

Basement Flooding Protection Program Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street Virtual Trailer No. 7

Date: Thursday, September 7, 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.

It was agreed that the meetings moving forward will take place at 4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

Councillor Perks was unable to attend, but Sky Pepin 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.

Questions & Comments	Project Team Answer
Is it realistic to remove the Microtunneling Boring Machine (MTBM) in September?	The contractor has been making good progress, as was shown in the images presented in slides 11, 12 and 13. Currently, the Contractor is hoping to complete the MTBM removal in 4 to 6 weeks. The progress is being closely monitored and any schedule adjustments will be communicated to the community.
<p>Thank you, we are very happy that the hoses have been removed from the sidewalks at 1 Old Mill Drive, and that there has been decreased noise.</p> <p>We saw the MTBM team pouring concrete yesterday. Is the concrete for the foundation? Is it permanent?</p>	The Contractor is now preparing the bottom of the shaft, including breaking out and replacing the mud slab, which is essentially a layer of concrete that is poured over the muddy soil at the shaft's base to create a foundation for constructing a reinforced floor slab. This floor slab will be equipped with an anchor system that is necessary for the extraction of the Micro Tunnel Boring Machine (MTBM).
The Construction Notice had a completion date of December 2023. Saying "Fall" is not helpful as it is too vague. Please use the month in future communications.	Agreed, City staff will use the December 2023 date in communications about the completion of construction on this project.

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Clarification that window washing is needed at the northwest corner of 1 Old Mill Drive and at 2 Old Mill Drive. The buildings annual window washing has already been completed.	City staff are currently reviewing if window washing can be included as part of the remedial work.
There is a metal fence on the sidewalk, on the east side, which is blocking the way to the Green P parking lot. What is it for? Can it be moved?	City staff will conduct an inspection of the mentioned location to avoid any blocking on accessing the Green P when possible.
When will the need for the vacuum trucks be eliminated?	Vacuum trucks are still needed for the MTBM retrieval operations and remaining work. We are coming to the end of requiring them as often, and City staff will conduct a review of the schedule and confirm the frequency of their use.
How much of the construction will impact the installation of the new bike lanes on Bloor Street West?	Basement Flooding Protection Program project is outside of the limits of the Bike Lane project, therefore no impacts have occurred as a result of our project. The following is the links of the Bloor Street West Complete Street Extension Bloor Street West Complete Street Extension (toronto.ca) or contact bloorcompletestreet@toronto.ca , 416-338-1066.
Has there been any air quality testing due to the amount of dust?	There are no requirements for air quality testing for projects of this nature.
Regarding the intermittent need for the vacuum trucks, what does that mean?	Vacuum trucks are still needed for the MTBM retrieval operations and remaining work. We are coming to the end of requiring them as often, and City staff will conduct a review of the schedule and confirm the frequency of their use.
Will the MTBM be removed in one piece or in pieces?	The contractor is in the process of finalizing the specifics, but it is likely that the removal will occur in one or two pieces.
The vacuum trucks start at 7 a.m., could they come later in the morning?	Vacuum trucks are still needed for the MTBM retrieval operations and remaining work, delaying their start time would delay the schedule of the works.
Thank you for moving the meetings to 4 p.m.	Councillor office staff to updated on the City of Toronto website link to reflect the revised hour.

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<p>There is an opening at Riverside Drive. Why is it there?</p>	<p>As the current sewer system remains operational, a new maintenance hole will be built at the Riverside Drive shaft to facilitate connection of the existing sewer system to the new tunneled system. The closure of Riverside Drive will be maintained until the new infrastructure is completed and connected.</p>
<p>When we hear, “not in our scope of work,” it is concerning. We don’t want issues ignored and for there to be other work that needs to be done in the next year. If you see things underground that need fixing, will you remedy them?</p>	<p>As part of this project, we are completing work on underground infrastructure owned by the City of Toronto. If any unexpected issues arise, we will promptly inform and collaborate with Toronto Water or the relevant utilities to address and rectify any necessary repairs.</p>
<p>At the next meeting, can we review the restoration work at Etienne Brule Park. What sections of the pavement, paths and sidewalks will be replaced? Will the grassy areas and the hill be restored?</p>	<p>Restoration will be presented at the next Virtual Trailer meeting No. 8.</p> <p>Restoration will be provided on areas within the project’s limits that have been impacted by construction activities, restoring them to their pre-construction conditions. Our City staff will closely collaborate with the Parks, Forestry, and Recreation division to ensure that the restoration work in Etienne Brule Park aligns with the requirements outlined in the Park Access Agreement.</p>
<p>Has anyone studied the structural integrity of the bridge over the Humber River, with the increased volume of traffic? Will restoration include streets as some of the potholes have been filled?</p>	<p>Road restoration is included under the Contract on Catherine Street from Old Mill Drive up to the Old Mill Bridge. An overall assessment of impacted trees, sidewalks, sod and road required for restoration due to construction will be reviewed upon completion of underground work.</p> <p>The City’s Bridges Structure and Expressway (BSE) unit was consulted during the design phase of this project and can be consulted again. City staff will consult with BSE regarding the increased volume of traffic on the Old Mill Bridge.</p>
<p>At the location of the shaft, the fencing is not secure. Can additional checks be made on weekends?</p>	<p>Fencing is diligently secured by the contractor at the end of each day and inspected by the consultant. The contractor has reinforced the fence after the event occurred during the weekend of August 19, 2023.</p>

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	If residents observe any issues outside of the active work hours, please contact 311. This will allow for prompt communication with the contractor and a timely resolution of any matters that may arise.
Is there an additional cost over-run?	At this time, there are no anticipated additional costs.
I use a walker and accessibility has been an issue.	Regular checks are conducted to ensure that residents have access to the area around the work site. However, City staff will contact the resident to request further details regarding the matter.

Action Items:

1. City staff to review if window washing can be included as part of the remedial work.
2. City staff to investigate fencing and accessibility near the Green P parking lot.
3. City staff to confirm the frequency of the use for vacuum trucks.
4. City staff will provide link of the Bloor Street West Complete Street Extension (Bike Lane project).
5. Councillor office staff to update the Virtual Trailer meeting link to reflect the revised hour.
6. City staff will present details on the restoration work at the next Virtual Trailer meeting No. 8.
7. City staff to consult with the Bridges Structure and Expressway (BSE) unit, regarding the increased volume of traffic on the Old Mill Bridge.
8. City staff will contact the resident who raised the accessibility concerns to request further details.

Total Participants: 20

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