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## 1. Consultation and Engagement Overview

This Volume of the Environmental Project Report (EPR) documents the consultation and engagement activities that have taken place for the New SmartTrack Stations (the Transit Project). An extensive consultation and engagement program has been undertaken to, among other purposes, meet the requirements of Ontario Regulation 231/08. The consultation and engagement program has two broad purposes: to inform interested parties and seek feedback on various aspects of the Transit Project.

The consultation and engagement program completed to date is divided into three formal phases- two during the pre-Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) period (also referred to as Phases 1 and 2) and one during the TPAP period (Phase 3). This Volume has been organized as follows:

- Section 1 provides an overview of the consultation and engagement process undertaken for the Transit Project;
- Section 2 summarizes consultation and engagement that occurred during the pre-TPAP period;
- Section 3 summarizes consultation and engagement that occurred during the TPAP period; and
- Section 4 provides an overview of commitments to future consultation and engagement.

The City of Toronto and Metrolinx, as co-proponents, as well as the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), are committed to engaging stakeholders, property owners, agencies, Indigenous communities and organizations and the public in a transparent, collaborative, inclusive and authentic way. A variety of communication, information-sharing and engagement tools and events were used to ensure easy and accessible participation in the Transit Project, and to gather meaningful feedback. A summary of key comments and how these have been responded to is provided as a covering page to Appendix B.2.

The consultation and engagement program related to the TPAP was initiated in September 2017<sup>1</sup> and continued through to the submission of this EPR. The City of Toronto and Metrolinx are committed to ongoing engagement with regulatory agencies, the public and Indigenous communities and organizations through the detailed design, construction and operations phases of the Transit Project.

### 1.1 Approach to Consultation and Engagement

Public consultation for the Transit Project was led by the City, with support from Metrolinx. The City and Metrolinx are committed to the following guiding principles for consultation and engagement:

- Inclusiveness - engage the widest possible audience through multiple consultation opportunities;

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<sup>1</sup> While previous consultation and engagement activities have informed project planning, environmental impact-specific consultation and engagement was initiated in September 2017.



- Timeliness - offer early and ongoing opportunities for participation well before decisions are made;
- Transparency - records of all consultation activities are made available to the public;
- Balance - provide opportunities for diverse perspectives and opinions to be raised and considered;
- Flexibility - adapt as required to meet the needs of participants; and
- Traceability - demonstrate the effect of participant input on decision-making.

## 1.2 Consultation and Engagement Strategy

The comprehensive consultation and engagement program included a number of in-person and online tools and activities to enable interested parties to get involved and provide feedback. A summary of these is provided below.

### 1.2.1 **Master Contact List**

A master contact list was developed to manage dissemination of information to potentially interested parties. The contact list included relevant government agencies, elected officials, Indigenous communities and organizations, key interest groups, potentially impacted property owners, and interested parties who signed up for the subscription email distribution lists. The master contact list was regularly updated throughout the Transit Project. Details for those on the master contact list are provided as follows:

- Relevant government agencies (the Government Review Team (GRT)) and elected officials are provided in Appendix B.1;
- Indigenous communities and organizations are provided in Appendix C.1; and
- Key interest groups are provided in Appendix D.1.

### 1.2.2 **Online Engagement**

A variety of online tools were utilized to engage with interested parties during the Transit Project, as described below.

#### 1.2.2.1 **Project Websites**

The Project websites ([smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to) and [www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)) were developed and regularly updated to provide information about the Transit Project and provide contact information to reach the Project Team. Materials that have been posted to the websites include:

- Background information related to the Transit Project including the basis on which the preferred method for carrying out the Transit Project was selected (Business Cases);
- Notices of Public Meetings and Online Town Halls (both in the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods);
- Notice of Commencement;
- Notice of Completion;

- Public meeting materials including display boards, presentations, and meeting summaries;
- Draft Technical/Environmental Studies which present the criteria for assessment and evaluation of potential environmental impacts, recommended measures to mitigate potential impacts, and proposed activities to monitor or verify effectiveness of mitigation measures; and
- Final EPR and Technical/Environmental Studies.

#### 1.2.2.2 *Social Pinpoint*

Social Pinpoint, an online consultation tool using interactive mapping, was launched during the TPAP period. Interested parties were notified about Social Pinpoint as part of the Notice of Online Town Hall and links to Social Pinpoint were provided from the project websites. This tool was used to collect comments about the environmental studies and station design, as well as general comments about the Transit Project. Further information is provided in Section 3.2.2

#### 1.2.2.3 *Social Media*

The Project Team used social media for the Transit Project to provide information about Project activities and to directly and promptly address inquiries and concerns from social media users. Social media posts were shared through the following accounts:

- @CityPlanTO;
- @TorontoComms;
- @Metrolinx; and
- @MXNotices.

#### 1.2.2.4 *Project Email Addresses*

Two Project Email Addresses were established for the Transit Project: newstations@metrolinx.com and SmartTrack@toronto.ca. Interested parties have been encouraged to email Metrolinx and the City of Toronto with any comments or concerns they have about the Transit Project. Throughout the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods, comments have been received and responded to accordingly, as summarized in Sections 2.1.4 and 3.2.5, respectively, and detailed in Appendices A, B and C.

Appendix A.1 captures comments from the public and stakeholders and the City and Metrolinx's responses between September 6, 2017 and February 14, 2018, Appendix A.2 captures comments from the public and stakeholders and the City and Metrolinx's responses between February 15, 2018 and March 28, 2018 and Appendix A.3 captures comments from the public and stakeholders and the City and Metrolinx's responses between March 29, 2018 and June 22, 2018<sup>2</sup>. Appendix B.2 captures comments from regulatory agencies and the GRT throughout the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods and the City and Metrolinx's responses. Appendix C.2 captures comments from Indigenous communities and organizations throughout the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods and the City and Metrolinx's responses.

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<sup>2</sup> Comments received following this date are being tracked and responses are being provided. Metrolinx and the City of Toronto are maintaining an up-to-date comment-response log.

#### 1.2.2.5 *Email Distribution Lists*

Subscription email distribution lists were put together to keep interested parties informed about the Transit Project. These include interested persons who signed up at Public Meetings, through the Project Email Addresses, and through the Project Websites, as well as municipal Councillors and other elected officials.

### 1.2.3 *Meetings*

#### 1.2.3.1 *Regulatory Agency Meetings*

Meetings were held with the following regulatory agencies: Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). A detailed list of meetings held throughout the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods can be found in Sections 2.2 and 3.3, respectively. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the Transit Project and associated items of interest.

#### 1.2.3.2 *Technical Advisory Committee Meetings*

A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established to discuss opportunities and issues related to the planning and design of the Transit Project. The TAC included representatives from the City's transportation planning and community planning groups, TTC, Metrolinx, TRCA, Infrastructure Ontario, Build Toronto, Toronto Hydro and other technical staff. A series of TAC meetings, focused on specific topics, was held during the Pre-TPAP period and is discussed further in Section 2.3. TAC members were also circulated draft technical reports and the draft EPR for review and comment during the TPAP period, as discussed in Section 3.4.

#### 1.2.3.3 *Stakeholder Advisory Groups*

Stakeholder Advisory Groups (SAGs) were established for each station, as well as one for stakeholders with a city-wide perspective, to provide a broad range of local input into the planning and design process for the Transit Project. The SAGs were comprised of residents and representatives from organizations who represent a broad range of stakeholder interests (community/ neighbourhood, businesses, institutions, professional interests and transit-orientated groups) (see Appendix D.1 for a list of organizations and groups represented at the SAGs). Meetings with the SAGs were held during the pre-TPAP period and are further discussed in Section 2.1.1.

#### 1.2.3.4 *Public Meetings and Online Town Halls*

To obtain input and share information on the Transit Project with the public and other interested parties, Metrolinx and the City of Toronto held a series of public meetings, both in-person and online, during the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods. Public meetings were promoted through the Project websites, local newspaper advertisements, advertisements posted on televisions at all TTC subway stations, advertisements posted at select existing GO Stations, flyers distributed to properties within a minimum of 200 m<sup>3</sup> of each station, and mailings and/or emails to properties within 30 m of each station (including potentially impacted

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<sup>3</sup> Canada Post's Precision Mailer was used to identify all postal routes located within a 200 m extent from each station. Notices were distributed to all properties on all postal routes within 200 m of each station. Many of these postal routes extend more than 200 m from each station.

property owners), regulatory agencies, elected officials, SAG members, those on the Project-specific email distribution lists, and Indigenous communities and organizations. The public meetings and online town halls provided opportunities to speak directly with the Project Team, and are discussed further in Sections 2.1.2 and 3.2.3, respectively.

### 1.2.4 Correspondence

In addition to correspondence by email (see Section 1.2.2.4), interested parties were encouraged to engage with the Project Team members via email and telephone. Throughout the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods, comments have been received and responded to accordingly, as summarized in Sections 2.1.4 and 3.2.5, respectively, and detailed in Appendices A, B and C.

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### 1.2.5 Public Notices

Notices were published to disseminate information about Project-related milestones throughout the pre-TPAP and TPAP periods. A summary of notices published in newspapers is provided in Table 1-1.

**Table 1-1: Summary of Notices Published**

Notice	Newspaper	Date
Notice of Public Meeting #1	Metro	September 26, 2017
	Senthamarai	September 28, 2017
	Ming Pao	September 28, 2017
	Sing Tao	September 28, 2017
Notice of Public Meeting #2	Metro	February 15 and March 1, 2018
	Senthamarai	February 16, 2018
	Ming Pao	February 16, 2018
	Sing Tao	February 16, 2018
	Le Metropolitan	February 28, 2018
	L'Express	March 2, 2018
	Beach-Riverdale Mirror	March 14, 2018
Notice of Commencement	Metro	March 29 and April 5, 2018
	Bloor West and Parkdale Villager	March 29 and April 5, 2018
	East York and Beach Mirror	March 29 and April 5, 2018

<sup>4</sup> Comments received following this date are being tracked and responses are being provided. Metrolinx and the City of Toronto are maintaining an up-to-date comment-response log.

Notice	Newspaper	Date
	Etobicoke Guardian	March 29 and April 5, 2018
	Scarborough Mirror	March 29 and April 5, 2018
	Senthamarai	March 30 and April 6, 2018
	Gujarat	March 30 and April 6, 2018
	Ming Pao	April 2 and April 9, 2018
	Sing Tao	March 29 and April 6, 2018
	Philippine Reporter	March 29, 2018
	Sol Português	April 6 and April 13, 2018
	Caribbean Camera	March 29, 2018
	L'Express	March 30 and April 6, 2018
	Le Metropolitain	April 4 and April 11, 2018
Notice of Online Town Hall	Metro	June 11, 2018
	Senthamarai	June 13, 2018
	Ming Pao	June 11, 2018
	Sing Tao	June 11, 2018
	Philippine Reporter	June 11, 2018
	Sol Português	June 11, 2018
	Bloor West Village / Annex Guardian	June 14, 2018
	East York and Beach Mirror	June 14, 2018
	Etobicoke Guardian	June 14, 2018
	Scarborough Mirror	June 14, 2018
	Caribbean Camera	June 15, 2018
	L'Express	June 15, 2018
	Le Metropolitain	June 20, 2018
Notice of Completion <sup>5</sup>	Metro	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Senthamarai	July 20 and July 27, 2018
	Ming Pao	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Sing Tao	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Philippine Reporter	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Sol Português	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Bloor West Village / Annex Guardian	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	East York/Beach Mirror	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Etobicoke Guardian	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Scarborough Mirror	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	Caribbean Camera	July 19 and July 26, 2018
	L'Express	July 20 and July 27, 2018
	Le Metropolitain	July 25 and August 1, 2018

<sup>5</sup> Given the need to finalize and print the EPR prior to Notice of Completion, anticipated publication dates for the Notice of Completion have been provided.

The Notices were mailed via Canada Post (regular mail) to property owners within 30 m of each SmartTrack station. They were also distributed via Canada Post Unaddressed Admail to approximately 36,000 addresses within a minimum of 200 m<sup>6</sup> of each SmartTrack station and to those on the Project email distribution lists.

## 2. Pre-Transit Project Assessment Process Period Consultation and Engagement

This section provides a summary of consultation and engagement activities undertaken during the preliminary planning of the Transit Project prior to issuing the Notice of Commencement of the TPAP. Two phases of consultation and engagement took place during the pre-TPAP period (Phase 1: Fall 2017 and Phase 2: Winter 2018).

### 2.1 Public and Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement

During the first two phases of public and stakeholder consultation and engagement, over 630 people attended six public meetings, and 110 stakeholders attended 10 SAG meetings. In addition to these meetings, the City of Toronto and Metrolinx maintained project websites ([www.smarttrack.to](http://www.smarttrack.to) and [www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)) and encouraged public and stakeholder input via email and phone.

The following sections provide an overview of public and stakeholder consultation and engagement during the pre-TPAP period, as well as a summary of the feedback received and how this feedback has been responded to and considered in project planning. Further details about the public and stakeholder consultation and engagement program undertaken during the pre-TPAP period and the feedback received are provided in the Phase 1 and 2 Public Consultation Reports (Appendices A.1 and A.2, respectively). Specific comments received during the pre-TPAP period, and the accompanying responses, are provided in Appendices A.1 and A.2.

#### 2.1.1 Stakeholder Consultation

SAGs were established during the pre-TPAP period to provide a broad range of local input into the planning and design process for the Transit Project, as well as the two new GO stations being planned in the City of Toronto (Spadina-Front and Bloor-Lansdowne). These two new GO stations are being planned in accordance with O. Reg. 231/08 and are the subject of an addendum to the EPR for the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion.

The SAG Terms of Reference (provided in Appendix D.2) outlines the purpose, mandate, membership and governance of the SAGs. Members of the SAGs were identified by the Project Team, with input from local Councillors and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP). Invited stakeholders included representatives of resident and business associations and groups; representatives of local and city-wide agencies; service providers, institutions and organizations; major land owners in proximity to the stations; and advocacy and interest groups.

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<sup>6</sup> Canada Post's Precision Mailer was used to identify all postal routes located within a 200 m extent from each station. Notices were distributed to all properties on all postal routes within 200 m of each station. Many of these postal routes extend more than 200 m from each station.

Meetings were held with each SAG during Phases 1 and 2 of pre-TPAP period consultation and engagement. At each SAG meeting, the Project Team:

- Gained input from SAG members to inform development of public consultation and engagement materials;
- Shared information with SAG members about the public consultation and engagement process and events; SAG members were in turn encouraged to share this information with their communities and respective groups;
- Informed SAG members about the planning and design work being undertaken for the Transit Project;
- Provided SAG members the opportunity to ask questions of technical, planning and design experts and discuss the Transit Project with other community leaders; and
- Learned from SAG members about issues and opportunities that may inform the planning and design of the Transit Project.

Participant feedback forms were provided at all SAG meetings held during the pre-TPAP period. A list of the SAG meetings held during the pre-TPAP period is outlined in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1: SAG Meeting Summary**

Phase	SAG Meeting	Date and Time	Venue	Approximate Attendance
1	City-Wide Stations	September 20, 2017 6pm-8pm	Toronto Reference Library	6 people
	St. Clair-Old Weston SmartTrack Station	September 26, 2017 6pm-8pm	Blessed Pope Paul VI Catholic School	7 people
	Finch-Kennedy and Lawrence-Kennedy SmartTrack Stations	September 28, 2017 6pm-8pm	Scarborough Civic Centre	9 people
	King-Liberty SmartTrack Station and Bloor-Lansdowne and Spadina-Front GO Stations	October 5, 2017 6pm-8pm	Gladstone Hotel	21 people
	East Harbour SmartTrack Station <sup>7</sup>	October 18, 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm	Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre	16 people
	East Harbour SmartTrack Station	November 16, 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm	Ralph Thornton Community Centre	11 people

<sup>7</sup> Stakeholder consultation for East Harbour SmartTrack Station was undertaken as part of the Unilever Precinct Planning Study Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings. The Unilever Precinct Planning Study is a City-led initiative to develop a vision for and guide the transformation of the Unilever Precinct - a 25 hectare area of historic industrial lands located east of Downtown and the Don River. The East Harbour SmartTrack Station is planned to be located on the north end of the Precinct.

Phase	SAG Meeting	Date and Time	Venue	Approximate Attendance
	East Harbour SmartTrack Station	January 18, 2018 6:30pm-8:30pm	Ralph Thornton Community Centre	11 people
	Gerrard-Carlaw SmartTrack Station	January 24, 2018 6pm-8pm	Morse Street Junior Public School	10 people
2	Finch-Kennedy and Lawrence-Kennedy SmartTrack Stations	February 20, 2018 6pm-8pm	Scarborough Civic Centre	10 people
	St. Clair-Old Weston SmartTrack Station	February 22, 2018 6pm-8pm	Joseph J. Piccininni Community Centre	16 people
	King-Liberty SmartTrack Station and Bloor-Lansdowne and Spadina-Front GO Stations	February 26, 2018 6pm-8pm	Gladstone Hotel	20 people
	City-Wide Stations	February 28, 2018 6pm-8pm	St Andrew's Church	5 people
	Gerrard-Carlaw SmartTrack Station	March 1, 2018 6pm-8pm	Morse Street Junior Public School	6 people
	East Harbour SmartTrack Station	March 8, 2018 6:30pm-8:30pm	Ralph Thornton Community Centre	11 people

A summary of each SAG meeting held during the pre-TPAP period, including how concerns raised by SAG members were responded to, is provided in Appendices A.1 and A.2.

### 2.1.2 **Public Meetings**

Public meetings were held during the pre-TPAP period to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to learn about and provide feedback on the Transit Project as well as the two new GO stations being planned in the City of Toronto (Spadina-Front and Bloor-Lansdowne). These two new GO stations are being planned in accordance with O. Reg. 231/08 and are the subject of an addendum to the EPR for the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion. Given the geographic expanse of the Transit Project, each public meeting was tailored to focus on nearby new stations; however, information about all the stations was available at each meeting.

Each public meeting began with an open house session, where participants were invited to view boards providing information about the Transit Project, including background information and environmental studies, and speak with City, TTC and Metrolinx staff.

Following the open house session, City and Metrolinx staff provided a presentation describing the Transit Project, the specific stations on which the particular meeting was focused, and environmental studies planned and/or underway for those stations.

Attendees were then invited to ask questions and provide feedback on the Transit Project. Participants were invited to comment on the existing community context and potential effects on the community from the new stations. This portion of each public meeting was led by a third-party facilitator.



The Phase 1 public meetings were held to provide an overview of the Transit Project and to gain input on context, challenges and opportunities associated with the new stations. While input was welcomed on all topics, the following questions were posed to attendees:

- What will the new stations mean for the future of your community and the transit network?
- What issues or challenges may be encountered with the introduction of the new station(s) in your community?
- How can the stations be best integrated into existing communities?

To be responsive to input provided during Phase 1 consultation, the Phase 2 public meetings focused on the draft environmental studies that had been undertaken to inform the Transit Project and provide an update on the station designs. While input was welcomed on all topics, the following questions were posed to attendees:

- Do the results of the effects assessment seem reasonable? If not, why?
- Do you have comments on any particular mitigation (impact management) measures or monitoring activities that you would like Metrolinx/the City to consider?

Participant feedback forms were provided at all public meetings held during the pre-TPAP period. Participants were also informed that they could submit any comments on the project via email or phone. All comments received via feedback forms, email and phone are documented in Appendices A.1 and A.2. The dates, times, locations and approximate attendance for each meeting held during the pre-TPAP period are provided in Table 2-2.

**Table 2-2: Summary of Public Meetings**

Phase	Date and Time	Venue	Approximate Attendance
1	October 10, 2017, 6pm-8pm	Scarborough Civic Centre	90 people
	October 11, 2017, 6pm-8pm	Riverdale Collegiate Institute	85 people
	October 12, 2017, 6pm-8pm	New Horizons Tower	130 people
2	March 1, 2018, 6pm-8pm	Lithuanian House	85 people
	March 6, 2018, 6pm-8pm	Scarborough Civic Centre	90 people
	March 21, 2018, 5:45pm-9pm	Queen Alexandra Middle School	150 people

Additional information about these public meetings, as well as the panels, presentation, and handouts featured at the meetings, are included in the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Consultation Summary Reports provided in Appendices A.1 and A.2, respectively.

### 2.1.3 **Project Websites**

The project websites ([smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to) and [www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)) were used to share information and gather input on the Transit Project. Materials displayed at the public meetings, as well as meeting summaries, were posted on [smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to). Interested persons were also able to submit comments and questions about the Transit Project and project materials through an online comment form (<http://smartrack.to/contact-us/>).

#### **2.1.4 Phone, Email and Mail**

Interested parties were encouraged to phone or email the Project Team with comments or questions. The following contact details were provided:

##### **City of Toronto**

100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5V 3C6  
e-mail: [SmartTrack@toronto.ca](mailto:SmartTrack@toronto.ca)  
Tel: 416-338-2848  
[smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to)

##### **Metrolinx**

20 Bay Street, Suite 600, Toronto, ON M5J 2W3  
e-mail: [newstations@metrolinx.com](mailto:newstations@metrolinx.com)  
Tel: 416-202-4921  
[www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)

Eighty-seven emails were received and responded to during the pre-TPAP period. No Transit Project-related mail or phone calls were received during this period. These comments, and accompanying responses from the Project Team, are provided in Appendices A.1 and A.2.

#### **2.1.5 Nearby Property Owners**

In addition to the notices distributed to properties within a minimum of 200 m<sup>8</sup> of each station (see Section 1.2.5), Metrolinx mailed notifications on February 26, 2018 to property owners within 30 m of each station. A copy of this letter is attached in Appendix A.2.

#### **2.1.6 Potentially Impacted Property Owners**

On February 26, 2018, notifications were mailed to potentially impacted property owners. A copy of this letter is attached in Appendix A.2. Metrolinx realty and City of Toronto staff attended the public meetings on March 1, 6 and 21, 2018 to meet with any potentially affected property owners.

#### **2.1.7 Summary of Feedback and Response to Concerns**

Table 2-3 summarizes the feedback received from stakeholders and the public during the pre-TPAP period (Phase 1: Fall 2017 and Phase 2: Winter 2018) and the City of Toronto and Metrolinx's response to this feedback.

Each comment and question received from the public and stakeholders during the pre-TPAP period, and the accompanying response, are provided in Appendices A.1 (Phase 1 consultation and engagement) and A.2 (Phase 2 consultation and engagement) of this Volume of the EPR.

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<sup>8</sup> Canada Post's Precision Mailer was used to identify all postal routes located within a 200 m extent from each station. Notices were distributed to all properties on all postal routes within 200 m of each station. Many of these postal routes extend more than 200 m from each station.

**Table 2-3: Summary of Feedback from the Public and Stakeholders during the Pre-TPAP Period**

Phase	Summary of Feedback	Response to Concerns
1	<p>The feedback received during this phase of engagement indicated that stakeholders and the public were supportive of investment in new and expanded public transit service. There was also interest in stations that are accessible, convenient, comfortable, safe, well-designed, aesthetically-pleasing, and well-integrated with their surroundings.</p> <p>Commonly held concerns related to the short-term impacts from construction, and potential long-term impacts on air quality, noise and vibration.</p>	<p>Metrolinx and the City designed Phase 2 of the consultation and engagement program to focus on potential environmental impacts of the Transit Project, including short-term impacts from construction, and potential long-term impacts on air quality, noise and vibration. Handouts addressing potential noise and vibration effects were prepared and made available at Phase 2 consultation and engagement events to provide further information on these topics.</p> <p>Station-specific technical reports were completed to assess potential effects of construction and operation of the Transit Project and identify mitigation measures to avoid or minimize those effects. The draft technical reports were made available for review on the project websites following Notice of Commencement and the final version of these technical reports can be found in the appendices to Volumes 2 through 7 of the EPR.</p>
2	<p>Feedback received during the second phase of consultation and engagement indicated that stakeholders and the public generally found the results of the environmental effects assessment (including identification of potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures) reasonable. Key concerns relating to the environmental studies included noise levels and traffic impacts around the stations.</p>	<p>Draft station-specific technical reports were posted to the Project websites prior to Phase 3 consultation and engagement events (see Section 3.2) to allow interested parties to review in detail the predicted noise and traffic impacts associated with construction and operation of the Transit Project.</p>

## 2.2 Regulatory Agency Consultation

Metrolinx and City staff met with regulatory agencies during the pre-TPAP period to obtain input into planned/ongoing environmental studies. Regulatory agencies were also provided the opportunity to review draft technical reports during the pre-TPAP period.

### 2.2.1 Meetings with Regulatory Agencies and Conservation Authorities

At each meeting, Metrolinx and the City presented an update on the Transit Project and discussed issues of importance or concern to participants. Metrolinx and the City met with the following regulatory agencies during the pre-TPAP period:

- Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC);

- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS);
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF); and
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

A summary of each meeting is provided in Table 2-4. Materials from each meeting are provided in Appendix E.

**Table 2-4: Regulatory Agency Meeting Summary - Pre-TPAP Period**

Agency or Stakeholder	Date of Meeting	Meeting Summary
MOECC	September 12, 2017	Provided an overview of the Transit Project. The approach to stormwater management was discussed.
MOECC	November 23, 2017	Presented an overview of Transit Project construction and operation activities. Discussed the approach to the air quality and noise and vibration studies, and inclusion of water resources considerations in natural environment reporting and station design. The approach to considering climate change in the TPAP was also discussed.
MTCS	January 10, 2018	Provided an overview of the Transit Project. Preliminary results of the Cultural Heritage Screening Reports and Stage 1 archaeological assessments were presented.
TRCA	January 19, 2018	Provided an overview of the Transit Project. Discussed the approach to natural environment and Stage 1 archaeological assessment studies on TRCA lands, as well as next steps including the voluntary project review process.
MNRF	February 2, 2018	Provided an overview of the Transit Project. Discussed the approach to natural environment and tree inventory studies, as well as next steps including potential additional fieldwork and MNRF permits and approvals.

### 2.2.2 Correspondence

Correspondence with regulatory agencies beyond the technical report-specific data requests outlined in the Appendices to Volumes 2 through 7 of the EPR is captured in Appendix B.2. Included in this Appendix is a copy of the letter in which Metrolinx and the City of Toronto

advised the MOECC (on February 6, 2018) of their co-proponency for the new SmartTrack Stations TPAP.

### 2.2.3 **Circulation of Draft Technical Reports**

Circulation of draft technical reports to the MOECC, MTCS, MNR and TRCA began during the pre-TPAP period. Feedback obtained from regulatory agency review was incorporated into the final technical reports and EPR. Each comment provided by regulatory agencies on the draft technical reports, and the accompanying responses, are in Appendix B.2.

## 2.3 **Technical Advisory Committee**

A series of TAC meetings, focused on specific topics, was held during the pre-TPAP period. At each meeting, Metrolinx and City staff presented an update on the Transit Project and discussed issues of importance or concern with participants. A summary of the TAC meetings held during the pre-TPAP period is provided in Table 2-5.

**Table 2-5: Summary of TAC Meetings**

TAC Meeting	Date of Meeting	Meeting Summary
1	September 13, 2017	An overview of the Transit Project; TAC structure and expectations, and procurement approach was provided.
2	January 25, 2018	Presented an update on the Transit Project and an overview of the results of the in-progress environmental studies.
3	March 27, 2018	Station designs were reviewed in support of developing draft procurement documents.

## 2.4 **Indigenous Community and Organization Engagement**

### 2.4.1 **Potentially Interested Indigenous Communities and Organizations**

During the pre-TPAP period, input was sought from the MOECC's Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch (formerly the Environmental Approvals Branch) about which Indigenous communities and organizations might potentially be interested in the Transit Project. A copy of the letter wherein the input was requested, as well as the MOECC's response, are provided in Appendix B.2. The MOECC's input was taken into account in developing the list of potentially interested Indigenous communities and organizations.

The following Indigenous communities and organizations were identified as potentially interested in the Transit Project:

- Georgian Bay Métis Council;
- Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council;
- Huron Wendat Nation;
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation;
- Métis Nation of Ontario;

- Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation;
- Moon River Métis Council;
- Moose Deer Point First Nation;
- Six Nations of the Grand River;
- Wahta Mohawks;
- Williams Treaties First Nations;
  - ◆ Alderville First Nation;
  - ◆ Beausoleil First Nation;
  - ◆ Chippewas of Georgina Island;
  - ◆ Chippewas of Rama First Nation;
  - ◆ Curve Lake First Nation;
  - ◆ Hiawatha First Nation; and
  - ◆ Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

These communities and organizations were provided with Transit Project information, study updates, draft reports for review, and invitations to meet to discuss the Transit Project in the manner in which the community or organization would like to be engaged.

#### **2.4.2 Correspondence**

The Indigenous communities and organizations identified as having potential interest in the Transit Project were engaged through written correspondence, as well as by phone, during the pre-TPAP period. Written correspondence to Indigenous communities and organizations was delivered by registered mail and/or email at the following milestones during the pre-TPAP period:

- Request for Input, Offer for Community Meeting and Invitation to Public Meeting 1 - September/October 2017;
- Project Update, Request for Input, Offer for Community Meeting and Invitation to Public Meeting 2 - February 2018; and
- Circulation of draft station-specific Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment reports - March 2018.

Copies of this correspondence are provided in Appendix C.2. Phone calls were made to follow up on the offer for a community meeting.

### 2.4.3 Meetings

Potentially interested Indigenous communities and organizations were contacted on multiple occasions to offer in-person meetings to discuss the Transit Project, along with other ongoing Metrolinx projects. Table 2-6 provides a summary of meetings held with Indigenous communities and organizations during the pre-TPAP period in which the Transit Project was discussed. All Williams Treaties First Nations were invited to the meeting on March 19, 2018; however, only the communities listed in Table 2-6 had representatives in attendance. Meeting materials are provided in Appendix C.3.

**Table 2-6: Summary of Meetings with Indigenous Communities and Organizations**

Indigenous Community or Organization	Meeting Date	Meeting Summary
Huron-Wendat Nation	September 6, 2017	Provided an overview of the Transit Project and in-progress archaeological assessments.
Williams Treaties First Nations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alderville First Nation</li> <li>• Chippewas of Rama First Nation</li> <li>• Hiawatha First Nation</li> </ul>	March 19, 2018	Provided an overview of the Transit Project and in-progress archaeological assessments.

### 2.4.4 Summary of Feedback and Response to Concerns

A record of correspondence with Indigenous communities and organizations, including follow-up calls and emails, is provided in Appendix C.2. No specific concerns related to the Transit Project were raised during the pre-TPAP period, and no specific established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right was identified by an Indigenous community or organization as potentially being negatively impacted by the Transit Project.

### 2.5 Elected Officials Consultation

Elected officials, including MPPs and City Councillors, were engaged during the pre-TPAP period as summarized in Table 2-7. In addition, elected officials were notified of public meetings and offered project briefings.

**Table 2-7: Elected Officials Consultation Summary**

Elected Officials	Date	Summary
<i>Provincial</i>		
MPP Cristina Martins MPP Laura Albanese Minister Kathryn McGarry MPP Mitzie Hunter MPP Soo Wong MPP Yvan Baker MPP Arthur Potts	February 15, 2018	Phone call with Toronto-area MPPs to discuss results of environmental studies to-date.

Elected Officials	Date	Summary
<i>Municipal</i>		
Ward 11, Councillor Frances Nunziata Ward 14, Councillor Gord Perks Ward 17, Councillor Cesar Palacio Ward 18, Councillor Ana Bailão Ward 19, Councillor Mike Layton Ward 30, Councillor Paula Fletcher Ward 35, Councillor Michelle Holland Ward 37, Councillor Michael Thompson Ward 41, Councillor Chin Lee Ward 40, Councillor Norm Kelly	One-on-one and group briefings were conducted during January, July and November 2017 and February 2018.  Emails in September 2017 and February and March 2018.	One-on-one and group briefings provided an overview of the project, a summary of the TPAP process and a status update on the project. Briefings also included details about ongoing and upcoming stakeholder and public consultation.  Emails sent in September 2017 and February 2018 provided an update on the project and details about upcoming stakeholder and public consultation. Email sent in March 2018 provided Notice of Commencement of the TPAP.
Mayor and all Councillors	Emails to all Councillors sent in September 2017 and February and March 2018.	Emails sent in September 2017 and February 2018 provided an update on the project and details about upcoming stakeholder and public consultation.  Email sent in March 2018 provided Notice of Commencement of the TPAP.

### 3. Transit Project Assessment Process Consultation

#### 3.1 Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process

The TPAP commenced with issuance of the Notice of Commencement on March 29, 2018. The Notice of Commencement included information about the Transit Project, the TPAP and how to participate in the TPAP. A copy of the Notice of Commencement, as well as copies of the newspaper pages in which the Notice of Commencement was published, are provided in Appendix F.1.

#### 3.2 Public and Stakeholder Consultation

During the TPAP, consultation with the public and stakeholders included:

- Advertising, distributing and posting the Notice of Commencement (see Section 3.2.1);
- Social Pinpoint (see Section 3.2.2);
- Online Town Halls (see Section 3.2.3); and
- Receiving and responding to questions and comments via phone, email and from the project websites (see Sections 3.2.4 and 3.2.5).

The following sections provide an overview of these public and stakeholder consultation activities.



### 3.2.1 **Notice of Commencement Distribution**

The Notice of Commencement of the TPAP was advertised in newspapers, distributed via mail and email, and posted on the Project websites. The methods used to distribute the Notice of Commencement were:

- Publication in city-wide, local and ethnic newspapers as summarized in Table 1-1;
- Flyer drop to properties within a minimum of 200 m<sup>9</sup> of each station;
- Direct mail to properties within 30 m of each station;
- Email to members of the public on the email distribution lists (see Section 1.2.2.5);
- Email to members of the SAGs;
- Email to the Government Review Team (GRT) list (see Section 3.4);
- Email to TAC members (see Section 3.5);
- Mail and email to potentially interested Indigenous communities and organizations (see Section 3.6);
- Memos to elected officials (see Section 3.7); and
- Publication on project websites ([smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to) and [www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)).

### 3.2.2 **Social Pinpoint**

Social Pinpoint, an online consultation tool using interactive mapping, was launched during the TPAP period to enable users to gain information about the environmental studies and station designs and provide general comments as well as input on specific aspects of the Transit Project. Social Pinpoint was launched on June 11, 2018 at: [smartrack.to/socialpinpoint](http://smartrack.to/socialpinpoint). Potentially interested parties were notified about Social Pinpoint as part of the Notice of Online Town Hall (see Section 3.2.3) and links to Social Pinpoint were provided on the project websites.

Comments received via Social Pinpoint and accompanying responses, as well as example images of the Social Pinpoint online interface, are provided in Appendix A.3.

### 3.2.3 **Online Town Halls**

The Notice of Online Town Halls was advertised in newspapers, distributed via mail and email, posted on the Project websites, and posted on Twitter. The methods used to distribute the Notice of Online Town Hall were:

- Publication in city-wide, local and ethnic newspapers as summarized in Table 1-1;
- Flyer drop to properties within a minimum of 200 m<sup>10</sup> of each station;

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<sup>9</sup> Canada Post's Precision Mailer was used to identify all postal routes located within a 200 m extent from each station. Notices were distributed to all properties on all postal routes within 200 m of each station. Many of these postal routes extend more than 200 m from each station.

- Direct mail to properties within 30 m of each station;
- Email to stakeholders and members of the public on the email distribution lists (see Section 1.2.2.5);
- Email to members of the SAGs; and
- Publication on project websites ([smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to) and [www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)).

Online town halls were held during the TPAP period to provide an opportunity for potentially interested members of the public to learn about and provide feedback on the Transit Project as well as the two new GO stations being planned in the City of Toronto (Spadina-Front and Bloor-Lansdowne). These two new GO stations are being planned in accordance with O. Reg. 231/08 and are the subject of an addendum to the EPR for the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion. Given the geographic expanse of the Transit Project, each online town hall was tailored to focus on geographically grouped stations.

To be responsive to input provided during Phase 1 and Phase 2 consultation, the Phase 3 online town halls provided additional information about the results of environmental studies, including how climate change has been considered in the planning of the Transit Project.

The dates, times, locations and approximate attendance for each online town hall, which was conducted via telephone and internet, are provided in Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1: Summary of Online Town Halls**

Phase	Date and Time	Focus	Approximate Attendance
3	June 18, 2018, 7pm-8pm	Finch-Kennedy and Lawrence-Kennedy SmartTrack Stations	67 participants
	June 20, 2018, 7pm-8pm	Gerrard-Carlaw and East Harbour SmartTrack Stations, and Spadina-Front GO Station	3,173 participants
	June 21, 2018, 7pm-8pm	St. Clair-Old Weston and King-Liberty SmartTrack Stations, and Bloor-Lansdowne GO Station	4,976 participants

Participants attended the online town halls by visiting [smartrack.to/townhall](http://smartrack.to/townhall) or by calling 1-800-457-6180. To increase participant numbers on June 20 and 21, 2018, the City and Metrolinx also elected to dial out to listed phone numbers at areas surrounding the stations. After the dial-out, participants received a personalized, pre-recorded message inviting them to remain on the line if they wished to be transferred to join the online town hall.

During the online town halls, City and Metrolinx staff provided a presentation describing the Transit Project, the specific stations on which the particular meeting was focused, and the results of environmental studies completed for those stations. Participants were then invited to ask questions of the City, Metrolinx and TTC, and provide feedback on the Transit Project live via an online interface or telephone. This portion of each online town hall was led by a third-party facilitator.

<sup>10</sup> Canada Post's Precision Mailer was used to identify all postal routes located within a 200 m extent from each station. Notices were distributed to all properties on all postal routes within 200 m of each station. Many of these postal routes extend more than 200 m from each station.

Additional information about the online town halls is provided in the Phase 3 Consultation Summary Report provided in Appendix A.3. The presentations, meeting summaries, and recordings and transcripts of the online town halls were made available on the project websites. These are included in Appendix A.3.

### 3.2.4 **Project Websites**

The project websites ([smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to) and [www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)) were used to share information and gather input on the Transit Project throughout the TPAP period. Materials displayed at the online town halls, as well as meeting summaries, were posted on [smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to). Interested persons were also able to submit comments and questions about the Transit Project and project materials through an online comment form (<http://smartrack.to/contact-us/>).

### 3.2.5 **Phone, Email and Mail**

Interested parties were encouraged to phone or email the Project Team with comments or questions throughout the TPAP period. The following contact details were provided:

#### **City of Toronto**

100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5V 3C6  
e-mail: [SmartTrack@toronto.ca](mailto:SmartTrack@toronto.ca)  
Tel: 416-338-2848  
[smartrack.to](http://smartrack.to)

#### **Metrolinx**

20 Bay Street, Suite 600, Toronto, ON M5J 2W3  
e-mail: [newstations@metrolinx.com](mailto:newstations@metrolinx.com)  
Tel: 416-202-4921  
[www.metrolinx.com/newstations](http://www.metrolinx.com/newstations)

Five phone calls and 49 emails were received and responded to during the TPAP period (through June 22, 2018<sup>11</sup>). No Transit Project-related mail was received during this period. These comments, and accompanying responses from the Project Team, are provided in Appendix A.3.

### 3.2.6 **Nearby and Potentially Impacted Property Owners**

In addition to the notices distributed to properties within a minimum of 200 m<sup>12</sup> of each station (see Section 3.2.1 and 3.2.3), the Notice of Commencement and the Notice of Online Town Hall was mailed to property owners within 30 m of each station.

Metrolinx realty and City of Toronto staff attended the online town halls to answer questions from potentially affected property owners.

### 3.2.7 **Summary of Feedback and Response to Concerns**

Table 3-2 summarizes the feedback received from stakeholders and the public during the TPAP period (Phase 3: Spring 2018) and the City of Toronto and Metrolinx's response to this feedback.

<sup>11</sup> Comments received following this date are being tracked and responses are being provided. Metrolinx and the City of Toronto are maintaining an up-to-date comment-response log.

<sup>12</sup> Canada Post's Precision Mailer was used to identify all postal routes located within a 200 m extent from each station. Notices were distributed to all properties on all postal routes within 200 m of each station. Many of these postal routes extend more than 200 m from each station.

Each comment and question received from the public and stakeholders during the TPAP period, and the accompanying response, are provided in Appendix A.3 (Phase 3 consultation and engagement) of this Volume of the EPR.

**Table 3-2: Summary of Feedback from Public and Stakeholder Consultation during the TPAP Period**

Phase	Summary of Feedback	Response to Concerns
3	<p>The feedback received during this round of engagement reiterated many themes that were heard in prior rounds. Many residents raised concerns that will be addressed as project planning and design advance, such as specific construction-related and property impacts.</p> <p>Other concerns included noise levels and traffic impacts around the stations, connections for cyclists and transferring passengers, as well as accessibility and rider comfort.</p> <p>Many comments and questions also related to administrative matters, such as access to project materials and requests to be added to the project mailing list.</p>	<p>Metrolinx and the City of Toronto are committed to ongoing engagement with residents during detailed design and construction of the Transit Project. Outreach to potentially impacted property owners will continue as property requirements are refined.</p> <p>Station-specific technical reports were completed to assess potential effects of construction and operation of the Transit Project, including noise and traffic, and identify mitigation measures to avoid or minimize those effects. The draft technical reports were made available for review on the project websites and can be found in the appendices to Volumes 2 through 7 of the EPR.</p> <p>Prior to construction, a Noise and Vibration Control Plan and a Construction Traffic Control and Management Plan will be developed to identify specific mitigation measures to be implemented during construction.</p> <p>The stations are being designed with a focus on connections to existing and planned cycling infrastructure and existing transit routes.</p> <p>Universal accessibility is a high priority at Metrolinx. All new stations will be built to be fully accessible and will include features such as redundant barrier-free access to platforms as well as other “easier access features” - for example, in the form of visual and tactile cues, benches, power door operators, curb cuts, and the public address system. The needs of all customers, whether physical, sensory, or cognitive, are being considered from the planning and design stage through the end of the project in order to satisfy our Customer Charter promise “to make your experience comfortable” and to deliver an effective and fully accessible public commuter rail and bus service.</p>

### 3.3 Regulatory Agency Consultation

The Notice of Commencement of the TPAP was sent to regulatory agencies via email on March 29, 2018. Metrolinx and City staff met with regulatory agencies during the TPAP period to obtain feedback on draft technical reports and inform planning of future environmental studies. Regulatory agencies were also provided the opportunity to review the draft EPR during the TPAP period.

#### 3.3.1 Meetings with Regulatory Agencies

Metrolinx and City staff met with the MOECC and MNRF during the TPAP period. A summary of these meetings is provided in Table 3-3. Materials from each meeting are provided in Appendix E.

**Table 3-3: Regulatory Agency Meeting Summary - TPAP Period**

Agency	Date of Meeting	Meeting Summary
MNRF	May 29, 2018	Provided an update about the Transit Project, including natural environment investigations and future surveys. Discussed potential permit/approval requirements.
MOECC	June 1, 2018	Provided an update about the Transit Project, including schedule, consultation, technical reports, and the EPR.

#### 3.3.2 Regulatory Agency Review of Draft Technical Reports and Draft EPR

Circulation of draft technical reports to regulatory agencies continued through the TPAP period. The draft EPR was also circulated to regulatory agencies for review during the TPAP period. Feedback obtained from regulatory agency review was incorporated into the final technical reports and EPR. Each comment provided by regulatory agencies on the draft technical reports and draft EPR, and the accompanying responses, are in Appendix B.2.

Table 3-4 lists the regulatory agencies which received draft technical reports and the draft EPR for review.

**Table 3-4: Regulatory Agency Review of Draft Reports**

Agency	MOECC	MTCS	TRCA	MNRF
Natural Environment Report	✓		✓	✓
Tree Inventory Plan	✓		✓	✓
Socio-Economic and Land Use Study	✓			
Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment	✓	✓		
Cultural Heritage Screening Report	✓	✓		
Air Quality Impact Assessment	✓			
Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment	✓			
Transportation Brief	✓			
Environmental Project Report	✓	✓	✓	✓

### 3.4 Government Review Team

Based on Schedule 2 of O. Reg. 231/08 and the MOECC Environmental Assessment GRT Master Distribution List (January 2018), government agencies who might be interested in the Transit Project were identified: GRT. GRT members are listed in Appendix B.1.

The Notice of Commencement of the TPAP was sent to the GRT via email on March 29, 2018. Draft EPR volumes were circulated to the GRT for review and comment on June 11 and 13, 2018. Each comment provided by the GRT on the draft EPR, and the accompanying responses, are in Appendix B.2.

### 3.5 Technical Advisory Committee

The Notice of Commencement was sent via email to TAC members via email on March 29, 2018. TAC members were also provided the opportunity to review the draft technical reports and draft EPR.

### 3.6 Indigenous Community and Organization Engagement

#### 3.6.1 *Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process*

The Indigenous communities and organizations identified as having a potential interest in the Transit Project were sent the Notice of Commencement and an accompanying letter offering to meet to discuss the Transit Project in the manner in which the community or organization would like to be engaged.

The Notice of Commencement and accompanying letter were sent via registered mail and email and included a summary of the TPAP, a schedule of TPAP dates including the anticipated date of the Notice of Completion of the EPR, and the opportunity to comment on the Transit Project.

#### 3.6.2 *Correspondence*

The Indigenous communities and organizations identified as having potential interest in the Transit Project were engaged through written correspondence and by phone during the TPAP period. Written correspondence to Indigenous communities and organizations was delivered by registered mail and/or email at the following milestones during the TPAP period:

- Notice of Commencement of the TPAP - March 2018 (see Section 3.6.1);
- Notice of Online Town Hall - June 2018 (see Section 3.2.3; and
- Notice of Completion - July 2018 (see Section 3.6.4).

Copies of this correspondence are provided in Appendix C.2. Phone calls were made to follow up on review of the draft station-specific Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment reports, which were circulated in the pre-TPAP period.

#### 3.6.3 *Meetings*

The Indigenous communities and organizations identified as having a potential interest in the Transit Project were invited to meet in person to discuss the Transit Project along with other Metrolinx projects. One meeting was held during the TPAP period, with the Williams Treaties First Nations on June 8, 2018, as detailed in Table 3-5. All Williams Treaties First Nations were invited to the meeting on June 8, 2018; however, only the communities listed in Table 3-5 had representatives in attendance. Meeting materials are provided in Appendix C.3.

**Table 3-5: Summary of TPAP Period Meetings with Indigenous Communities and Organizations**

Indigenous Community or Organization	Meeting Date	Meeting Summary
Williams Treaties First Nations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alderville First Nation</li> <li>• Curve Lake First Nation</li> <li>• Hiawatha First Nation</li> <li>• Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation</li> </ul>	June 8, 2018	Provided an overview of the Transit Project and in-progress archaeological assessments.

**3.6.4 Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report**

The Notice of Completion of the EPR was circulated to the Indigenous communities and organizations identified as having a potential interest in the Transit Project. A letter accompanying the Notice of Completion of the EPR provided the Indigenous communities and organizations with remaining anticipated milestone dates for the TPAP, along with an offer to meet to discuss the Transit Project in the manner in which the community or organization would like to be engaged.

**3.6.5 Summary of Feedback and Response to Concerns**

Comments were received during the TPAP period from two Indigenous communities. The comments were specific to the Stage 1 archaeological assessment reports that were provided for review. The comments provided, and the proponent’s response, are summarized as follows:

Summary of Huron-Wendat Nation Comments

- While the registered archaeological sites near the SmartTrack Stations are predominantly Euro-Canadian, there is potential for Aboriginal occupation-related sites. The Stage 1 archaeological assessment is satisfactory and includes appropriate archaeological recommendations.

Proponent response to comment:

- This comment was included in the Stage 1 archaeological assessment report for each SmartTrack Station (Appendix E of Volumes 2 through 7 of the EPR).

Summary of Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Comments

- All archaeological assessments, current and future, should comply with Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation’s Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology, approved by Chief and Council for use within the Nation’s Treaty and Traditional Territory as of April 2nd, 2018. Field Liaison Representatives are required on location during all fieldwork associated with the Stage 2 AA, including both test pit survey and monitoring for deeply buried archaeological materials.

Proponent response to comment:

- This comment was included in the Stage 1 archaeological assessment report for each SmartTrack Station (Appendix E of Volumes 2 through 7 of the EPR).

### **3.7 Elected Officials Consultation**

Elected officials, including MPPs and City Councillors, were circulated the Notice of Commencement of the TPAP, the Notice of Online Town Hall, and the Notice of Completion of the EPR.

### **3.8 Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report**

One hundred and 12 days following the Notice of Commencement, the Notice of Completion of the EPR was first published on July 19, 2018. A copy of the Notice of Completion of the EPR is provided in Appendix F.2.

The methods used to distribute the Notice of Completion of the EPR were:

- Publication in city-wide, local and ethnic newspapers as summarized in Table 1-1;
- Flyer drop to properties within a minimum of 200 m of each station;
- Direct mail to properties within 30 m of each station;
- Email to those on the email distribution lists (see Section 1.2.2.5);
- Email to members of the SAGs;
- Email to the GRT list;
- Email to TAC members;
- Memos to elected officials;
- Tweets from @TorontoComms, @CityPlanTO, @Metrolinx and @MXNotices;
- Mail and email to potentially interested Indigenous communities and organizations; and
- Publication on project websites (smartrack.to and www.metrolinx.com/newstations).

The Notice of Completion provided the remaining anticipated milestone dates for the TPAP, along with the opportunity to review the Environmental Project Report and submit comments.

## **4. Future Consultation and Engagement Commitments**

The City of Toronto and Metrolinx are committed to ongoing engagement with regulatory agencies, stakeholders, interested parties, the public, and Indigenous communities and organizations through the detailed design, construction and operations phases of the Transit Project. Commitments to future consultation and engagement are captured in Table 4-1.



**Table 4-1: Commitments to Future Consultation and Engagement**

Discipline	Commitment
<b>Detailed Design, Construction<sup>13</sup> and Operations</b>	
Consultation and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued consultation with potentially impacted property owners during detailed design.</li> <li>• Consultation with regulatory agencies to secure any permits or approvals required for the construction and/or operation of the Transit Project.</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for members of the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities and organizations to meet and discuss the Transit Project.</li> <li>• Contact information for the Project Team will continue to be available on the Project websites.</li> <li>• Provide project-specific information via the Project websites.</li> <li>• Implement station-specific consultation and engagement commitments outlined in Volumes 2 through 7 (collated in Volume 10).</li> </ul>

<sup>13</sup> Construction phase commitments include pre-construction commitments, completed following detailed design but prior to ground disturbance.