

Basement Flooding Protection Program Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street Virtual Trailer No. 10

Date: Thursday, December 7, 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.

Questions & Comments	Project Team Answer
What are the plans for snow maintenance, including the wooden walkway to the park?	The contractor will be responsible for snow removal to ensure efficient and timely snow maintenance throughout the season. Staff will communicate the importance of clearing the walkway.
Window washing for 1 Old Mill Drive was performed in 2023 at the north-west section of the building. Will the City reimburse or perform window washing as the windows have become dirty since then?	The City is looking into how to fulfill this request and is working with the building management regarding reimbursement of the sections affected by the construction and to coordinate the window washing with planned restoration work for Spring 2024.
Clarification about fill and sizing for 900 mm storm sewer extending from Bloor Street. Where stormwater coming from at south end of the project area at the shaft	The new 900 mm storm sewer runs underneath the TTC subway, connecting to both the main and a local sewer that captures storm runoff from catch basins along Old Mill Drive.
There are typically 2-3 persons standing over the hold at Old Mill Drive. Why are these persons standing there?	The staff at the surface support the workers performing work in the shaft and tunnel below. These top men must be located there to comply with Occupational Health & Safety Act (OHS) requirements.
What work is being performed below ground?	The Contractor is continuing to clean up the shaft and complete the storm sewer installation.

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When will the vacuum truck leave the site?	The Contractor is in the final stage of cleaning and connecting the pipe on Old Mill Drive and Bloor Street West location. The vacuum truck is expected to be demobilized when the above-mentioned work is completed.
The vacuum truck produces a high pitch sound that has impacted residents. You made mention that it is the throttle, but it goes on for hours.	As previously noted, throttling is inherent in the mechanics, occurring not only at the equipment's start-up but also throughout its operation.
<p>How will the City ensure that once the shaft is sealed that the noise and vibrations for the properties near Old Mill Drive and Bloor Street will be restored to pre-existing conditions?</p> <p>Previous noise from the subway was resolved by the TTC and has returned since the shaft's construction.</p>	<p>The City is collaborating closely with the TTC to investigate and address the concerns. The shaft area will be filled around the pipe, and it will be sealed with a maintenance hole cover following the City's standard specifications.</p>
<p>The last slide in the presentation showed that the scheduled completion of restoration is now June 2024, instead of early 2024. Why did the schedule change?</p>	<p>The retrieval of the tunnel boring machine is now complete; however, several activities have impacted the schedule. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent work by Toronto Water to clean and flush the existing sanitary sewer on Old Mill Drive from Bloor Street to Catherine Drive; • Underground operations taking longer than anticipated; and • A pause in the Contractor's work. <p>This information was provided in the recent email update to the community.</p>
Who will take responsibility for the vibration?	The City and TTC will continue to act as the contact for concerns about noise and vibration and will confirm once the shaft is filled and complete.
We will receive information about the open cut work happening near 29 Old Mill Drive?	The City will issue advance Notices to the impacted residents in regards the open-cut maintenance holes construction at 37 Old Mill Drive and 29 Old Mill Drive.
Has the project costs been impacted?	With the information available at this time, the costs are within the current budgeted amount, and staff do not anticipate exceeding the budget.

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Can the work take place during the winter?	Yes, the contractor will continue their work during the winter season.
Post meeting note related to item in chat: Recently news appeared on CP24 about a sewage spill related to the work happening in the area. No communication was issued by the City to the community to make them aware of this information. Information such as this should be shared with the community.	Post meeting note: Updates on the Sanitary Sewer Spill have been provided to the Old Mill community through update emails and have also been featured as an agenda item in the Virtual Trailer Presentations since the occurrence.

Action Items:

1. On-site staff will communicate the importance of clearing the walkway to the contractor as they perform snow removal.
2. City staff will reach out to the property management at 1 Old Mill Drive to confirm details and timing for window cleaning in 2024.

Total Participants: 17

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