

# Midtown Electricity Infrastructure Renewal Project

## February 2009 Public Information Centres - *Summary of Attendance and Issues*

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		Leaside Memorial Gardens	Rosedale Heights School of the Arts	Timothy Eaton Memorial Church
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	29	4	13
	Stakeholder groups/Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaside Property Owners' Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toronto Public Health</li> <li>Ontario Energy Board</li> <li>Moore Park Residents' Association</li> <li>Bennington Heights Residents' Association</li> </ul>
	Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
	Municipal Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor John Parker</li> <li>Sunny Petrujkic, Executive Assistant to Councillor Case Ootes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joanna Kervin, City of Toronto</li> </ul>
<b>Issues</b>	<b>Comment Sheets</b>	13	2	2
	<b>Key Issues (Recorded on Comment Sheet)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health concerns related to adding more lines</li> <li>Low level radiation, EMF, and noise</li> <li>Number of people affected in proposed areas</li> <li>Avoid cost as deciding factor, include effects to homes and health</li> <li>Effects of the increased capacity and proximity of towers to residences</li> <li>Preference for current route to avoid disturbing more people, buried cables and using existing corridors/routes</li> <li>Impacts on property, property values and other services i.e. traffic</li> <li>Environmental impacts, wildlife preservation and impacts on trees</li> <li>Replacement of spruce and pine trees (about 50 trees), as well as daffodils (approx 1000) planted by residents along Shaftsbury Ave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preference to run new circuit south of CPR tracks to preserve mature and larger trees in green road allowance along Shaftsbury Ave</li> <li>Abandon old line between Bayview and Birch to minimize disturbance</li> <li>Support for CPR corridor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preference for as little inconvenience to road users as possible</li> <li>Need for reliable electrical supply, residents must be prepared for limited inconvenience during construction</li> <li>Potential effects on the urban and natural environment</li> </ul>

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		<p>(providing this is the selected route)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relation of the Project to the “third line hydro corridor”</li> <li>• Jobs creation during construction phase</li> <li>• Identify alternative routes, farther east in the valley, away from our homes</li> <li>• Smart-grid enabling of new equipment</li> </ul>		
	<b>Key Issues (Verbal)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring affected parties are being contacted about the Project</li> <li>• Radiation emitted from the towers; EMF concerns with regard to potential health effects and Bennington Heights Public School</li> <li>• Assurance that Hydro One will follow the Class EA process, and general questions related to the process</li> <li>• Suggestion that the underground cable be re-routed around Shaftsbury Ave south of the railway to Birch as residents have spent time and money over the past five years replanting a specific area on this street to obscure the wall that blocks the tracks</li> <li>• CPR Corridor makes the most sense</li> <li>• Interest in alternate routes, suggestion that Project team construct the underground cable from Bayview Jct across to follow the L13W and then cross it on Roxborough Dr to join at Birch Jct – fewer residential areas will be disrupted during construction</li> <li>• Suggestion that overhead line between Leaside TS and Bayview Jct should be replaced with an underground line</li> <li>• Consideration of alternatives presented to the Study Team by the public</li> <li>• Existing L14W underground cable leaks (oil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of trees along Shaftsbury Ave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMF levels in relation to distance from local schools and local residences, health effects of EMF</li> <li>• Visual effects associated with taller towers</li> <li>• Alternative routes and conflict with potential expansion of Pottery Road</li> <li>• Effects on the natural environment as a result of construction</li> <li>• Possible mitigation measures to reduce effects on natural environment</li> <li>• Consultation with agencies regarding the natural environment</li> <li>• Addressing the public’s concerns during the planning process</li> </ul>

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	<p>and lead) and potential environmental effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other options explored by Toronto Hydro to address the additional capacity required</li> <li>• Requirement to upgrade infrastructure to avoid power issues in Toronto</li> <li>• One resident was not concerned about tree cutting; according to him, many trees are in poor condition, falling during windstorms and require removal</li> <li>• Disruption of wildlife in ravines and parks, and environmentally sensitive areas by cable replacement (i.e. ravines crossed by existing L14W)</li> <li>• Parkland southeast of Balfour Jct where the existing cable L13W runs is a flood plain, there is also a buried creek by Bridgman TS/Jct</li> <li>• Construction techniques for tower replacement and spoil management</li> <li>• Visual effects associated with taller poles</li> <li>• Sewer main project has been disrupting the Nesbitt/Bayview community, construction will last for approximately nine months, concern that the Midtown Project will continue to disrupt their community</li> </ul>		