

## St. Clair-Topham Park Basement Flooding Protection Program Public Information Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, May 29, 2025

**Meeting Type:** In-Person

**Start time:** 6:30 p.m.

**End Time:** 8:00 p.m.

### Meeting Objectives:

Community meeting to address resident concerns and answer questions pertaining to the St. Clair - Topham Park project, contract 23ECS-LU-03FP.

### Meeting Overview:

The meeting was facilitated by Steven Ziegler, Public Consultation Unit. A presentation was delivered by Stefany Stadnyk-Broda, Coordinator, Issues Management, ECS, and Sal Marrelli, Construction Administrator, TYLin.

Representatives from the City of Toronto, Jacobs (the City's engineering firm), Clearway Construction Inc. (the Contractor), and Toronto Police Services were also in attendance to answer questions.

### Agenda:

6:30 p.m. Introduction and Opening Remarks

6:40 p.m. Presentation

7:00 p.m. Question and Answer period

7:45 p.m. One-on-one time with project team

8:00 p.m. End of Meeting

### Questions & Comments

The following questions and answers were provided during the meeting.

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Construction is in front of my house, close to the church. Will the work take seven months at this location?	Work will move along St. Clair Avenue East and progress from west to east. Construction in front of your house will last for a few weeks.
St. Clair Avenue East has been reduced to two lanes. Truck traffic on St. Clair Avenue East is worsening the already poor condition of the asphalt, and this resident contacted 311 about the below-	St. Clair Avenue East is a major arterial roadway and is classified as a "large vehicle roadway"; therefore, trucks cannot be restricted. If trucks can make the turning radius, they have access to the road.

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<p>par condition of the asphalt and requested that potholes be filled. As St. Clair Avenue East is in a residential neighborhood, the resident asked if trucks could be restricted on the roadway and the speed limit lowered.</p>	<p>City staff can contact the industrial association located to the west of O'Connor Drive to inform them of the construction and suggest that they provide their drivers with an alternative route.</p> <p>TYLin Site Inspectors will inspect the road and have the contractor fill potholes and complete temporary road restoration, as required.</p>
<p>The reduced lane design along St. Clair Avenue East is not working.</p> <p>Garbage collection trucks move slowly, TTC buses cannot get by, and the bus stop at Selwyn Avenue has significant delays.</p> <p>The placement of the pylons is too narrow. When garbage trucks stop, no other vehicles can pass, causing traffic backups.</p>	<p>The City will review the lane widths to assist with traffic flow and to help the TTC maintain its schedules.</p>
<p><b>Merritt Road Sites</b></p>	
<p>Will the site office trailers and laydown area be moved? Dohme Road was suggested as an alternative site location.</p> <p>There was a lack of communication with residents about the site office trailer. Notices were delivered only one day before the trailer appeared on Merritt Road.</p> <p>With trucks traveling into the residential neighborhood, the sites pose a safety concern for pedestrians and children.</p>	<p>The City is seeking a new location for both the site office trailers and the laydown area. The sites will be relocated, but the exact timing is not yet known.</p> <p>City staff will keep residents informed of any updates.</p>
<p>A resident complained about the lack of communication regarding the location of the site office trailer. The location will not be tolerated, and if necessary, residents will take further action.</p>	<p>The Councillor indicated he is discussing the relocation of the site office trailer with City staff and is working on a solution.</p>

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	He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of proper notice given.
<p>A resident read a letter about the impact of construction on the children living on Merritt Road. There were concerns about the fear of the trucks, the noise, and the sadness that they are unable to use the greenspace.</p> <p>A resident asked who decided on the site office trailer location? And if it is being moved, why has an asphalt ramp been installed to access the site office?</p> <p>Will the site area (circles) be restored?</p>	<p>City staff noted that they heard from residents and that immediate action is needed.</p> <p>Yes, the area where the trailer is presently located will be restored.</p>
Traffic Management	
<p>Drivers are speeding and illegally turning onto Glenwood Crescent to avoid traffic and lengthy lineups on other roads due to construction.</p> <p>Residents are requesting a Paid Duty Officer on Merritt Road. Is there a budget for Paid Duty Officers?</p> <p>Clearway construction vehicles are also speeding on Merritt Road.</p> <p>Safety is an issue, as the trailer and construction vehicles on Merritt Road have reduced sightlines.</p>	<p>Toronto Police officers are aware of the complaint that drivers are illegally turning onto Glenwood Crescent and will request their colleagues to canvas the area more frequently.</p> <p>Residents can report incidents on the Police Services website – <a href="http://www.tps.ca">www.tps.ca</a> and file a traffic report. Reported complaints raise awareness of the problem.</p> <p>Clearway Construction Inc. will look at truck traffic and speak with the construction crew to remind them of road safety.</p> <p>City staff indicated there is no budget in the contract for traffic enforcement officers.</p>
Accommodations for Seniors	
<p>A resident on Westview Boulevard is a senior with reduced visibility. She considered the past BFPP work on O'Connor Drive to be hazardous to pedestrians and is concerned that this</p>	<p>City staff agreed that enforcement of pedestrian safety is paramount.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to contact the Project Field Ambassador, Janet Webster, and she can assist with</p>

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<p>construction will be a repeat of the same situation.</p> <p>What accommodations can be made for seniors?</p>	<p>accommodations. Contact information for Janet Webster is <b>BFPP@jacobs.com</b>.</p>
Driveway Impact Notices	
<p>A resident on Amsterdam Avenue asked how long the driveways will be inaccessible and how long the water will be shut off.</p> <p>What is the process for water shut-off and water service replacement? Does the City replace the lead water service to the house?</p>	<p>City staff indicated that Driveway Impact Notices are delivered 48 hours before construction. Depending on the type of work done in front of the driveway, construction time can vary. For example, sidewalk and curb replacement can take anywhere from a few days to up to a week to complete.</p> <p>Water shut-off notices are delivered 24-48 hours in advance of the work and usually last half a day to replace water services.</p> <p>The City replaces the water service up to the City property line. The private side is the resident's responsibility, and they may contact a licensed professional to arrange this work. The project contractor does not do private work.</p>
Westview Intersection Improvements	
<p>Concerns about the permanent intersection safety.</p> <p>Improvements are needed on the three interim intersections. Turning radius and sight lines are a problem.</p>	<p>City staff in Transportation Services are working to propose permanent parking bylaw amendments on Westview Boulevard to control parking within the intersections. This will be done in consultation with the Councillor before going to the East York Community Council.</p> <p>Software is assisting with the intersection design. The program can implement the appropriate turning radius and sight lines.</p> <p>The Councillor will arrange a site walk with City staff and residents to view the intersections and better understand their concerns.</p>

**Total Participants:** Approximately 40 residents

## **Project Team and Panelists**

- Councillor Brad Bradford, Ward 19 Beaches-East York
- Kirsten Hay, Senior Constituency and Stakeholder Advisor

## **City of Toronto**

- Mika Raisanen, Director - Engineering & Construction Services (ECS)
- Andrea Ramsey, Manager - ECS
- Joseph Pellegrini, Senior Project Manager - ECS
- Stefany Stadnyk-Broda, Issues Management Coordinator - ECS
- Mladen Lucic, Project Lead - Transportation Services (TS)
- Maili Sedore, Senior Project Manager –TS
- Basil Tsomokos, Project Manager – TS
- Steven Ziegler, Senior Coordinator - Public Consultation Unit (PCU)
- Mark De Miglio, Senior Coordinator - PCU
- Community Police Officers - Toronto Police Services

## **Jacobs**

- Rayna Volden, Program Manager
- Steven Fabbro, Program Construction Manager
- Janet Webster, Field Ambassador
- Wendy Clark, Field Ambassador

## **TYLin**

- Sal Marrelli, Construction Administrator
- Lancelot Myers, Site Inspector
- Mohamed Bafagih, Site Inspector

## **Clearway Construction Inc. (Contractor)**

- Robert Donaldson, Senior Project Manager