

Figure 1 - Borehole locations

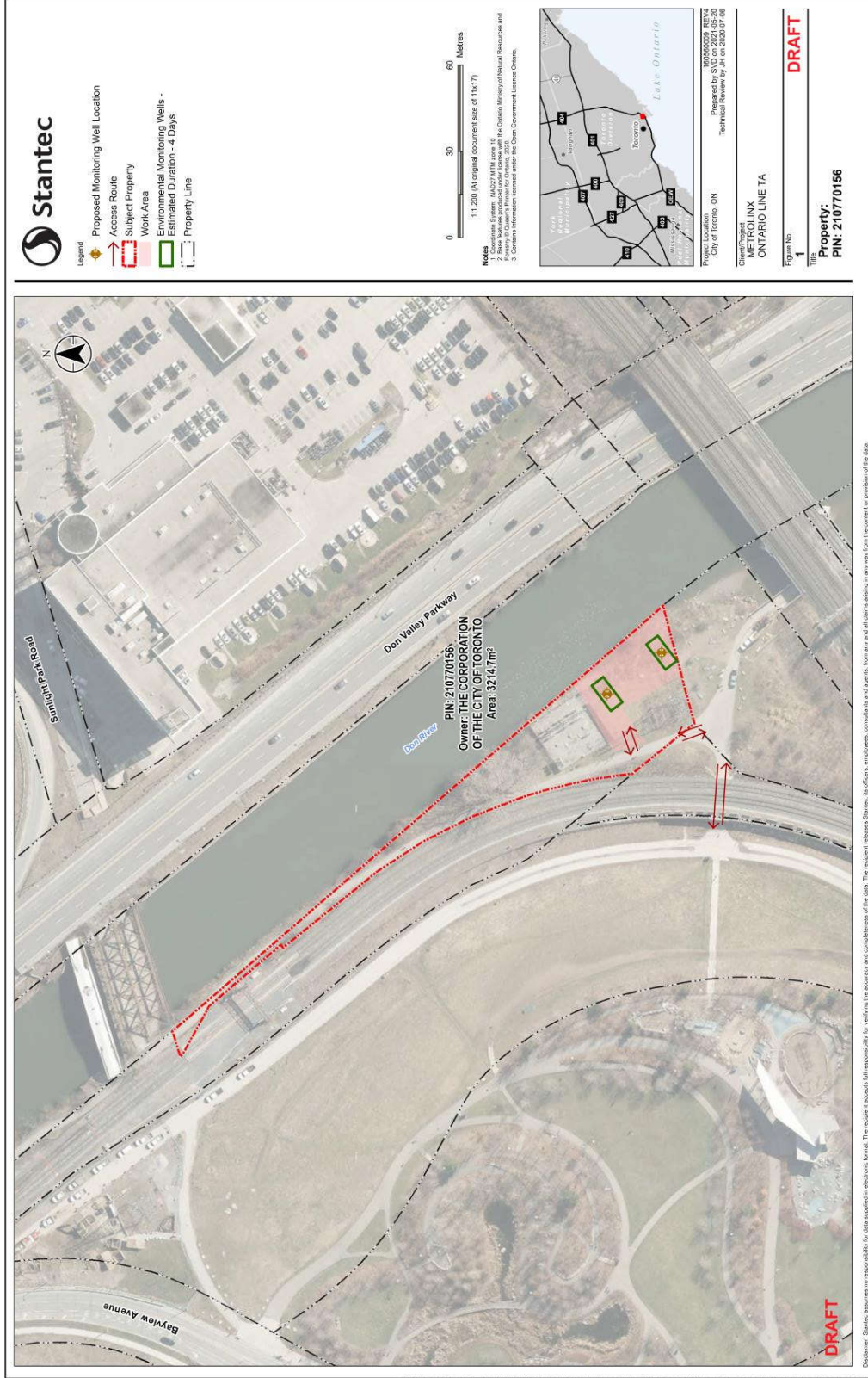
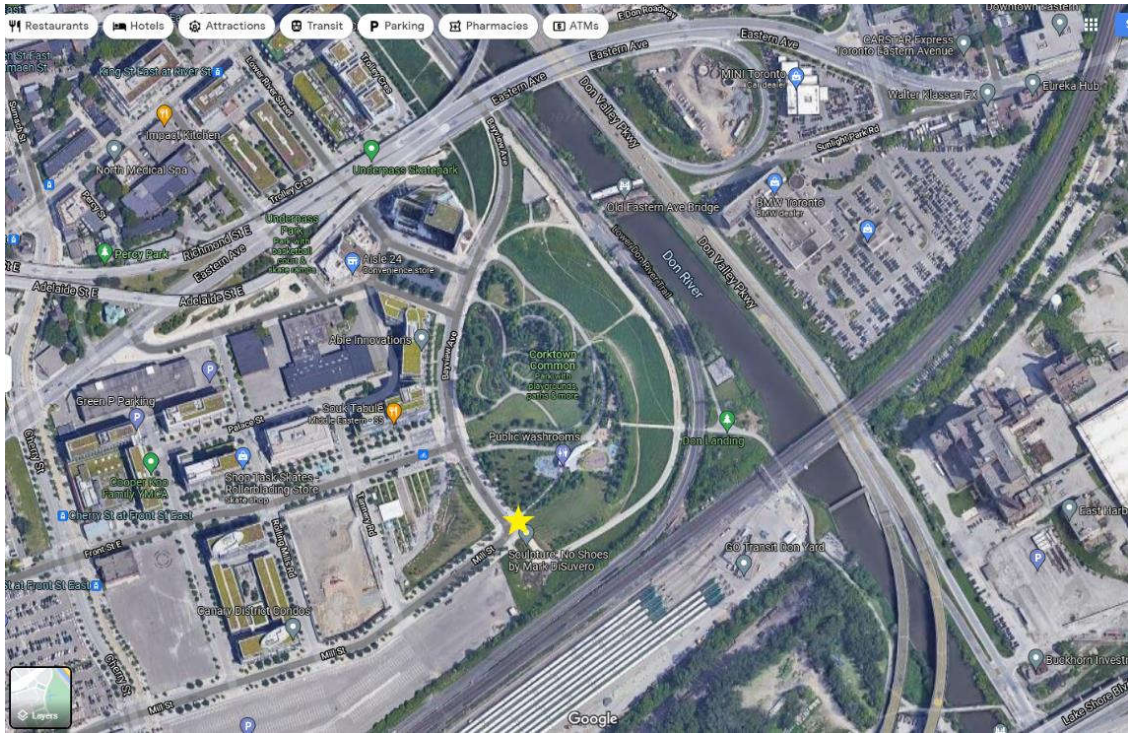


Figure 2 - Meeting location



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Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 1:29:06 PM
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Good afternoon Flavia, Peter and Paul,

Thank you for replying so quickly. I have arranged for liaison Curtis McCue to attend. If we can confirm protocols, timing and locations for the work this Friday it would be greatly appreciated. Curtis cannot be reached via email at this time, but I can send his number to Paul and Peter in a separate email for their contact purposes.

Thank you,



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Subject: RE: Ontario Line - Archaeological monitoring for Borehole Drilling

Hi Jordon,

I am Flavia, the project coordinator for the Ontario Line and will be assisting with the borehole drilling monitoring. I will send you the COVID-19 protocols shortly and also wanted to let you know that the archaeological monitoring work will be carried out by Stantec (Paul Ritchie) and Wood (Peter Popkin), that are cc'd in this email and contact info is presented below. The work is planned to occur from Jan 22 to Feb 10.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and concerns.

Thank you,
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Hi Jordon,

We are pleased to hear that your team will be able to make it. I am connecting you with Flavia who is the project coordinator on the environmental side supporting this work. She will be able to get you in contact with the consultant archaeologist and keep you apprised of the field dates/times. She will also be able to advise about any new COVID protocols.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns,

Thank you!

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Good morning Fallon,

I hope your holidays were well. I have received permission from the COO to allow a liaison to attend and monitor in person. I am just working on arranging one now and should be able to notify you this afternoon with who will be attending.

If you could just provide any relevant new covid protocols that will be taking place during these work days so I can properly assure my liaisons of their safety and measures they may need to adhere to it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,



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Subject: Ontario Line - Archaeological monitoring for Borehole Drilling

Dear Julie,

Please find attached a letter inviting participation in upcoming archaeological monitoring for borehole drilling that is taking place at various locations to support environmental assessment and geotechnical studies related to the Ontario Line Subway project. The boreholes are being drilled in locations that have known archaeological potential and as such Metrolinx is ensuring that a consultant archaeologist is on-site to monitor. We'd like to extend this invite to your Nation as well. We appreciate that during these uncertain times of COVID-19 this may not be possible or safe for your Nation. We are happy to provide any fieldnotes taken by the consultant archaeologist and/or provide a summary of the data collected if this is at all helpful to you. Please let us know if there is any other way we can support your Nation during this time.

The boreholes are anticipated to be completed over the next several weeks beginning this Friday on **January 22, 2021**. Please let me know if you have interest in participating as soon as possible, and we will work with you and the project team to coordinate.

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Subject: Ontario Line – Addendum to Ontario Line South Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:59:03 PM
Attachments: [OLS-Stage 1 AA Addendum_MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached, a letter outlining the need for an Addendum to the Ontario Line South Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. This report was originally shared with MNO in March 2020.

The report addendum and other attachments are available for review at the following link:

Please share any comments you may have by **February 24, 2021**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Thank you for your time and assistance.

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Subject: Ontario Line - Project Update and Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report for Review + Invitation to Participate in Archaeological Fieldwork
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:58:09 PM
Attachments: [Attachment 1.jpg](#)
[Attachment 2.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3.pdf](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx continues to progress its environmental studies for the Ontario Line Project as part of the Subways Program. Attached you will find a letter providing an update on the project. The purpose of this letter is to:

- Provide an update on the scope of the project work
- share the initial draft of the Early Works Report for the proposed Corktown Station
- Invite MNO to participate in upcoming archaeological fieldwork

In an effort to streamline your review, we draw your attention to the attachment which provides an overview of the expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigations, as we know this may be of specific interest to you.

Metrolinx is also preparing a letter specific to works being planned within the Don Valley as we recognize the significance of this waterway to many Nations. We hope to share that letter soon. We are happy to meet with MNO to discuss the Ontario Line and address any questions or concerns that MNO may have.

We ask that any comments on the draft Corktown Station Early Works Report be provided no later than **April 15, 2021**. Please note that the Noise and Vibration Report, which will be part of the Early Works Report is still being prepared and we will share with MNO by March 19, 2021.

The draft Corktown Station Early Works Report is available at the following link:

Please let us know as soon as possible if MNO has interest in participating in future archaeological fieldwork.

We appreciate the volume of documents that Metrolinx has shared with MNO.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Subject: Ontario Line Project - Invitation to Meet & provide input on First Parliament Site
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:04:06 PM
Attachments: [First Parliament_MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx continues to progress its environmental studies for the Ontario Line Project as part of the Subways Program. We recently communicated with MNO about the proposed Corktown Station which is along the planned alignment of the Ontario Line. This location includes parcels of land which were once the site of Upper Canada's First Parliament buildings. Metrolinx and its partners are exploring opportunities to commemorate the history of this site, and have been engaging with various parties including the City of Toronto and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, on whose treaty territory this project is occurring.

Given the significant chance of recovering Indigenous and European artifacts during the Corktown Station Early Works, a detailed archaeological workplan is being developed. Metrolinx recognizes the importance and value of Indigenous monitors for any archaeology related to the Ontario Line Project. In our previous communication, an invitation was included for your Nation to participate in any archaeological fieldwork and monitoring during the Corktown Station Early Works, including demolition of modern buildings currently on the First Parliament site.

This work is anticipated to commence in Fall 2021, and if you have not yet expressed interest in participating, please feel free to do so at your earliest convenience. As a reminder any comments on the draft Corktown Station Early Works Report should be provided no later than **April 15, 2021**.

Metrolinx recognizes that the history of this location extends beyond European use, and as such, wants to take the opportunity to understand any significance it may have to Indigenous Nations. Metrolinx would like to meet with MNO to discuss the First Parliament site, its commemoration, as well as review the broader Ontario Line project if you wish. We recognize that traditional knowledge of this area may be sacred and/or not appropriate to be shared, but would appreciate any information that may be appropriate for Metrolinx to consider.

This letter is not intended to replace engagement but to provide a high level summary for your information. We would very much appreciate meeting with MNO to discuss in more detail. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate the volume of documents that Metrolinx has shared with MNO. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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April 12, 2021

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Delivered by Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Ontario Line Project - First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site

Metrolinx, a regional transportation agency, is helping to transform the way the Greater Golden Horseshoe moves by building a fast, convenient and integrated transit network. As part of this work, Metrolinx is continuing the pre-construction planning of the Ontario Line which will bring nearly 16 kilometres of subway service to Toronto.

Metrolinx wishes to build a strong, constructive, cooperative and mutually respectful and beneficial relationship with the Métis Nation of Ontario. Metrolinx appreciates and respects Métis Nation of Ontario's desire to be appropriately informed and aware of projects. To that end Metrolinx wishes to share with Métis Nation of Ontario information regarding Corktown Station early works and additional information regarding upcoming field visits and investigations at the Corktown Station early works site, which includes two registered archaeological sites, the First Parliament site and the Lime Kiln site.

Project Description

The proposed Ontario Line is a new 16-kilometer subway line, which will occupy an exclusive right-of-way system encompassing a combination of below-grade, above-grade, and at-grade alignment. The route (Figure 1) will run from Ontario Place/Exhibition through downtown Toronto to the Ontario Science Centre in the City of Toronto, with six (6) potential interchange stations and 17 new connections to GO Transit, existing subways and streetcars. More information on the Project can be found on our website: www.metrolinx.com/ontarioline

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As communicated in the letter sent to Métis Nation of Ontario on March 11, 2021, the Corktown Station site has been identified for launching tunnel excavation equipment for the downtown and Don Yard segments of the proposed Ontario Line alignment, as well as the location of the Corktown Station. The First Parliament and Lime Kiln Sites, located within the Corktown Station area, are known archaeological sites which require additional archaeological study ahead of any ground disturbance activities. To prepare the Corktown Station site, demolition of existing buildings and structures, followed by completion of necessary archaeological studies, is required. Completion of this preparatory work on an expedited basis is essential to allow for the timely delivery of the overall Project and is anticipated to begin in the Fall 2021, subject to the completion of the Corktown Station early works process in accordance with Ontario Regulation 341/20: Ontario Line Project.

Corktown Station early works include demolition of existing buildings, removal of other structures and asphalt where required, decommissioning of utilities, and soil removal and/or remediation where required. These activities will enable completion of environmental due diligence investigations, including archaeological assessments. These activities will occur on properties within the Corktown Station early works project footprint, as shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1: Map of Corktown Station Early Works



Environmental impacts of Corktown Station early works are being assessed in accordance with O. Reg. 341/20. Metrolinx shared the draft Corktown Station Early Works Report and associated discipline reports with Métis Nation of Ontario on March 11, 2021 and had requested any comments to be provided by April 9, 2021.

Archaeological Work at the First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site

Metrolinx appreciates the significance of archaeology to Métis Nation of Ontario. The properties at 265 Front Street East, 271 Front Street East, and 25 Berkeley Street, in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood of the City of Toronto, are collectively host to the First Parliament Site. It is located on the southwest corner of Parliament Street and King Street, between Parliament Street and Berkeley Street. The First Parliament Site is a registered archaeological site (AjGu-41) which may include resources associated with the First and Second Parliament Buildings, the Home District Gaol, and Consumers' Gas company buildings. The surface of the property is currently occupied by automotive businesses, including a car dealership, car wash, and surface parking lot. Artifacts from Indigenous Nations, remains of Upper Canada's First and Second Parliament Buildings and remnants of early Toronto industry may be found at this site.

North of the First Parliament Site is another registered archaeological site (AjGu-64), the Lime Kiln Site, which includes remains from the Toronto Lime Works Company. A variety of structural features, in various states of preservation, have been documented on this site. The location of the Lime Kiln Site and the First Parliament Site are shown in **Figure 2**.



Figure 2: Location of First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site Areas



The First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site require additional archaeological studies ahead of any ground disturbance activities. To prepare the Corktown Station site, demolition of existing buildings and structures is necessary. Completion of this preparatory work is essential to allow for the timely delivery of the Ontario Line.

Archaeological fieldwork to remove or protect archaeological resources is anticipated to commence in early Fall 2021, and a workplan for these archaeological investigations is under development. As mentioned in the letter sent on March 11, 2021, Métis Nation of Ontario is invited to participate in all archaeological fieldwork, and to review and provide comments on forthcoming reports.

Feedback on Commemoration of First Parliament Site

Metrolinx appreciates that the history of the First Parliament site is not one simply of Canadian origin, but rather holds longer history and tradition. Metrolinx also appreciates that the site of the First Parliament of Upper Canada is linked to a history of colonization and harmful practices towards Indigenous Peoples. Given the significance of this site, Metrolinx is engaging with Indigenous Nations, City of Toronto and the broader community to identify opportunities for commemoration. Metrolinx is committed to ensuring that any feedback from Métis Nation of Ontario regarding the significance of this site is considered as part of this commemoration. Metrolinx appreciates that traditional or cultural knowledge about this site may be sacred and/or not be appropriate to be shared but welcomes any comments or ideas from Métis Nation of Ontario that may be appropriate to commemorate Indigenous Peoples.

Engagement

Metrolinx is committed to an open, respectful, and transparent relationship with Métis Nation of Ontario. We would like to meet with Métis Nation of Ontario to better understand any significance the First Parliament site may have to Métis Nation of Ontario. We are also happy to assist in reviewing the Corktown Station Early Works Report or reviewing the proposed archaeological workplan for this site. If Métis Nation of Ontario requires additional information or materials, or you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up a meeting, please contact Fallon Melander, Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.



Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Thank you for your time in reviewing these assessments.

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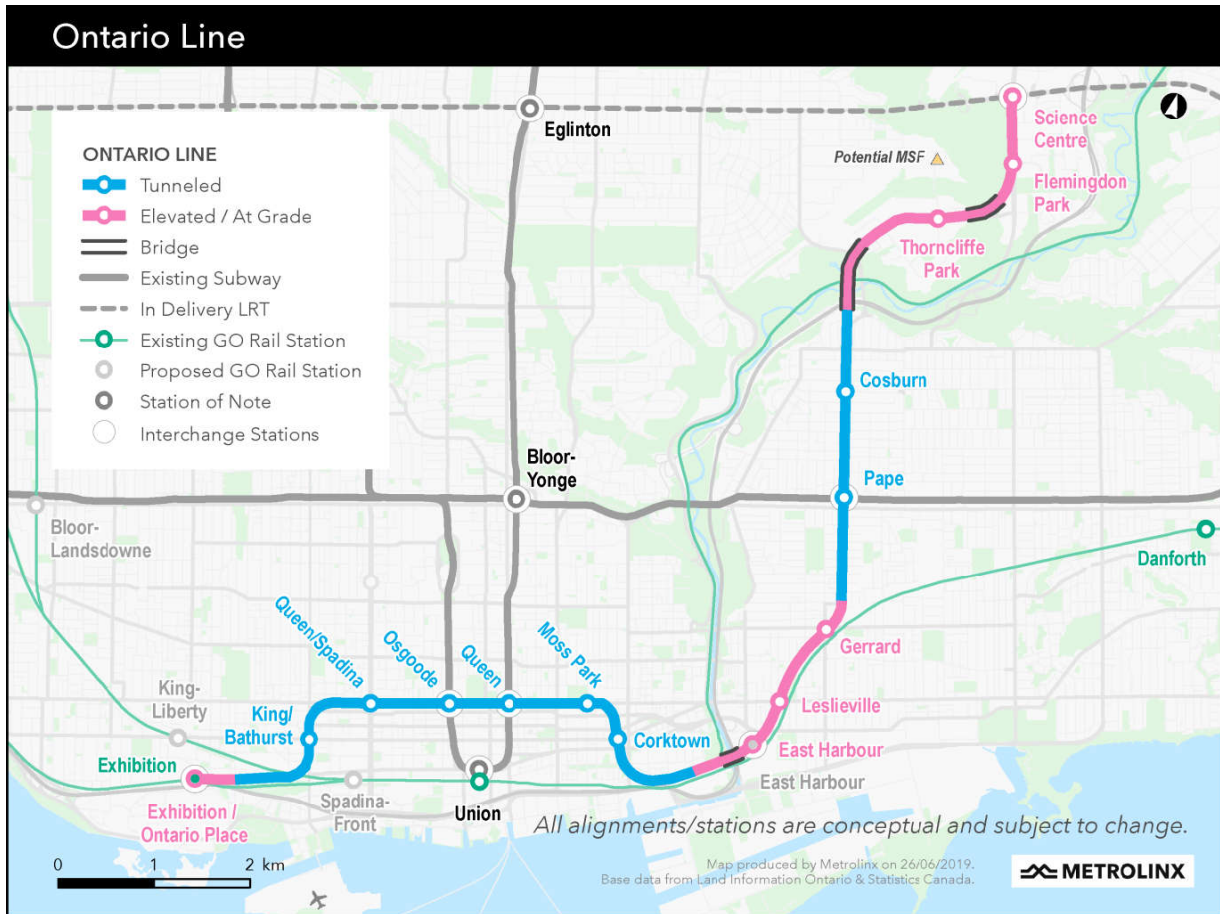
Yours Truly,

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Maria Zintchenko, Environmental Project Manager
Environmental Programs & Assessment
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Merlin Yuen, Project Coordinator, Metrolinx
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Figure 1



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Subject: Ontario Line - Project Update - Don Valley and River - Invitation for Participation in Stage 2 Archaeological Fieldwork
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 1:28:36 PM
Attachments: [OL-Don River Letter 2021 MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx continues to progress its environmental studies for the Ontario Line Project. We wanted to keep you aware that part of the project scope falls within the Don Valley and River System, and we recognize the importance of Valley and the waters within. Attached you will find a letter providing an update on the project and information regarding the planned work and environmental assessments that are anticipated to take place within the Don Valley. We also wanted to invite MNO to participate in the planned Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments that are anticipated to occur as part of the upcoming field season.

This letter is not intended to replace engagement but to provide a high level summary for your information. We would very much appreciate meeting with MNO to discuss in more detail. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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- Location 1: Lower Don River Crossing (Lower Don Bridge);
- Location 2: Millwood Road Crossing;
- Location 3: Walmsley Brook Crossing; and
- Location 4: West Don River Crossing north of Overlea Boulevard.

Locations 1-4 are shown in **Figure 1** and described in further detail below.

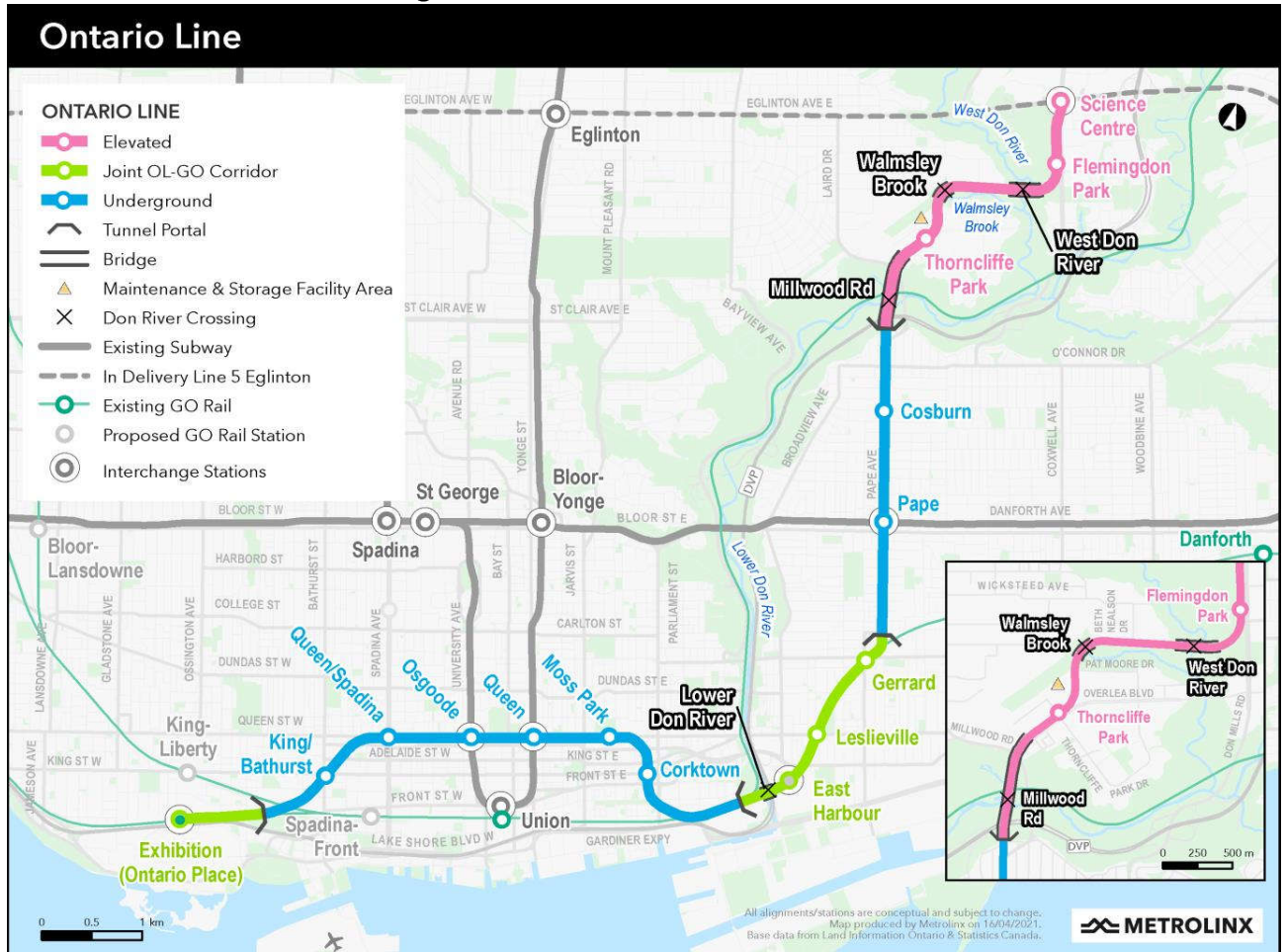


Figure 1: Ontario Line Project – Proposed Don River System Crossings

The environmental assessment for the Ontario Line Project is being completed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 341/20: Ontario Line Project (O. Reg. 341/20) made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Construction of the Lower Don Crossing (Location 1) will be assessed in the Lower Don Bridges and Don Yard Early Works Report, that is anticipated to be shared with Métis Nation of Ontario in summer 2021. Construction of the other three crossings (Locations 2-4) will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, that is planned to be shared with Métis Nation of Ontario in early 2022.

Location 1: Lower Don River Crossing (Lower Don Bridge)



A new bridge is planned to be built on the north side of the existing Lakeshore East rail bridge at the Lower Don River, with space for Ontario Line tracks going in both directions. We are also planning pedestrian and cycling connections across the Lower Don River.

Location 2: Millwood Road Crossing

The underground section of the Ontario Line running under Pape Avenue will emerge from the southern embankment of the Don Valley on an elevated guideway crossing the Don River, west of the Leaside Bridge (Millwood Road). The elevated guideway will connect to Thorncliffe Park in the north.

Location 3: Walmsley Brook Crossing

An elevated guideway will cross the Walmsley Brook tributary of the West Don River north of Pat Moore Drive. The guideway will then continue east across Beth Neelson Drive.

Location 4: West Don River Crossing (north of Overlea Boulevard)

The elevated guideway will cross the West Don River, north of Overlea Boulevard. This section of the route will connect to Don Mills Road and the future Flemingdon Park Station.

Field Surveys and Studies

As project planning is still in progress, environmental field surveys and studies as well as the timing of this work are being determined. Environmental field surveys and studies that may occur within or near the Don River include Stage 2 archaeological assessment and natural environment surveys (e.g., Species at Risk and tree surveys). Studies, surveys and their timing will be confirmed as project planning progresses. Further details are anticipated to be available in mid-Summer 2021.

Update on Archaeology

Metrolinx is currently planning to undertake Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA) near the Don River starting in Fall 2021. The Stage 2 AA investigations will assess areas of identified archaeological potential within the Ontario Line study area which may be affected by the construction of the Project. Stage 2 AA fieldwork consists of test pit surveys at 5 m intervals within areas of previously identified archaeological potential.

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario may have in participating in the Stage 2 AA fieldwork. Some of the Stage 2 AA may occur on lands



within the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) property boundaries and regulated area. Metrolinx will coordinate with TRCA to ensure that Indigenous Nations are provided the opportunity to participate in Stage 2 AA investigations. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario's interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

As Metrolinx continues to undertake environmental due diligence for this project, additional archaeological assessment reports are anticipated to be completed. Metrolinx will ensure that Métis Nation of Ontario will be made aware of and engaged regarding any future archaeological assessments, and especially the discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts. Metrolinx will also ensure that future archaeological assessments are provided to Métis Nation of Ontario in draft form, prior to submission to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

Invitation for Input

We are committed to an open, respectful, and transparent engagement with Métis Nation of Ontario. We recognize the potential significance of this project to Métis Nation of Ontario and wanted to keep you apprised of this project. We welcome meeting in the near future to discuss this project and its possible impacts and ways to appropriately engage with Métis Nation of Ontario.

We are happy to address any questions that Métis Nation of Ontario may have about the work proposed in the Don River system or the Ontario Line Project as a whole. If you require additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this Project in more detail or set up an in-person meeting, please contact Fallon Melander, Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Metrolinx thanks you for the time in reviewing this letter. Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "James Francis".

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Hi Christine,

As per our phone conversation, I do not engage in projects in Region 8. However, Ted Cousins is the manager for Region 8 and may be able to answer any questions you may have. I have copied him on this e-mail as well.

Best,

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Subject: RE: RE: Ontario Line Project – Archaeological Monitoring for Borehole Drilling - 265 Front St East - MNO

Dear Sir/Madam,

My deepest apologies, please refer to the updated letter (attached). The field dates remain the same.

Miigwetch,

Make today great,

Christine Parris (she, her, hers)

Community Relations Specialist, Indigenous Relations Office

From: Indigenous Relations

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Subject: RE: Ontario Line Project – Archaeological Monitoring for Borehole Drilling - 265 Front St East - MNO

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter inviting participation in upcoming archaeological monitoring for borehole drilling that is taking place next week at 256 Front Street in Toronto to support environmental assessment and geotechnical studies related to the Ontario Line Subway project. The boreholes are being drilled in locations that have known archaeological potential and as such Metrolinx is ensuring that a consultant archaeologist is on-site to monitor. If you are not able to attend, we are happy to provide any fieldnotes taken by the consultant archaeologist and/or provide a summary of the data collected if this is at all helpful to you.

The boreholes are anticipated to be completed between July 12 and July 16, 2021. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have interest in participating, and we will work with you and the project team to coordinate. And just a final note for your information, both Fallon Melander and Jaimi O'Hara, who are usually Metrolinx's main point of contact with your Nation, are away from the office this week. Hence you are receiving this communication from me.

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Make today great,

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To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Rodney Yee](#); [Flavia Santiago](#)
Subject: Invitation for Participation – Ontario Line Project - Archaeological Assessments and Natural Environment Surveys
Date: Friday, August 6, 2021 4:03:22 PM
Attachments: [Invitation for Participation in Fieldwork OL_2021_MNO.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx is working with its consultant HDR to provide opportunities for participation in upcoming Archaeological Assessment and Natural Environment fieldwork associated with the Ontario Line. Please find attached a letter inviting your Nation to participate.

The fieldwork is anticipated to late August - early September 2021. Please let me know if you have interest in participating as soon as possible, and we will work with you, the project team and HDR to coordinate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Indigenous Relations Office at anytime.

Thank you,

Jaimi O'Hara

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August 6, 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Ontario Line Project - Update on Archaeological Assessments and Natural Environment Surveys

Metrolinx and its consultant, Stantec and HDR, will be undertaking Archaeological Assessment and Natural Environment fieldwork associated with the Ontario Line Project. We appreciate Métis Nation's of Ontario's interest in participating in these studies. The following letter provides details about the anticipated surveys to support the planning and coordination of involvement by your Nation.

Invitation to Participate in Fieldwork

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario may have in participating in the archaeological fieldwork. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

Update on Archaeology

Metrolinx is planning to undertake various Archaeological Assessments for the Ontario Line Project. This archaeological investigation will assess areas of identified archaeological potential, which may be potentially affected by the construction of the Project. The archaeological works are planned to begin in **September 2021**. Fieldwork dates may change based on field progress and weather.

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario name may have in participating in the archaeological fieldwork. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

As Metrolinx continues to undertake environmental studies for this project, additional archaeological assessment reports are anticipated to be completed. Metrolinx acknowledges that Métis Nation of Ontario will be made aware of and engaged regarding any future archaeological assessments, and especially the discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds.



Regardless of whether or not your Nation participates in the fieldwork, Metrolinx will inform you of discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds. Metrolinx will also ensure that future Archaeological Assessment reports are provided to Métis Nation of Ontario in draft form, prior to submission to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

Natural Environment Field Surveys

Metrolinx is conducting natural environmental studies to review and document existing conditions within the Study Area and to carry out impact assessment reporting. Most of the natural environment fieldwork for Ontario Line is planned to occur in 2022.

However, the surveys detailed in the table below are planned for this year and include butternut survey, tree inventory and aquatic habitat assessment. Please note that these are approximate dates and may be subject to change pending appropriate weather conditions and field survey requirements. Metrolinx will endeavour to keep Métis Nation of Ontario apprised as the work unfolds.

Survey	Date(s)
Butternut Health Assessments (Areas detailed in Figures 1 and 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August, September/2021
Tree Inventory (Areas detailed in Figures 1 and 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September/2021
Aquatic Habitat assessment (Don and West Don ravine areas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September/2021

Engagement

If your Nation requires additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up an in-person meeting, please contact Jaimi O'Hara, Acting Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



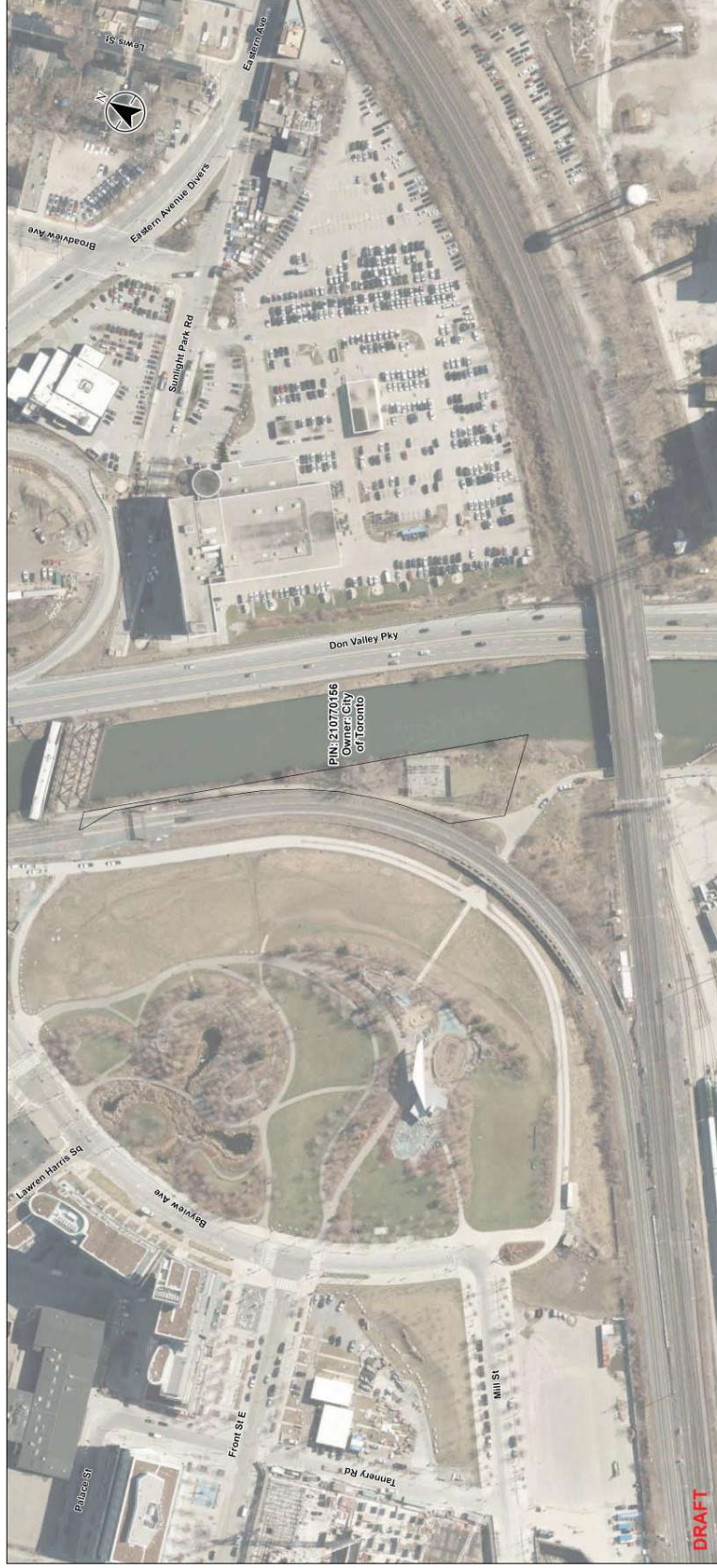
Yours Truly,

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Rodney Yee
Environmental Project Manager
Environmental Programs and Assessment
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cc: Indigenous Relations, Metrolinx
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Assessment, Metrolinx

Figure 2 - Natural Environment Field Surveys locations



From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Rodney Yee](#); [Flavia Santiago](#); [Carolyn Tunks](#)
Subject: Ontario Line Project – Stage 1 AA and Natural Environment Technical Report for Review_MNO
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 5:11:19 PM
Attachments: [OL - Stage 1 AA and NE - EIAR_MNO.pdf](#)
[image003.png](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached, a letter outlining the draft Stage 1- Archaeological Assessment for the Ontario Line.

The report is available for review at the following link:

Please share any comments you may have by **September 30, 2021**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Jaimi

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From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Maria Zintchenko](#); [Flavia Santiago](#)
Subject: Ontario Line Lower Don Bridge - Marine Archeological Over Assessment Review
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 4:17:55 PM
Attachments: [Don River Marine Arch Letter Draft MNO.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached, a letter outlining the draft Marine Archeological Overview Assessment for the Ontario Line – Lower Don Bridge Project. The report is available for review at the following link:

Please share any comments you may have by **November 19, 2021**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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October 7, 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Ontario Line Project - Lower Don Bridge Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment for Review

Metrolinx wishes to build a strong and respectful relationship with Métis Nation of Ontario. Metrolinx appreciates and respects Métis Nation of Ontario's desire to be appropriately informed and aware of projects. Metrolinx wishes to share with you the development of the Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment (MAOA) report for the proposed construction of the Lower Don Valley Bridge over the Don River. This proposed bridge is a component of the Ontario Line Project as part of the Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard Early Works. We invite Métis Nation of Ontario's feedback on the marine Archeological Overview Assessment prepared for the Ontario Line Project.

Project Description

The Ontario Line will bring 15.6 kilometres of subway service to Toronto. The Ontario Line will stretch from the Ontario Science Centre in the northeast to Exhibition/Ontario Place in the southwest. The Ontario Line will have 15 new stations, including six interchange stations, connections to three GO train lines, two existing subway lines, the new Eglinton Crosstown LRT, and streetcar lines at 10 stations. The project will feature a combination of tunneled, surface and elevated segments, and will be completely separated from traffic to provide fast and reliable service.

Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard Early Works

The Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard early works are planned for where the Ontario Line will run alongside GO train operations. These early works will set the groundwork for other major construction on the Ontario Line project and include:

- building a new bridge north of the existing rail bridge over the Lower Don River that will carry the Ontario Line tracks;
- shifting GO tracks in the Don Yard and nearby rail corridor to accommodate Ontario Line infrastructure;
- modifying the existing rail bridge to accommodate GO track shifts and Ontario Line infrastructure; and
- relocating and protecting utilities and signal infrastructure in the area.

The location of the Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard early works project footprint and study area can be viewed in **Figure 1** below.

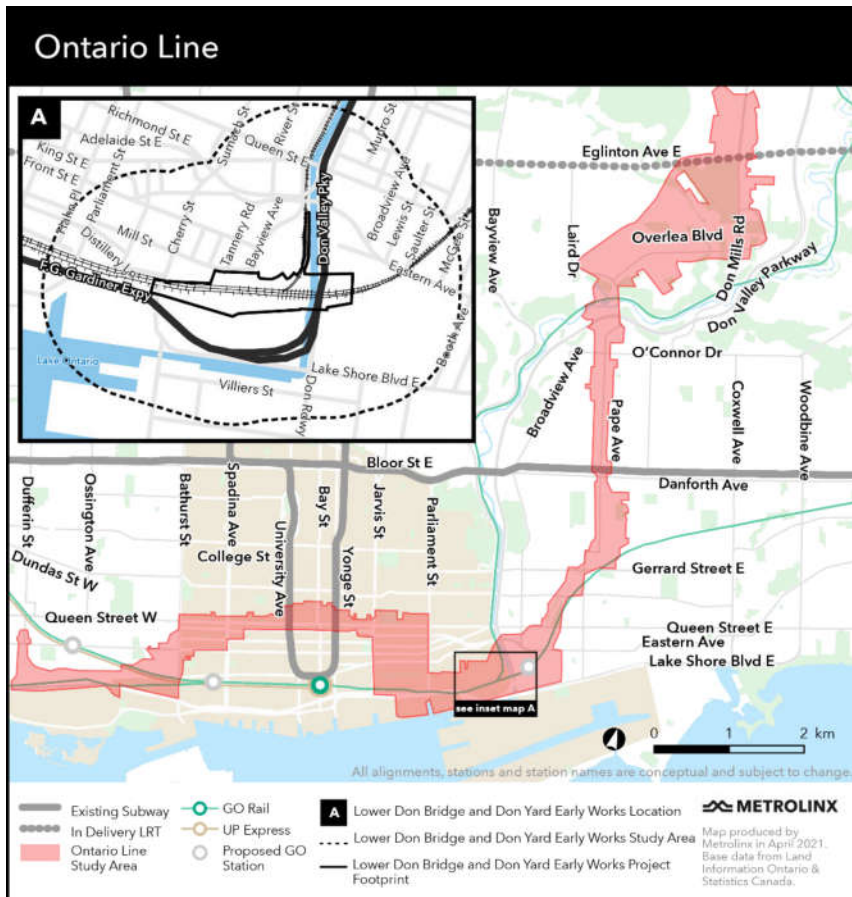


Figure 1: Map of Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard Early Works

Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment

On behalf of Metrolinx, Stantec has undertaken a Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment for the proposed Lower Don Bridge. The purpose of the Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment is to determine the marine archaeological potential of the study area for the bridge shown in **Figure 2** below.

The proposed bridge will cross over the Don River on the north side of the existing GO Transit Lakeshore East rail bridge. As a result, a large portion of the study area overlaps with the Don River. While the bridge will have no permanent in-water components, Metrolinx anticipates that in-water construction activities may impact potential submerged cultural resources. The marine archaeological potential of the study area is being considered as part of the Marine Archeological Overview Assessment.

The assessment determined that despite the study area for the Lower Don Valley Arch Bridge Superstructure having indicators of marine archaeological potential, there has been extensive river-bed disturbance to date. The riverbed has been previously disturbed by engineered

channeling, modern dredging, and modern construction. The assessment determined that the study area retains low to no potential for the identification and documentation of in situ Indigenous and Euro-Canadian marine archaeological resources. As a result no further marine archaeological work is required for the study area.

A copy of the marine Archeological Overview Assessment has been included in the Dropbox link for your review. Please provide any comments you may have by **November 19, 2021**.

Invitation for Input

We are committed to an open, respectful, and transparent engagement with Métis Nation of Ontario. Metrolinx values any input that Métis Nation of Ontario is willing to provide on the Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment report.

We are happy to meet with your Métis Nation of Ontario to go over the project and development of the Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment report and answer any questions Métis Nation of Ontario may have on the report or the project as a whole.

If you require additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up a meeting, please contact Jaimi O'Hara, Acting Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Please submit your feedback in writing by **November 19, 2021**.

Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, except where information is provided to Metrolinx in confidence, pursuant to section 15.1.

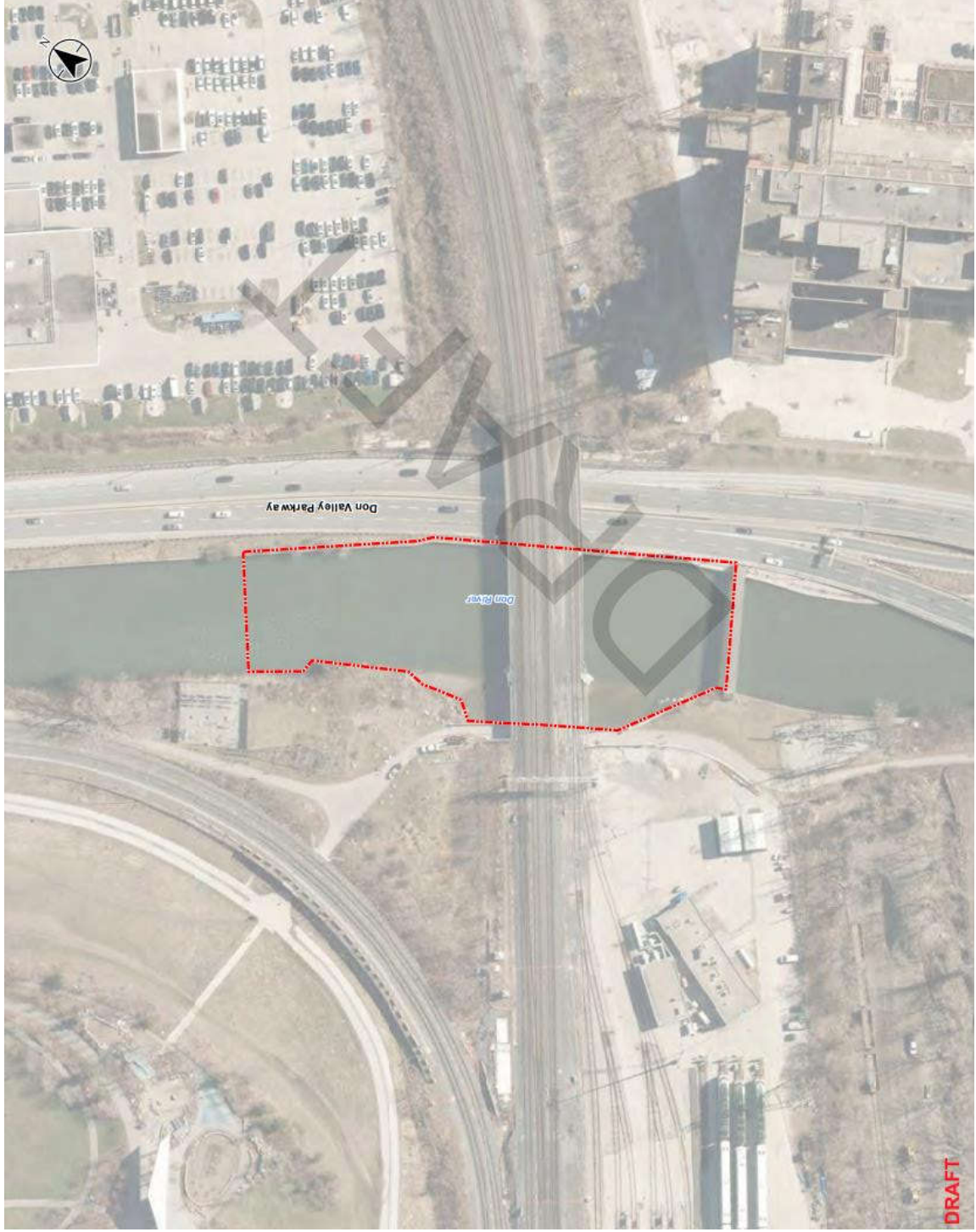
Yours Truly,



Maria Zintchenko, Environmental Project Manager
Environmental Programs & Assessment, Metrolinx

cc: Indigenous Relations, Metrolinx
Flavia Santiago, Project Coordinator, Environmental Programs and Assessments,
Metrolinx

Figure 2 - Marine Archaeological Assessment Study Area



From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Flavia Santiago](#); [Rodney Yee](#)
Subject: Ontario Line Stage 2 AA - Invitation to Participate
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 4:16:06 PM
Attachments: [Moss Park and Ordnance Letter Invitation to Participate MNO.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter inviting participation in upcoming Stage 2 Fieldwork for the Ontario Line project. The fieldwork is anticipated to take place starting October 25, 2021.

Please let me know if you have interest in participating as soon as possible, and we will work with you, the project team to coordinate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Indigenous Relations Office at anytime.

Thank you,

Jaimi O'Hara

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Meeting Location Address: 150 Sherbourne St

Size of Field Crew: 2 (1 Field director, 1 field tech)

Parking location: Above-ground parking lot at the southwest corner of Jarvis Street and Queen Street East; approximate three minute walk

ORDNANCE PARK

Start Date: Work on Ordnance Park will begin after the Moss Park work is completed

Duration: Approximately two weeks

Start Time: 8am

Consultant Company: Stantec

Contact information: Jeffrey Muir - (289) 208-5298; Heather Kerr - (416) 602-3271; Patrick Hoskins - (613) 716-4687

Assessment: Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

Size of Field Crew: 4 (1 Field director, 3 field techs)

Required PPE:

Item	Specifications
Clothing and Attire	Loose clothing, long hair, dangling accessories, jewelry, or other similar items that are likely to be a hazard will not be worn unless they are tied, covered, or otherwise secured so they prevent the hazard.
Foot Protection	Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved work boots (Steel-toed boots, minimum 6" from top of sole, grade 1 with sole protection [CSA Standard Z195-09]).
Hand Protection	Cut, puncture, and abrasion-resistant gloves shall be worn when conducting archaeological hand digging and screening activities.
Eye and Face Protection	CSA approved safety glasses with rigid side shields. Regular prescription glasses are not permitted unless they are designed as CSA safety glasses complete with rigid shields. An ASTM level 1 (or higher) face covering is mandatory.
Head Protection	CSA approved Type II, Class E (side impact) hard hat. Hard hats shall be worn with the brim pointed forward.
Hearing Protection	Not needed.
High Visibility Safety Apparel	Mandatory class 2, level 2 High Visibility Safety Apparel (HVSA). Full length sleeves and pants with reflective stripes on both arms and legs are required.
*Although not considered PPE, face coverings for COVID-19 shall be worn when applicable	

Invitation to Participate in Fieldwork

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario may have in participating in the archaeological monitoring fieldwork. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario's interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate Métis Nation of Ontario's involvement.

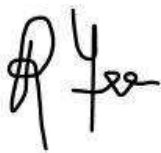
Engagement

Regardless of whether or not Métis Nation of Ontario participates in the fieldwork, Metrolinx will inform you of discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds. Metrolinx will also ensure that future Archaeological Assessment reports are provided to your community in draft form, prior to submission to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

If Métis Nation of Ontario wishes to participate in the fieldwork, or if you'd prefer to receive fieldnotes and/or a summary of the borehole and geotechnical data, please let us know at your earliest convenience. If you require additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up an in-person meeting, please contact, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. We can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

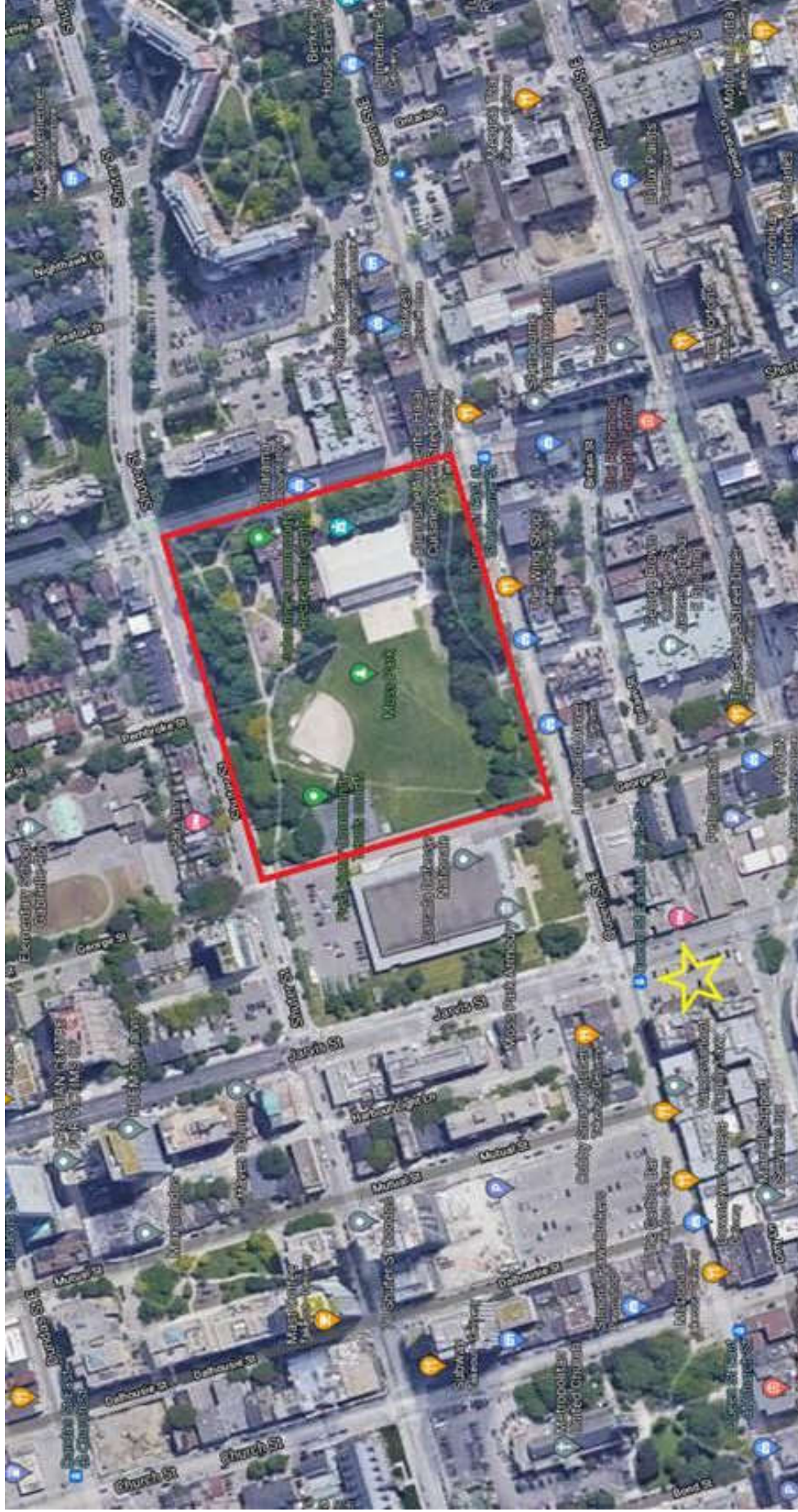
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Figure 1: Moss Park study area in red and yellow star indicates public parking area.



From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Maria Zintchenko](#); [Merlin Yuen](#); [Crystal Ho](#)
Subject: Ontario Line - Species at Risk 17(2)(d) Permit Under Endangered Species Act
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:49:17 PM
Attachments: [Letter_SARPermitAmendment-MNO.pdf](#)
[Appendix 1.pdf](#)
[Appendix 2.pdf](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed, a letter providing an overview of the Metrolinx application for a permit under the Endangered Species Act to support the Ontario Line Project. We have also attached two appendices for your review.

We value building a relationship with your Nation which we recognize requires transparency and meaningful engagement. Please let me know if you have any further questions or would like to meet to discuss this permit, the Ontario Line Project or any other Metrolinx projects.

Thank you,

Jaimi O'Hara

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November 3, 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Ontario Line Project - Species at Risk 17(2)(d) Permit Amendment Under the
*Endangered Species Act***

Metrolinx wishes to build a strong, constructive, cooperative and mutually respectful and beneficial relationship with Métis Nation of Ontario. Metrolinx appreciates and respects Métis Nation of Ontario's desire to be appropriately informed and aware of projects. To that end, Metrolinx is sharing with Métis Nation of Ontario information regarding the Species at Risk (SAR) 17 (2) (d) Permit under *the Endangered Species Act* (ESA, 2007) obtained in support of the Ontario Line Project, and the proposed amendment to this permit.

Project Description

Metrolinx, a regional transportation agency, is helping transform the way the Greater Golden Horseshoe region moves by building a fast, convenient, and integrated transit network. As part of this work, Metrolinx is proceeding with the Ontario Line Project which will bring 15.6 kilometres of subway service to Toronto.

Ontario Line Permit #CR-D-002-19

Metrolinx, as part of the Ontario Line Project, previously received approval for a 17(2)(d) permit (Permit #CR-D-002-19) under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA, 2007) issued by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) on August 10, 2020. The permit provides approval for those project activities that may have adverse impacts on identified Species at Risk (SAR) and/or their habitat. The permit allows for those activities to take place and provides direction to Metrolinx regarding mitigation measures and compensation requirements that would be necessary to support those impacted species to support no net loss.



To inform this permit, Metrolinx completed SAR screening through the Ontario Line Environmental Conditions Report and Natural Environment Report using various information sources. While the results of this screening were shared within the initial draft of the Environmental Conditions Report circulated to Métis Nation of Ontario on June 15 2020, Draft Environmental Conditions Report circulated on September 17 2020 and Final Environmental Conditions Report circulated on November 30 2020, we regret that we did not engage with Métis Nation of Ontario directly on the screening process or the findings.

Potentially Impacted Species and Summary of Permit Conditions and Requirements

Based on the SAR screening completed to date, some activities required to support the Ontario Line Project may result in the following species at risk being impacted:

- Bank Swallow - Threatened
- Barn Swallow - Threatened
- Blanding's Turtle - Threatened
- Butternut - Endangered
- Chimney Swift - Threatened
- Little Brown Myotis - Endangered
- Northern Myotis - Endangered
- Small-footed Myotis - Endangered
- Tri-colored Bat - Endangered

Activities that may result in impacts to species listed above are associated with project construction and include activities such as removal or alteration of SAR habitat features (e.g., structures that may support SAR bird nesting, and trees).

Prior to commencing any activities that may impact SAR and/or SAR habitat, Metrolinx will complete species-specific screening for areas where project activities are planned to take place, and, if necessary (if screening determines that SAR/SAR habitat is likely to be present), surveys to detect SAR and SAR habitat presence and conduct an impact assessment if presence is confirmed, to characterize species-specific impacts (e.g., amount of habitat removed).

Metrolinx will meet the ESA permit conditions such as implementing species-specific mitigation measures, monitoring their effectiveness, and taking corrective action as required. Species-specific mitigation measures include scheduling activities to take place outside of species-specific timing windows (e.g., outside of active season or breeding window), implementing exclusion measures to prevent individuals of certain species from being impacted by project activities, and others.



If project activities result in SAR habitat removal, Metrolinx will implement species-specific compensation measures such as creating habitat (e.g., nesting habitat features replacing habitat features removed). Compensation habitat will be regularly monitored, and appropriate corrective actions will be taken as required to ensure habitat functions as intended.

Proposed Permit Amendment

Metrolinx is proposing an amendment to the previously approved SAR 17(2)(d) Permit (Permit #CR-D-002-19) under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA, 2007), approved on August 10, 2020. The purpose of this permit amendment is to seek approval for additional study area not included in the current Permit #CR-D-002-19, as shown in **Appendix 1**. There are no changes to the permit conditions, including species-specific mitigation measures and compensation requirements, and no additional species are being added at this time. The SAR screening developed in support of the current permit has been updated to provide occurrence probability of SAR that may be present in the areas Metrolinx is seeking to include in the permit as part of the proposed amendment, and is included as **Appendix 2**.

Permit Amendment Process - Next Steps

The Proposal for the 17(2)(d) Permit Amendment is anticipated to be available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for a 30-day public review period this Fall 2021, and Metrolinx will notify Métis Nation of Ontario when the ERO posting is available. While not specifically required under the Environmental Bill of Rights, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) voluntarily posts all ESA permit proposals for public review to ensure transparency and inclusion.

Metrolinx is seeking Métis Nation of Ontario's comments, questions, or requests for additional information upon review of the material presented in this letter at any time in advance of the public ERO posting. Questions or comments can also be submitted directly to MECP through the ERO posting during the 30-day public review period.

Following the 30-day public review period, the proposed permit amendment will be submitted to the Minister for review and consideration. The amendment may only be issued if the Minister is of the opinion that the legal requirements set out in clause 17(2)(d) of the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA, 2007) have been satisfied. Should the amendment be issued, Metrolinx will be obligated to adhere to the requirements and standards as stipulated under the permit.



Métis Nation of Ontario will be kept apprised should any new SAR be identified within the project area as project planning progresses. In such cases we will endeavor to engage Métis Nation of Ontario prior to seeking any necessary permit amendments.

Metrolinx is committed to building a long-term relationship with Métis Nation of Ontario, and we recognize that this requires transparency. We appreciate that we have much work to do in this regard and we hope to move forward in a positive way. The original SAR permit was obtained as part of the normal course of Metrolinx business, which had yet to be identified by the Indigenous Relations Office as necessitating engagement and information sharing with Indigenous Nations.

The Indigenous Relations Office has begun guiding the organization and identifying opportunities to flag such actions in advance, so that we can more meaningfully engage with Indigenous Nations as we move forward. We appreciate your patience as Metrolinx continues to learn more about Indigenous Nations and with the help of the Indigenous Relations Office, becomes aware of additional opportunities for engagement with Indigenous Nations.

We appreciate that previous engagement activities may not have met the needs of Métis Nation of Ontario, and the volume of materials may have resulted in Métis Nation of Ontario not having been made adequately aware of the possible identified impacts to several Species at Risk under this permit. Metrolinx remains committed to meaningful engagement; we are committed to identifying and prioritizing the sharing of the most relevant and appropriate information with Métis Nation of Ontario.

If Métis Nation of Ontario requires additional information or materials, or you wish to discuss this project in more detail, please reach out to Jaimi O'Hara in the Indigenous Relations Office at Metrolinx and she would be pleased to facilitate a meeting. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, except where information is provided to Metrolinx in confidence, pursuant to section 15.1.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this letter.

Yours Truly,



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Maria Zintchenko
Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment
Metrolinx

cc: Indigenous Relations Office, Metrolinx
Merlin Yuen, Project Coordinator, Metrolinx
Crystal Ho, Junior Project Coordinator, Metrolinx

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Permit CR-D-002-19 - Current (2020) and Proposed (2021) Study Areas Figure
Appendix 2 - Species-at-Risk Screening in support of Study Area amendment to Permit CR-D-002-19 under s.17(1) in accordance with clause 17(2)(d) of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 Memorandum

From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
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Cc: [Flavia Santiago](#); [Rodney Yee](#)
Subject: RE: Ontario Line - Draft Environmental Impact and Assessment Report for Review
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:26:09 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Hello Sir/Madam,

We noticed that the Noise and Vibration Operations Report, was not outlined in the previous letter which provided an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact and Assessment Report for the Ontario Line Project. We apologize for this omission and note that the report has now been added to the Dropbox shared below. We apologize that this report was overlooked earlier, and is not referenced directly in the letter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,

Marilyn Stoye *(she/her)*
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Subject: Ontario Line - Draft Environmental Impact and Assessment Report for Review

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached, a letter outlining the Draft Environmental Impact and Assessment Report (EIAR) for the Ontario Line. The report is available for review at the following link:

Any comments you may have regarding this report received by **December 6, 2021**, will be incorporated in the Draft EIAR planned to be released in January 2022. Feedback received after December 6, will be reflected in the Final EIAR, planned for release in March 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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Subject: Ontario Line - Species at Risk 17(2)(d) Permit Under Endangered Species Act
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 10:05:48 AM
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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a follow up to the letter sent on November 3, 2021 regarding the Ontario Line Project Species at Risk 17(2)(d) Permit Amendment Under the *Endangered Species Act*, the Proposal for the 17(2)(d) Permit Amendment was posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) on December 3rd, 2021 for a 30-day public review period, ending January 2nd, 2022.

The ERO posting can be found in the following link:
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4601> Comments can be submitted directly to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Additionally, we are happy to arrange a meeting to discuss the Permit, if that would be of interest.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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Jaimi O'Hara

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Cc: aldenb@metisnation.org; lindan@metisnation.org; [James Francis](#); [Rodney Yee](#); [Damien Forbes](#)
Subject: Ontario Line - Archaeological monitoring for Borehole Drilling
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:29:54 PM
Attachments: [OL Archaeological Monitoring Invitation for Participation in monitoring for Boreholes_MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter inviting participation in upcoming archaeological monitoring for borehole drilling that is taking place at various locations to support environmental assessment and geotechnical studies related to the Ontario Line Subway project. The boreholes are being drilled in locations that have known archaeological potential and as such Metrolinx is ensuring that a consultant archaeologist is on-site to monitor. We'd like to extend this invite to MNO as well. We appreciate that during these uncertain times of COVID-19 this may not be possible or safe for MNO. We are happy to provide any fieldnotes taken by the consultant archaeologist and/or provide a summary of the data collected if this is at all helpful to you. Please let us know if there is any other way we can support MNO during this time.

The boreholes are anticipated to be completed over the next several weeks beginning this Friday on **January 22, 2021**. Please let me know if you have interest in participating as soon as possible, and we will work with you and the project team to coordinate.

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January 19th, 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Ontario Line Project - Corktown Archaeological Monitoring for Borehole Drilling

Metrolinx and its consultants, Wood and Stantec, will be undertaking geotechnical and environmental site assessment investigations in Corktown. As part of this work boreholes will be drilled at 271 Front St East, 44 Parliament St and 25 Berkeley St. These boreholes will be located on/near potential archaeological sites and an archaeologist will be on site to monitor the drilling activities (see attached figures for location). We are writing to invite Métis Nation of Ontario to participate in the archaeological monitoring associated with this work. Metrolinx appreciates the impacts of COVID-19 on Indigenous Nations and acknowledges that this may impact Métis Nation of Ontario's ability to participate due to safety concerns. If preferable, Metrolinx is happy to share any fieldnotes taken by the consultant archaeologist as well as a summary of the borehole and geotechnical study data for review.

The fieldwork is anticipated to be conducted between January 22nd and February 12th, 2021, as detailed below:

Activity	Anticipated Timeline	Location		
		271 Front St E	44 Parliament St	25 Berkeley St
Drilling – Geotechnical Locations	Jan 22 – Feb 12, 2021		x	
Drilling – Environmental Locations	Feb 2 - 4, 2021	x		
	Feb 5 and 8, 2021		x	
	Feb 9 - 10, 2021			x

Invitation to Participate in Fieldwork

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario may have in participating in the archaeological monitoring fieldwork. The attached maps illustrate

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the location of the boreholes that will be drilled. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario's interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

Engagement

Regardless of whether or not your Nation participates in the fieldwork, Metrolinx will inform you of discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds. Metrolinx will also ensure that future Archaeological Assessment reports are provided to your community in draft form, prior to submission to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

If your Nation wishes to participate in the fieldwork, or if you'd prefer to receive fieldnotes and/or a summary of the borehole and geotechnical data, please let us know at your earliest convenience. If you require additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up an in-person meeting, please contact Fallon Melander, Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Thank you for your time in reviewing these assessments.

Yours Truly,

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James Francis
Manager, Environmental Programs & Assessment (EPA)
Metrolinx

cc:

Alden Barty, Consultation Assessment Coordinator Lands, Resources and
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Linda Norheim, Director, Métis Nation of Ontario
Indigenous Relations Office, Metrolinx



Rodney Yee, Project Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment
Damien Forbes, Project Manager, Ontario Line

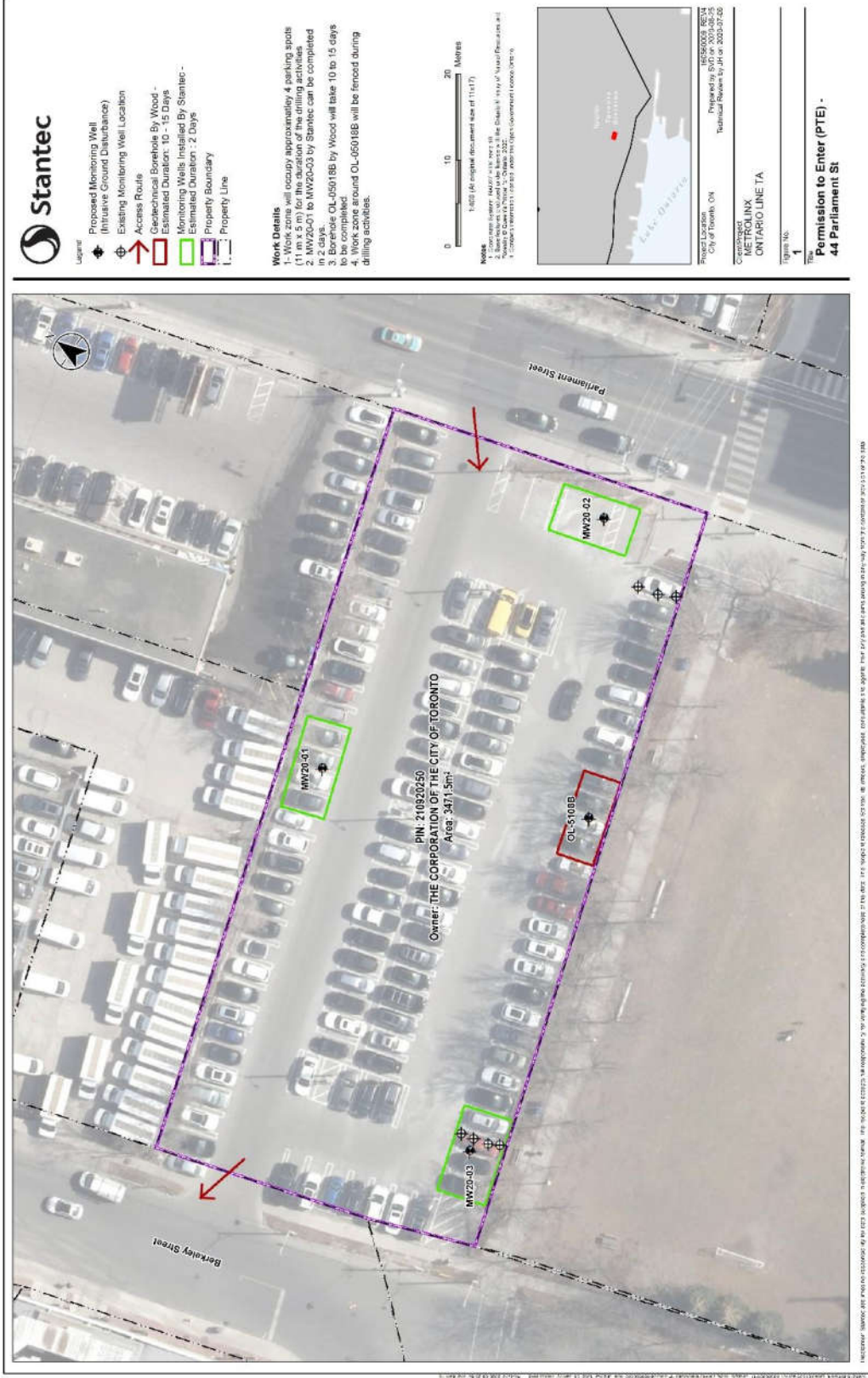


Figure 2 - 44 Parliament St

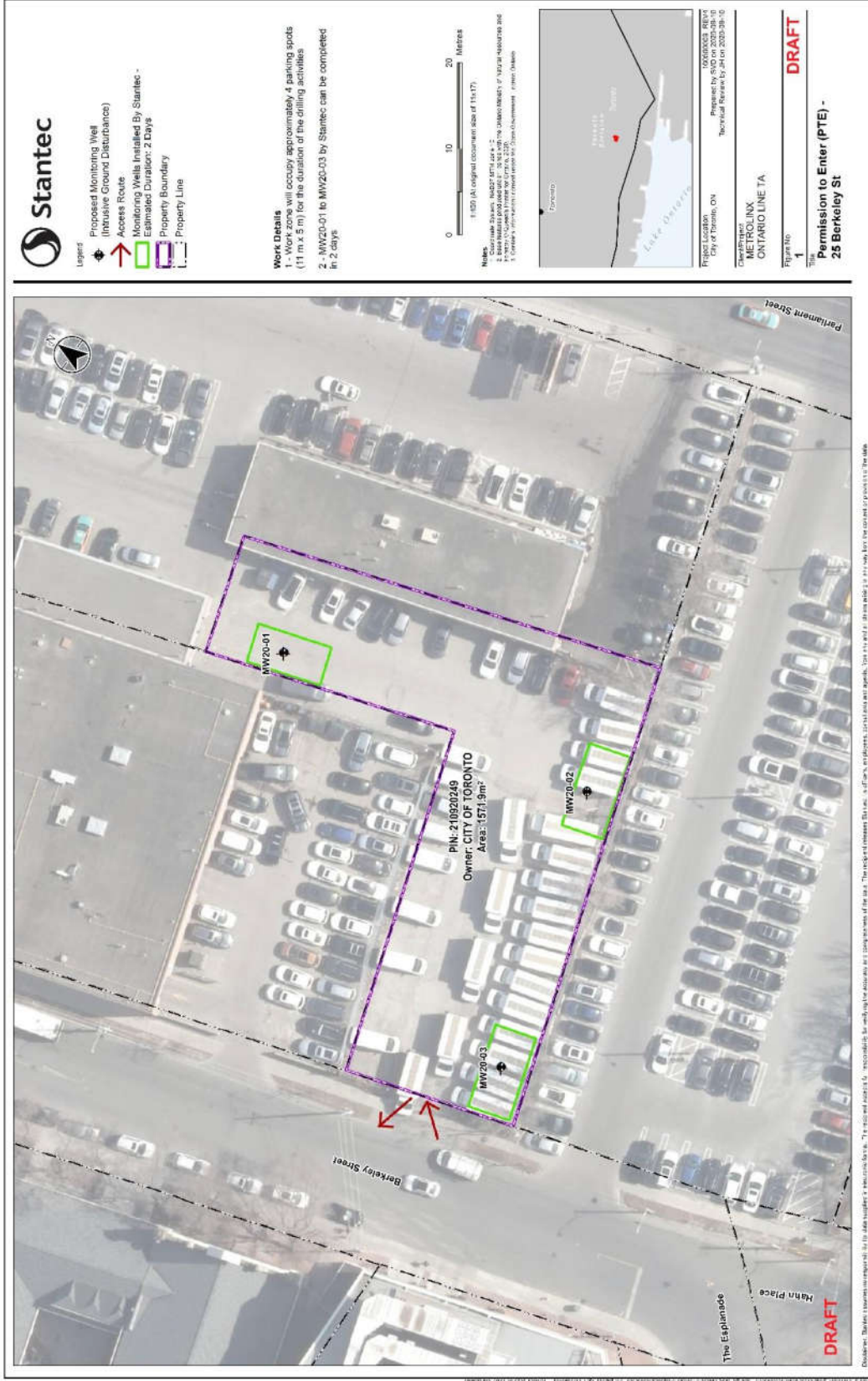


Figure 3 - 25 Berkeley St

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Subject: Ontario Line – Addendum to Ontario Line South Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:59:03 PM
Attachments: [OLS-Stage 1 AA Addendum_MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached, a letter outlining the need for an Addendum to the Ontario Line South Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. This report was originally shared with MNO in March 2020.

The report addendum and other attachments are available for review at the following link:

Please share any comments you may have by **February 24, 2021**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Thank you for your time and assistance.

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From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Maria Zintchenko](#); [Merlin Yuen](#); [Crystal Ho](#)
Subject: Ontario Line - Project Update and Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report for Review + Invitation to Participate in Archaeological Fieldwork
Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:58:09 PM
Attachments: [Attachment 1.jpg](#)
[Attachment 2.pdf](#)
[Attachment 3.pdf](#)
[OL_CS_EWR_Initial_Draft_Letter_MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx continues to progress its environmental studies for the Ontario Line Project as part of the Subways Program. Attached you will find a letter providing an update on the project. The purpose of this letter is to:

- Provide an update on the scope of the project work
- share the initial draft of the Early Works Report for the proposed Corktown Station
- Invite MNO to participate in upcoming archaeological fieldwork

In an effort to streamline your review, we draw your attention to the attachment which provides an overview of the expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigations, as we know this may be of specific interest to you.

Metrolinx is also preparing a letter specific to works being planned within the Don Valley as we recognize the significance of this waterway to many Nations. We hope to share that letter soon. We are happy to meet with MNO to discuss the Ontario Line and address any questions or concerns that MNO may have.

We ask that any comments on the draft Corktown Station Early Works Report be provided no later than **April 15, 2021**. Please note that the Noise and Vibration Report, which will be part of the Early Works Report is still being prepared and we will share with MNO by March 19, 2021.

The draft Corktown Station Early Works Report is available at the following link:

Please let us know as soon as possible if MNO has interest in participating in future archaeological fieldwork.

We appreciate the volume of documents that Metrolinx has shared with MNO.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From: [Indigenous Relations](#)
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: [Maria Zintchenko](#); [Merlin Yuen](#); [Crystal Ho](#)
Subject: Ontario Line Project - Invitation to Meet & provide input on First Parliament Site
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:04:06 PM
Attachments: [First Parliament_MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx continues to progress its environmental studies for the Ontario Line Project as part of the Subways Program. We recently communicated with MNO about the proposed Corktown Station which is along the planned alignment of the Ontario Line. This location includes parcels of land which were once the site of Upper Canada's First Parliament buildings. Metrolinx and its partners are exploring opportunities to commemorate the history of this site, and have been engaging with various parties including the City of Toronto and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, on whose treaty territory this project is occurring.

Given the significant chance of recovering Indigenous and European artifacts during the Corktown Station Early Works, a detailed archaeological workplan is being developed. Metrolinx recognizes the importance and value of Indigenous monitors for any archaeology related to the Ontario Line Project. In our previous communication, an invitation was included for your Nation to participate in any archaeological fieldwork and monitoring during the Corktown Station Early Works, including demolition of modern buildings currently on the First Parliament site.

This work is anticipated to commence in Fall 2021, and if you have not yet expressed interest in participating, please feel free to do so at your earliest convenience. As a reminder any comments on the draft Corktown Station Early Works Report should be provided no later than **April 15, 2021**.

Metrolinx recognizes that the history of this location extends beyond European use, and as such, wants to take the opportunity to understand any significance it may have to Indigenous Nations. Metrolinx would like to meet with MNO to discuss the First Parliament site, its commemoration, as well as review the broader Ontario Line project if you wish. We recognize that traditional knowledge of this area may be sacred and/or not appropriate to be shared, but would appreciate any information that may be appropriate for Metrolinx to consider.

This letter is not intended to replace engagement but to provide a high level summary for your information. We would very much appreciate meeting with MNO to discuss in more detail. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate the volume of documents that Metrolinx has shared with MNO. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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April 12, 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Ontario Line Project - First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site

Metrolinx, a regional transportation agency, is helping to transform the way the Greater Golden Horseshoe moves by building a fast, convenient and integrated transit network. As part of this work, Metrolinx is continuing the pre-construction planning of the Ontario Line which will bring nearly 16 kilometres of subway service to Toronto.

Metrolinx wishes to build a strong, constructive, cooperative and mutually respectful and beneficial relationship with the Métis Nation of Ontario. Metrolinx appreciates and respects Métis Nation of Ontario's desire to be appropriately informed and aware of projects. To that end Metrolinx wishes to share with Métis Nation of Ontario information regarding Corktown Station early works and additional information regarding upcoming field visits and investigations at the Corktown Station early works site, which includes two registered archaeological sites, the First Parliament site and the Lime Kiln site.

Project Description

The proposed Ontario Line is a new 16-kilometer subway line, which will occupy an exclusive right-of-way system encompassing a combination of below-grade, above-grade, and at-grade alignment. The route (Figure 1) will run from Ontario Place/Exhibition through downtown Toronto to the Ontario Science Centre in the City of Toronto, with six (6) potential interchange stations and 17 new connections to GO Transit, existing subways and streetcars. More information on the Project can be found on our website: www.metrolinx.com/ontarioline

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As communicated in the letter sent to Métis Nation of Ontario on March 11, 2021, the Corktown Station site has been identified for launching tunnel excavation equipment for the downtown and Don Yard segments of the proposed Ontario Line alignment, as well as the location of the Corktown Station. The First Parliament and Lime Kiln Sites, located within the Corktown Station area, are known archaeological sites which require additional archaeological study ahead of any ground disturbance activities. To prepare the Corktown Station site, demolition of existing buildings and structures, followed by completion of necessary archaeological studies, is required. Completion of this preparatory work on an expedited basis is essential to allow for the timely delivery of the overall Project and is anticipated to begin in the Fall 2021, subject to the completion of the Corktown Station early works process in accordance with Ontario Regulation 341/20: Ontario Line Project.

Corktown Station early works include demolition of existing buildings, removal of other structures and asphalt where required, decommissioning of utilities, and soil removal and/or remediation where required. These activities will enable completion of environmental due diligence investigations, including archaeological assessments. These activities will occur on properties within the Corktown Station early works project footprint, as shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1: Map of Corktown Station Early Works



Environmental impacts of Corktown Station early works are being assessed in accordance with O. Reg. 341/20. Metrolinx shared the draft Corktown Station Early Works Report and associated discipline reports with Métis Nation of Ontario on March 11, 2021 and had requested any comments to be provided by April 9, 2021.

Archaeological Work at the First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site

Metrolinx appreciates the significance of archaeology to Métis Nation of Ontario. The properties at 265 Front Street East, 271 Front Street East, and 25 Berkeley Street, in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood of the City of Toronto, are collectively host to the First Parliament Site. It is located on the southwest corner of Parliament Street and King Street, between Parliament Street and Berkeley Street. The First Parliament Site is a registered archaeological site (AjGu-41) which may include resources associated with the First and Second Parliament Buildings, the Home District Gaol, and Consumers' Gas company buildings. The surface of the property is currently occupied by automotive businesses, including a car dealership, car wash, and surface parking lot. Artifacts from Indigenous Nations, remains of Upper Canada's First and Second Parliament Buildings and remnants of early Toronto industry may be found at this site.

North of the First Parliament Site is another registered archaeological site (AjGu-64), the Lime Kiln Site, which includes remains from the Toronto Lime Works Company. A variety of structural features, in various states of preservation, have been documented on this site. The location of the Lime Kiln Site and the First Parliament Site are shown in **Figure 2**.



Figure 2: Location of First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site Areas



The First Parliament Site and Lime Kiln Site require additional archaeological studies ahead of any ground disturbance activities. To prepare the Corktown Station site, demolition of existing buildings and structures is necessary. Completion of this preparatory work is essential to allow for the timely delivery of the Ontario Line.

Archaeological fieldwork to remove or protect archaeological resources is anticipated to commence in early Fall 2021, and a workplan for these archaeological investigations is under development. As mentioned in the letter sent on March 11, 2021, Métis Nation of Ontario is invited to participate in all archaeological fieldwork, and to review and provide comments on forthcoming reports.

Feedback on Commemoration of First Parliament Site

Metrolinx appreciates that the history of the First Parliament site is not one simply of Canadian origin, but rather holds longer history and tradition. Metrolinx also appreciates that the site of the First Parliament of Upper Canada is linked to a history of colonization and harmful practices towards Indigenous Peoples. Given the significance of this site, Metrolinx is engaging with Indigenous Nations, City of Toronto and the broader community to identify opportunities for commemoration. Metrolinx is committed to ensuring that any feedback from Métis Nation of Ontario regarding the significance of this site is considered as part of this commemoration. Metrolinx appreciates that traditional or cultural knowledge about this site may be sacred and/or not be appropriate to be shared but welcomes any comments or ideas from Métis Nation of Ontario that may be appropriate to commemorate Indigenous Peoples.

Engagement

Metrolinx is committed to an open, respectful, and transparent relationship with Métis Nation of Ontario. We would like to meet with Métis Nation of Ontario to better understand any significance the First Parliament site may have to Métis Nation of Ontario. We are also happy to assist in reviewing the Corktown Station Early Works Report or reviewing the proposed archaeological workplan for this site. If Métis Nation of Ontario requires additional information or materials, or you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up a meeting, please contact Fallon Melander, Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.



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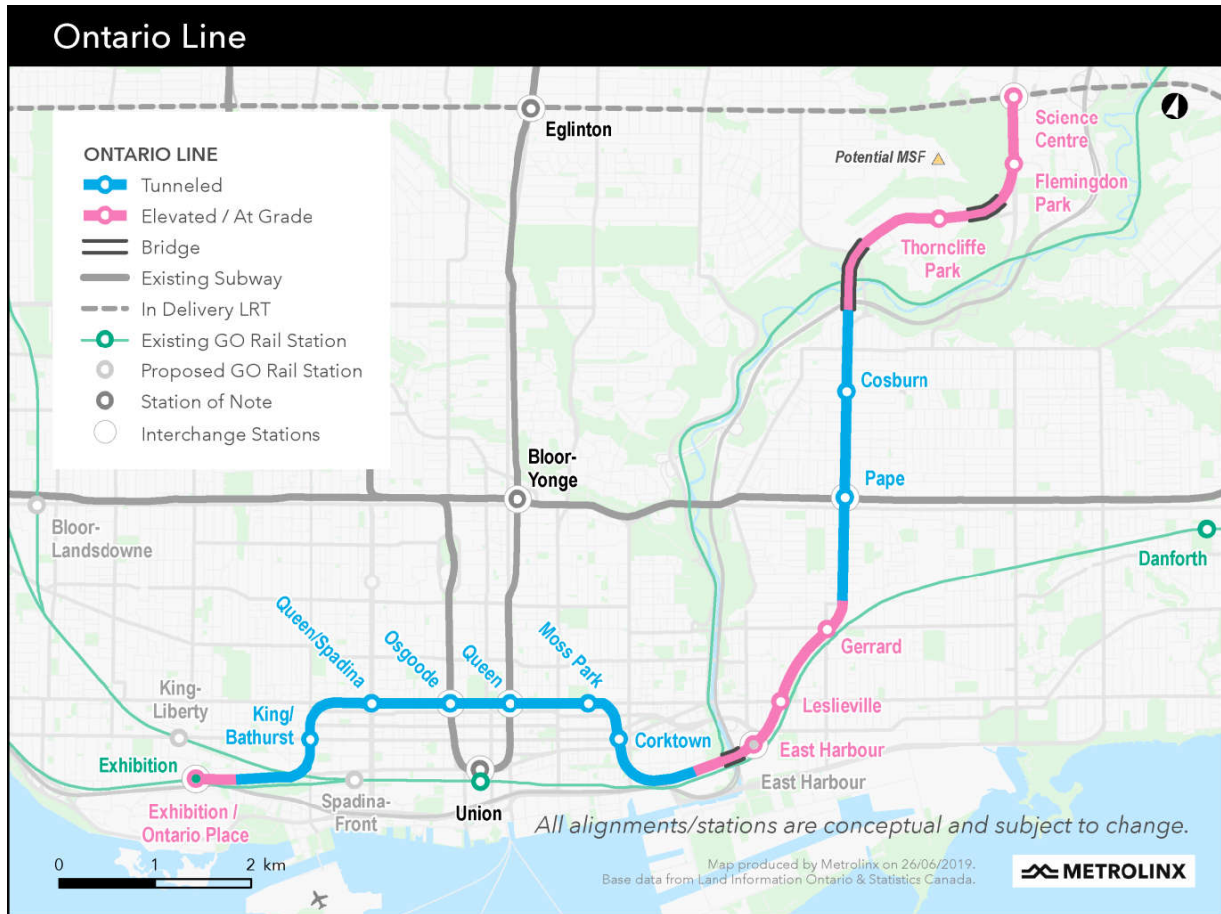
Yours Truly,

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Maria Zintchenko, Environmental Project Manager
Environmental Programs & Assessment
Metrolinx

cc: Indigenous Relations Office, Metrolinx Indigenous Relations, Metrolinx
Merlin Yuen, Project Coordinator, Metrolinx
Crystal Ho, Junior Project Coordinator, Metrolinx

Figure 1



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Cc: [James Francis](#); [Maria Zintchenko](#); [Rodney Yee](#); [Flavia Santiago](#); [Merlin Yuen](#); [Crystal Ho](#)
Subject: Ontario Line - Project Update - Don Valley and River - Invitation for Participation in Stage 2 Archaeological Fieldwork
Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 1:28:36 PM
Attachments: [OL-Don River Letter 2021 MNO.pdf](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx continues to progress its environmental studies for the Ontario Line Project. We wanted to keep you aware that part of the project scope falls within the Don Valley and River System, and we recognize the importance of Valley and the waters within. Attached you will find a letter providing an update on the project and information regarding the planned work and environmental assessments that are anticipated to take place within the Don Valley. We also wanted to invite MNO to participate in the planned Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments that are anticipated to occur as part of the upcoming field season.

This letter is not intended to replace engagement but to provide a high level summary for your information. We would very much appreciate meeting with MNO to discuss in more detail. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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- Location 1: Lower Don River Crossing (Lower Don Bridge);
- Location 2: Millwood Road Crossing;
- Location 3: Walmsley Brook Crossing; and
- Location 4: West Don River Crossing north of Overlea Boulevard.

Locations 1-4 are shown in **Figure 1** and described in further detail below.

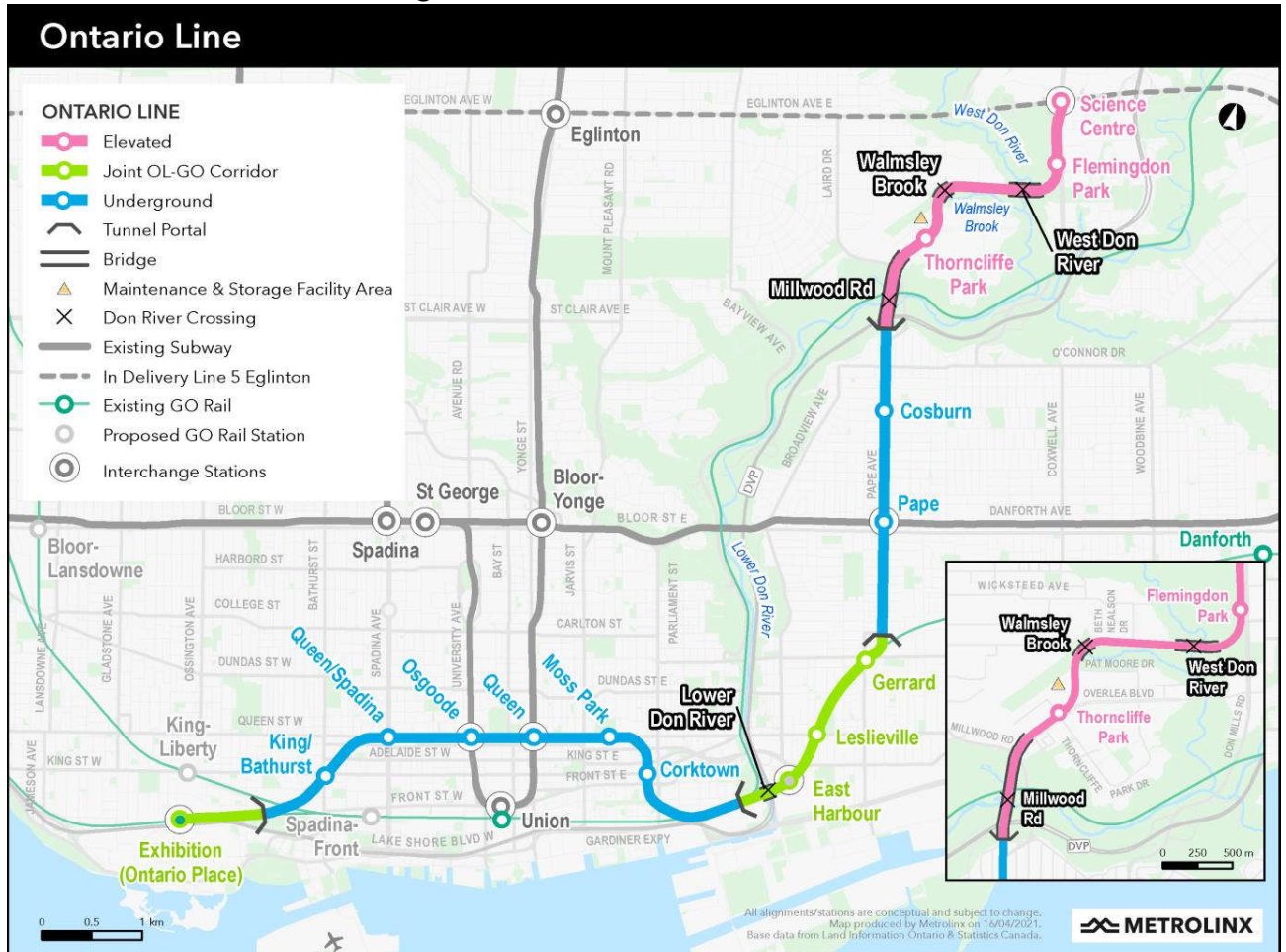


Figure 1: Ontario Line Project – Proposed Don River System Crossings

The environmental assessment for the Ontario Line Project is being completed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 341/20: Ontario Line Project (O. Reg. 341/20) made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Construction of the Lower Don Crossing (Location 1) will be assessed in the Lower Don Bridges and Don Yard Early Works Report, that is anticipated to be shared with Métis Nation of Ontario in summer 2021. Construction of the other three crossings (Locations 2-4) will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, that is planned to be shared with Métis Nation of Ontario in early 2022.

Location 1: Lower Don River Crossing (Lower Don Bridge)



A new bridge is planned to be built on the north side of the existing Lakeshore East rail bridge at the Lower Don River, with space for Ontario Line tracks going in both directions. We are also planning pedestrian and cycling connections across the Lower Don River.

Location 2: Millwood Road Crossing

The underground section of the Ontario Line running under Pape Avenue will emerge from the southern embankment of the Don Valley on an elevated guideway crossing the Don River, west of the Leaside Bridge (Millwood Road). The elevated guideway will connect to Thorncliffe Park in the north.

Location 3: Walmsley Brook Crossing

An elevated guideway will cross the Walmsley Brook tributary of the West Don River north of Pat Moore Drive. The guideway will then continue east across Beth Neelson Drive.

Location 4: West Don River Crossing (north of Overlea Boulevard)

The elevated guideway will cross the West Don River, north of Overlea Boulevard. This section of the route will connect to Don Mills Road and the future Flemingdon Park Station.

Field Surveys and Studies

As project planning is still in progress, environmental field surveys and studies as well as the timing of this work are being determined. Environmental field surveys and studies that may occur within or near the Don River include Stage 2 archaeological assessment and natural environment surveys (e.g., Species at Risk and tree surveys). Studies, surveys and their timing will be confirmed as project planning progresses. Further details are anticipated to be available in mid-Summer 2021.

Update on Archaeology

Metrolinx is currently planning to undertake Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA) near the Don River starting in Fall 2021. The Stage 2 AA investigations will assess areas of identified archaeological potential within the Ontario Line study area which may be affected by the construction of the Project. Stage 2 AA fieldwork consists of test pit surveys at 5 m intervals within areas of previously identified archaeological potential.

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario may have in participating in the Stage 2 AA fieldwork. Some of the Stage 2 AA may occur on lands



within the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) property boundaries and regulated area. Metrolinx will coordinate with TRCA to ensure that Indigenous Nations are provided the opportunity to participate in Stage 2 AA investigations. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario's interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

As Metrolinx continues to undertake environmental due diligence for this project, additional archaeological assessment reports are anticipated to be completed. Metrolinx will ensure that Métis Nation of Ontario will be made aware of and engaged regarding any future archaeological assessments, and especially the discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts. Metrolinx will also ensure that future archaeological assessments are provided to Métis Nation of Ontario in draft form, prior to submission to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

Invitation for Input

We are committed to an open, respectful, and transparent engagement with Métis Nation of Ontario. We recognize the potential significance of this project to Métis Nation of Ontario and wanted to keep you apprised of this project. We welcome meeting in the near future to discuss this project and its possible impacts and ways to appropriately engage with Métis Nation of Ontario.

We are happy to address any questions that Métis Nation of Ontario may have about the work proposed in the Don River system or the Ontario Line Project as a whole. If you require additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this Project in more detail or set up an in-person meeting, please contact Fallon Melander, Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Metrolinx thanks you for the time in reviewing this letter. Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "James Francis".

James Francis
Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment
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cc: Maria Zintchenko, Project Manager, Metrolinx
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From: [Vanessa Potvin](#)
To: [Indigenous Relations](#)
Cc: [David Ayotte](#); [Flavia Santiago](#); [James Francis](#); [Rodney Yee](#); [Ted Cousins](#)
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Hi Christine,

As per our phone conversation, I do not engage in projects in Region 8. However, Ted Cousins is the manager for Region 8 and may be able to answer any questions you may have. I have copied him on this e-mail as well.

Best,

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Subject: RE: RE: Ontario Line Project – Archaeological Monitoring for Borehole Drilling - 265 Front St East - MNO

Dear Sir/Madam,

My deepest apologies, please refer to the updated letter (attached). The field dates remain the same.

Miigwetch,

Make today great,

Christine Parris (she, her, hers)

Community Relations Specialist, Indigenous Relations Office

From: Indigenous Relations

Sent: July 7, 2021 8:43 AM

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Subject: RE: Ontario Line Project – Archaeological Monitoring for Borehole Drilling - 265 Front St East - MNO

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter inviting participation in upcoming archaeological monitoring for borehole drilling that is taking place next week at 256 Front Street in Toronto to support environmental assessment and geotechnical studies related to the Ontario Line Subway project. The boreholes are being drilled in locations that have known archaeological potential and as such Metrolinx is ensuring that a consultant archaeologist is on-site to monitor. If you are not able to attend, we are happy to provide any fieldnotes taken by the consultant archaeologist and/or provide a summary of the data collected if this is at all helpful to you.

The boreholes are anticipated to be completed between July 12 and July 16, 2021. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have interest in participating, and we will work with you and the project team to coordinate. And just a final note for your information, both Fallon Melander and Jaimi O'Hara, who are usually Metrolinx's main point of contact with your Nation, are away from the office this week. Hence you are receiving this communication from me.

Miigwetch,

Make today great,

Christine Parris (she, her, hers)

Community Relations Specialist, Indigenous Relations Office

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Metrolinx is working with its consultant HDR to provide opportunities for participation in upcoming Archaeological Assessment and Natural Environment fieldwork associated with the Ontario Line. Please find attached a letter inviting your Nation to participate.

The fieldwork is anticipated to late August - early September 2021. Please let me know if you have interest in participating as soon as possible, and we will work with you, the project team and HDR to coordinate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Indigenous Relations Office at anytime.

Thank you,

Jaimi O'Hara

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Ontario Line Project - Update on Archaeological Assessments and Natural Environment Surveys

Metrolinx and its consultant, Stantec and HDR, will be undertaking Archaeological Assessment and Natural Environment fieldwork associated with the Ontario Line Project. We appreciate Métis Nation's of Ontario's interest in participating in these studies. The following letter provides details about the anticipated surveys to support the planning and coordination of involvement by your Nation.

Invitation to Participate in Fieldwork

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario may have in participating in the archaeological fieldwork. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

Update on Archaeology

Metrolinx is planning to undertake various Archaeological Assessments for the Ontario Line Project. This archaeological investigation will assess areas of identified archaeological potential, which may be potentially affected by the construction of the Project. The archaeological works are planned to begin in **September 2021**. Fieldwork dates may change based on field progress and weather.

Metrolinx would appreciate any interest Métis Nation of Ontario name may have in participating in the archaeological fieldwork. Upon receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario interest in participating, Metrolinx will work to coordinate your Nation's involvement.

As Metrolinx continues to undertake environmental studies for this project, additional archaeological assessment reports are anticipated to be completed. Metrolinx acknowledges that Métis Nation of Ontario will be made aware of and engaged regarding any future archaeological assessments, and especially the discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds.



Regardless of whether or not your Nation participates in the fieldwork, Metrolinx will inform you of discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds. Metrolinx will also ensure that future Archaeological Assessment reports are provided to Métis Nation of Ontario in draft form, prior to submission to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

Natural Environment Field Surveys

Metrolinx is conducting natural environmental studies to review and document existing conditions within the Study Area and to carry out impact assessment reporting. Most of the natural environment fieldwork for Ontario Line is planned to occur in 2022.

However, the surveys detailed in the table below are planned for this year and include butternut survey, tree inventory and aquatic habitat assessment. Please note that these are approximate dates and may be subject to change pending appropriate weather conditions and field survey requirements. Metrolinx will endeavour to keep Métis Nation of Ontario apprised as the work unfolds.

Survey	Date(s)
Butternut Health Assessments (Areas detailed in Figures 1 and 2)	• August, September/2021
Tree Inventory (Areas detailed in Figures 1 and 2)	• September/2021
Aquatic Habitat assessment (Don and West Don ravine areas)	• September/2021

Engagement

If your Nation requires additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up an in-person meeting, please contact Jaimi O'Hara, Acting Manager, Indigenous Relations at Metrolinx. She can be contacted at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



Yours Truly,

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Figure 2 - Natural Environment Field Surveys locations

