

Basement Flooding Protection Program Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street Virtual Trailer No. 9

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023

Meeting Type: Virtual

Start time: 4:00 p.m. End Time: 5:00 p.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 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.

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Can the City provide the condo building at 1 and 2 Old Mil Drive with pictures of the tiebacks that were entangled in the Micro-Tunnel Boring Machine (MTBM) after its removal?	<p>City staff will check with the consultant to see if they have pictures showing the tiebacks.</p> <p>We also want to confirm that it has been confirmed by LEA Consulting Ltd the tiebacks are not permanent structural elements of the building.</p>
Why is there no work at Riverside Drive and Old Mill Drive? What is the timing for work at this location?	<p>Work crews are currently cleaning the sewer, with work taking place below ground. Once this work is complete, they will begin to install the remaining portion of sewer (in the location of the MTBM) followed by an open-cut sewer connection at the Riverside Drive shaft, followed by the open-cut maintenance holes (including OD6 and OD7) work on Old Mill Drive for the tunnelled storm sewer.</p> <p>Project staff have looked at all opportunities to perform works concurrently, however, the work cannot be performed concurrently as it would restrict traffic access to Old Mill Drive.</p>
Is there an update on the request for window washing at 1 Old Mill Drive?	City staff is reviewing if window washing can be included as part of the remedial work, and

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	will add it to the log of action items to be followed-up on.
Can you share the restoration plans?	A copy of the presentation outlining the restoration plans was shared at the October 5 Virtual Trailer session and is posted online at toronto.ca/oldmilldrive – under News & Updates – Virtual Trailer Update and Virtual Trailer #8 Summary.
I would like to ask that City staff provide more timely updates to the community when issues arise, like the one this past weekend. It would be helpful for the community to know about things as they are happening and many days later.	Noted.
When will the road be cleaned from the recent sewage overflow?	<p>City staff to confirm a date for the road cleaning.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: General contractor perform road cleaning using sweeper and flusher truck on November 3, and 10, 2023.</p>
Will the City perform a noise study for the properties of 29 and 31 Old Mill Drive before work starts on the open cut? My neighbour at 27 Old Mill Drive has reported that they are hearing more noise from the subway after the work was completed. I don't feel anything now from the TTC subway and I'm concerned that the access point will result in hearing more noise from the subway.	<p>City staff to investigate request for noise/vibration monitoring for residences on Mill Drive where open cut work is being performed.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: Given the location depth and size of the construction works associated with OD6 and OD7, we will be directing the contractor to conduct vibration monitoring during the work at these locations to ensure that the work completed does not exceed the permissible vibrations levels for the scope of work and or the permissible levels for the designated structures in proximity of the work. This vibration monitoring study will be solely related to the construction of the OD6 and OD7 shafts and is unrelated to the TTC ground borne vibration and noise. The concern regarding subway noise has been raised to the TTC for their assessment and City staff will follow-up with TTC and provide once updates, as they become available.</p>

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<p>When the project work is complete, who can residents contact with any future comments or questions?</p>	<p>Residents can continue to contact the City by emailing bfppinquiries@toronto.ca. The contact information is currently listed on notices received by the community.</p> <p>There is also a two-year warranty period for the work that will be completed. The City will conduct a further inspection near the end of the two-year warranty period to address any outstanding items.</p>
<p>I walked past the Old Mill Drive and Bloor St. West BFPP construction site Oct. 10 around 7:30-7:45 a.m. and there was thick smoke in the air coming from a large white box inside the construction zone. The box was making a lot of noise and there were several construction workers standing near it. None were wearing any sort of face mask or breathing apparatus to prevent smoke inhalation.</p> <p>The thick smoke smelled noxious like gasoline and it was burning my eyes as I walked through it. This thick smoke seems like a workplace safety issue. In addition, the smoke and potential irritants could be dangerous for people living in the neighbourhood with breathing difficulties and could also be dangerous for the people living literally meters away from the smoking box in the condo buildings. Is whatever caused the machine to smoke containing anything noxious or is an irritant? Is it safe to inhale the gasoline smoke coming from the box?</p>	<p>The vapour was the result of start-up of the diesel engine and occurs with any type of diesel vehicle when typically started. It is not continuous and will be monitored.</p> <p>Project staff to monitor vapour release from start-up of diesel generator.</p>
<p>Who is the City inspector on the project?</p>	<p>WSP acts as the City's inspector for the project.</p>

Action Items:

1. City staff to check with the project staff for pictures showing the tiebacks after the MTBM removal.
2. City staff to review if window washing can be included as a part of the remedial work.
3. City staff to confirm a date for the road cleaning.
4. City staff to investigate request for noise/vibration monitoring for residences on Old Mill Drive where open cut work is being performed.
5. Project staff to monitor vapour release from start-up of diesel generator.



Total Participants: 10

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