

**Meeting Notes for
7-9 Wardlaw Crescent Community Liaison Committee
Wednesday November 12, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 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; City of Toronto: Matt Hilder – Housing Secretariat, Arshad Valiyaveetil – Corporate Real Estate Management; Tsering Palmo - Toronto Shelter and Support Services; Matan Yihia- Transportation Services; YWS – Steve Doherty; Midaynta Community Services – Faduma Abdulle, Delta Family Resource Centre – Adi Yemane, Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Centre – Jannette Carino; Public Progress – Kelly Prebble; 23 Div Officer – Sergeant Steven Delottinville, PC Hanna; Residents: Samrudha Jadhav, Pablo Callea, Carmen De Santis, Sujeeva Mahendran

REGRETS: BIA – Aarush Sehgal; 23 Div CPLC – Richardo Harvey; Councillor Vincent Crisanti; Thistletown Residents Association – John Anga

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 to welcome any new participants
- Land acknowledgement
- Approval of the meeting agenda

6:35 PM Introductions

- Setting expectations for the virtual meeting and discussing the Community Safety assessment report.

6:40 PM Review/ Approval of Notes from Previous Meeting

- Meeting notes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee and will be posted on the City website.

6:45 PM Transportation update

- Matan from transportation services mentioned, new pavement markings have been added at Wardlaw Crescent to slow traffic, and plans are underway to permanently extend curbs to further improve safety.
- A table of six key transportation improvements (short- and medium-term) was presented, focusing on the area around 7-9 Wardlaw Crescent.
- Concerns remain about managing increased traffic, parking availability, sidewalk gaps, and effective access for emergency and service vehicles during and after construction.
- The city is evaluating further changes, including possible new traffic signals, parking adjustments, speed humps, and sidewalk extensions with public consultation and polling targeted by the end of 2026.
- All updates and decisions will be communicated at future community meetings, with a major progress review scheduled for February, 2026.

7:00 PM Update on community safety plan

- Kelly Prebble, a community safety consultant, presenting the findings of her draft report.
- A comprehensive community safety assessment was completed, including review of crime data, public feedback, and physical site conditions to address neighborhood concerns.
- Key recommendations include upgrading lighting, improving maintenance, clarifying access and security at the new building, and supporting safe pedestrian pathways.
- Strengthening community partnerships and encouraging ongoing stakeholder engagement are central, with continued Community Liaison Committee meetings and collaboration recommended.
- The report aims to catalyze action and collaboration among city departments, community partners, and property owners to enhance safety and community cohesion.

7:45 PM Construction update

- Arshad Valiyaveetil – Corporate Real Estate Management, presented the committee with an update on construction.
- CLT building components are scheduled to arrive and be craned into place during the week of November 25, following foundation preparation targeted for the week of November 17.
- Exact dates for major construction activities will depend on final site readiness, and all logistics are being carefully coordinated by the project team.
- A printed bulletin with key updates and timelines will be distributed to the community and posted ahead of major milestones.

7:50 PM Wrap up

- Public Progress thanked everyone for their time and working alongside CLC members.

- The councillor's office shared community initiatives that came out of the 7-9 Wardlaw Cres affordable housing, including a school crossing guard and speed humps, and the formation of a resident group, AGNECA.
- Members suggested starting at 7 PM instead of 6:30 PM for better attendance.
- Proposed next meeting date: January 20, 2025

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.