

**Meeting Notes for
7-9 Wardlaw Crescent Community Liaison Committee
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:30 – 7:40 PM**

The purpose of the Community Liaison Committee is to facilitate dialogue between community organizations, individual community members, the City of Toronto Housing Secretariat and the housing operators, in accordance with the mandate outlined in the CLC Terms of Reference. This CLC is also designed to facilitate dialogue with the City of Toronto Shelter & Support Services Division and the Salvation Army, operators of the Islington Seniors' Shelter at 2671 Islington Avenue.

Present:

Councillor's office: Amanda Da Costa – Executive Assistant; Councillor Vincent Crisanti, Jaimeen Baxi

City of Toronto: Emiko Ono– Housing Secretariat, Lamia Aganagic – Housing Secretariat, Greg Katz - Housing Secretariat

Arshad Valiyaveetil – Corporate Real Estate Management; Tsering Palmo - Toronto Shelter and Support Services, Mata Yihia, Shawn Dillion - Transportation Services, YWS – Steve Doherty; Delta Family Resource Centre – Adi Yemane, Gillian Dennis, Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Centre – Natasha Frechette, Jannette Carino;

23 Div CPLC - Richardo Harvey

Residents: Samrudha Jadhav, Carmen De Santis, Pablo Callea, Sujeeva Mahendran

REGRETS:

Midaynta Community Services – Faduma Abdulle
Thistletown Residents Association - John Anga;
TPS 23 Division

Facilitator: Bruce Davis, Public Progress

Committee Secretary: Yasmin Yusuf, Public Progress

6:30 PM Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- Welcome participants to the meeting.
- Quick introductions were made for new participants to the committee.
- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of the meeting agenda

6:45 PM Introductions

- Setting expectation for the virtual meeting and welcoming transportation services team to the CLC

6:50 PM Discussion Regarding Transportation Issues

- Transportation services presented on the Thistleton Street Plan Project, focusing on:
 - Road safety for vulnerable users
 - Mitigating speeding on neighborhood streets
 - Preventing cut-through traffic
 - Exploring opportunities for active transportation (walking, cycling)
 - Public consultation phase one is complete

Potential issues and solutions discussed:

- Speed humps, curb extensions, in-road flex posts, new crosswalks, missing sidewalks
- Possible curb realignment to slow traffic at dangerous curves
- Residents emphasized the need for immediate action at high-priority intersections, not just long-term solutions.
- Councillor and transportation staff confirmed that urgent issues can be addressed before the full study is complete.
- Overlap between construction-related traffic issues and pre-existing neighborhood concerns was acknowledged.
- Residents asked for better integration of their previous feedback and data into the city's planning.
- Parking for staff and visitors during construction for Wardlaw affordable housing was discussed to minimize impact on local streets.
- Next steps include continued data collection, further public consultation in winter 2026, and ongoing opportunities for community feedback.
- The facilitator reminded the committee that the CLC was not the “decider” on any transportation changes but could give valuable feedback to the Transportation Department.

7:20 PM Construction Update

- Shoring and site preparation are complete, bulk excavation and concrete work for the building's foundation are starting.
- Residents can expect increased truck traffic, noise, dust, and some vibrations over the next 6–8 weeks.
- All truck loading/unloading will occur on-site, with measures in place (mud mat, street sweeper) to keep streets clean and safe.
- Construction is on schedule, with mass timber building components arriving in November and continuous work planned to avoid delays.

7:30 PM Update on Community Safety Plan

- Community safety expert Kelly Prebble is meeting individually with residents and stakeholders to gather concerns and feedback starting week of Sept 1, 2025.
- Kelly will conduct unannounced site visits, both during the day and at night, to observe safety issues and neighborhood.
- A Community Safety Walk is scheduled for September 16 at 7 PM, inviting residents to identify safety concerns in person.
- The next CLC meeting on September 23 will focus on community safety, allowing further discussion before Kelly prepares her final report.

7:35 PM Wrap Up

- The meeting concluded with thanks to all participants for their engagement and input.

7:40 PM Meeting adjourned

A summary of this meeting has been prepared by the facilitator team and will be posted on the City's website, toronto.ca/7-9Wardlaw, once CLC members have reviewed it.