

Midtown Electricity Infrastructure Renewal Project

December 2009 Second Public Information Centres - *Summary of Attendance and Issues*

		December 1, 2009	December 2, 2009
		Bennington Heights Elementary School	Whitney Junior Public School
Attend	Round 1	21	15
	Stakeholder groups/Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bennington Heights Residents' Association Summerhill Residents' Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Energy Board
	Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
	Municipal Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa Rose, Executive Assistant to Councillor Parker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Issues	Comment Sheets	5	9
	Key Issues (Recorded on Comment Sheet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferred option is best option Shaft E2 is preferred over E1, it will cause less disruption Prefers E2 location Likes preferred option of putting two 115 kV towers in a tunnel Prefers the pole to lattice towers Unfortunate that the towers have to be taller Would appreciate opportunity to have serious input to the design, construction and appearance of necessary enclosures for above ground equipment and to landscaping to improve assimilation into neighbourhood Please do not disrupt any of the plantings along Shaftesbury Ave Hope noise, dirt, disruption and traffic will be minimized as much as possible Could the pollution and emissions from the auger be reduced? How long will the construction of the Bayview Jct shaft last? Will we be told ahead of time when the construction will start? Have had a lot of new house construction in the immediate area for several years and are not keen about hearing of more construction Hopes new health concerns will not arise as a result of construction or finished project Will digging shaft adversely affect surrounding house foundations or cause underground water to be re-routed and cause water problems for houses? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefers steel pole option for above-ground portion Preferred option for tunneling is best Disappointed that burying existing line between Bayview Jct and Balfour Jct at same time as other lines are being installed in a new underground tunnel was not considered Hopes new transmission tower (Birch Ave) will be attractive and efficient Design tunnel access structure with architectural qualities to add dignity and nobility to public works projects, will add to the City's environmental quality and make the citizens proud again with our public buildings and structures Hopes objective of maintaining or lowering EMF levels will be met Would like building or access port to be tastefully hidden by landscaping and vibrations of construction will be minimized Concerned regarding removal of trees adjacent to main tunnel at entrance on the ravine south side of Old Bridal Path A lot of graffiti on any structures in area, do not want graffiti on structure above tunnel entrance, consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Consideration of homeowners should be high on list of concerns Would like to see chain-link fence at Standish and Astley Ave repaired – hopeful timeline will be in advance of shaft work commencing Would like chain-link fence along Glen Rd fixed Requests a site be chosen close to the road with minimum disturbance to yard
	Key Issues (Verbal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General support for Preferred Route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1 generally thought of as Preferred Route

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding construction impacts, i.e. vibration from drilling, noise, dust, and truck traffic • Some residents noted the tower that connects into Bayview Jct is visible from the top of Bayview Heights Dr and asked if this tower could be moved further east and out of the site line from the street • Request that location of secondary shaft at Bayview Jct be located within Bayview Jct property boundary, instead of location on Bayview Heights Dr • Most people were relieved to hear that EMF levels were expected to decrease, questions were raised regarding how adding an additional 115 kV circuit could result in a decrease in magnetic fields • Concerns regarding ensuring that there would be landscaping around Birch Jct following construction, how will discussions regarding landscaping be organized? • Questions regarding size of the shafts, length of construction, why couldn't overhead lines be buried, construction of noise barriers at shafts? • How tall were the proposed towers, what specific structures will be used at the various locations? • How to deal with the water table/underground streams, were environmental and community issues considered in the EA? • Will mature trees be removed? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions regarding difference between E1 and E2 option, following description of the options, E2 was generally preferred • Concerns that the main shaft is too close to the school • Residents were more supportive of tunnel option, did not accept trench options • Concerns regarding duration of construction, timelines of constructing each shaft, final look of main shaft, and potential construction effects, i.e., vibration, noise, dust • Concerns regarding EMF levels • Concerns regarding traffic impacts, and what would be used as the main access road during construction • Preference was stated for moving tower 9 to the east, and question regarding what the final tower would look like • Preference for moving tower 2 further north, request for confirmation regarding final look and height of tower 2 and 3 • Possibility of using a sound barrier at Bayview shaft • Project costs • Visual impacts of larger towers • Landscaping around Bayview and Birch Jcts • Questions regarding the EA and OEB process, if and when there would be a hearing • Potential removal of trees along Shaftesbury Ave • Further questions regarding why an underground circuit couldn't be constructed between Leaside TS and Bayview Jct • Will electricity supply increase in the area following construction • Interest in how to stay involved in the Project