the maintenance access hole. Is it possible please to get a clearer sense of how long it will be before a decision is made regarding the cut in front of 29 and 31 Old Mill Drive. I understand that the contractor is asking for an exemption. How long will it take before my wonderful neighbour and I know whether we are facing significant construction or not? If no exemption is granted, when will the cut be made? Does that work follow the work at the top of the street or can it be done at the same time?</p>	<p>City staff are reviewing the requirement for two separate maintenance holes on this stretch of sewer and have requested an exception from the City standard. Toronto Water is reviewing this request and more information will follow.</p>
<p>Can we get clarification on whether both closures (on Old Mill and Riverside) will be opened up at the same time, or will they be opened as the work is completed on the earlier of two?</p>	<p>The road closures will remain during the duration of the MTBM recovery work, and can only be reopened upon completion of the work to install the maintenance holes at these locations.</p>
<p>Where is the location of the tunnel boring machine?</p>	<p>The MTBM is situated on Old Mill Drive north of Bloor Street West, , 7 meters north of the receiving shaft at an approximate depth of 18 meters.</p>
<p>Too little due diligence and so much mystery underground. Something new is always found.</p>	<p>During Virtual Meeting Presentation No. 4 on June 8, 2023, City staff provided details of the underground scope of work and its challenges.</p> <p>We empathize with your frustration and kindly request your patience as we continue with the project. With construction, there are unforeseen conditions encountered that can result in changes. The intent is to provide information based on the best information available at the time, however, changes can occur.</p>
<p>We appreciate the role of City staff at these meetings and the information that we receive. Of Course, construction is unpredictable. The removal of the tunnel boring machine is going take to an additional 6-8 weeks. Complaint is directed at the City decision makers.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

## Action Items:

1. City staff to inspect the condition of the tree in front of 47 Old Mill Drive.
2. City staff to inspect the wooden pedestrian walkway and ensure its stability and security.
3. City staff to investigate what machinery was being removed from site at 4:00 AM on August 1, 2023 and provide a response.
4. City staff will continue to follow up on the status of installation of the light poles by Toronto Hydro.
5. City staff/Site supervisor to inspect the location and condition of the generator in Traymore Park ahead of the expected rainfall.
6. City staff will follow up regarding the gravel on sidewalk and road at the south side of the work site.
7. City staff to review if window washing can be included as a part of the remedial work.
8. City staff to inspect the conditions of the pedestrian path in Traymore Park.
9. City staff to provide an update on the requirement for two separate maintenance holes on this stretch of sewer.

**Total Participants: 24**

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