



June 13, 2019

Dear Residents,

This letter is a follow-up to meetings the Third Crossing project team held on April 30 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. about noise mitigation options being considered for nine houses whose property lines connect with a specific area of the project. We have been in touch with all nine property owners either at one of the April 30 meetings or through email/phone and provided an overview of what was heard and discussed with all residents. The overview is also attached to this letter.

In addition to hearing from your feedback, the primary considerations for the team when designing the wall were preserving the tree line and sidewalk along Gore Road, the stone wall and the heritage wall along library property. In taking these elements into consideration, the team has made a decision about the noise fence, including the material, location and size. The noise fence will be an engineered wood fence, 2.3 metres in height and similar to the wall being installed on the west side on Montreal Street and John Counter Blvd. The existing rock wall will remain in place and the noise fence will be designed to highlight the rock wall by exposing the rocks with an arch at the bottom of the noise fence. Below is a full description of what the project team will be installing. The attached rendering of the wall is what has been designed but the colour will be the same as the image below.

- **Material:** The material of the fence is natural and provided the required noise barrier aspect the project was required to provide. It also matches the noise fence already installed on the west shore along John Counter Blvd.
- **Durability:** The noise fence has been engineered to satisfy design requirements for noise barriers for wood components. The wood used will be naturally resistant to decay for a minimum of 20 years or be pressure-preservative-treated. The panels will be composed of laminated wood boards to avoid warping, splitting, loosening of particles and knots, and imperfections.
- **Timeline:** Noise fence construction should begin around the end of August to end of September 2019. Initial site works will include installing the noise fence, installing construction fencing and conducting preliminary site grading. Additional trees will be removed later this summer and fall. The project team will continue to update you on the progress and timeline of the installation.

- **Access to your property for installation of noise fence:** It is anticipated that access to the residence property will not be required during the building of the noise fence.
- **Why is the rock wall staying?** The team has heard from several residents along that stretch of property and in the broader Point St. Mark neighbourhood on the aesthetic value and how the wall enhances the entrance to the neighborhood. Also incorporating the rock wall into the noise fence design minimizes the visual impact to the area. Leaving the rocks in place and building a noise fence that reaches the ground creates a zone between the rock wall and noise fence that has the potential to trap debris and will require regular maintenance. Leaving the rock wall exposed, was an idea based upon what home owners have already done in their backyards when installing their fence and eliminated that added routine maintenance that would be needed. It also showcases the natural elements into a sustainable construction approach. Lastly, the removal of the wall also provides a cost saving opportunity, keeping the project cost within budget is a commitment of the project team.
- **Maintenance of Wall:** The noise fence will be owned and operated by the City of Kingston. The Public Works department will be responsible for maintaining the wall for snow clearance and is responsible to clean/remove any graffiti that is on the wall once the City is notified.
- **Tie resident fences into noise fence:** The City is considering provisions in the noise fence to allow residents to connect their fences into the noise fence. More information on this will be available over the next several weeks.
- **Rockwall at corner of Hwy 15 at Gore Rd:** The design team has reviewed the retaining wall and the tree at the corner property. After review, the designers do not anticipate any impact to the noise fence by locating it on the northeast side of the existing retaining wall which means the existing tree will be between the rock wall and the noise fence. While installing the noise fence construction crews will be sure to take as much care as possible but there may be some impact to some of the tree branches.

The design of the wall will be commissioned next week, if you have any concerns or questions please contact us before June 19, 2019. We are happy to meet or discuss any of these decisions.

We appreciate your patience as work continues on both shores. Good communication with our near neighbours is important for the team, if at any time you would like to speak with a member of the project team please email us at thelcrossing@cityofkingston.ca and someone will be in touch.

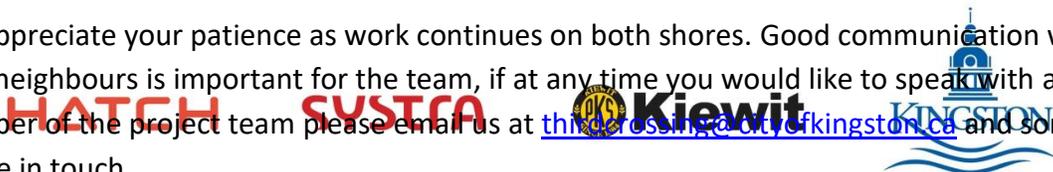


Photo 1: West side noise fence currently in place (east side noise fence will be made of the same material but will look similar to Photo 2)



Photo 2: Rendering of east side noise wall – see attached.

To note in the photo: You will note the concrete footings for the fence post are shown at ground elevation, please note these concrete foundations will not be visible after the final landscaping is complete.

Sincerely,

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