

Update: Diesel Generator Running 24/7 at 39 Camden Street

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Hello.

I am writing to keep you informed of our progress to improve the situation with the diesel generator running 24/7 at 39 Camden Street.

Earlier today, a Public Health Inspector visited 39 Camden Street in response to the many complaints about diesel exhaust fumes that have been reported to 311 and our office. Unfortunately, because the source is a mobile generator, the City of Toronto does not have jurisdiction over its emissions. However, Toronto Public Health has flagged the issue for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Residents can call the Ministry about the exhaust fumes (and other air pollution complaints) at 416 326 6700. We regret that this aspect of the problem is not under our direct control.

We understand that an update and apology to Garment District residents was posted on Facebook this afternoon by Lamb Development Corp, although it left some questions unanswered. We are continuing to work to address the immediate issue affecting residents, namely the noise and exhaust. We received some positive indications from Lamb's office late today and we hope to be able to provide a more detailed, concrete update to you in the morning.

In terms of the underground work that remains to be completed, the latest update from Toronto Hydro today is that they expect to reach the point when Brant Park can be reconnected to the grid around May 12, barring any unforeseen complications. Following re-connection, the generator would need to remain on site but inactive as a potential backup power source until work is entirely complete later in the month.

We know that this has been an extremely difficult several days for neighbours and we continue to be committed to improving the situation. Addressing this problem has been – and will continue to be – a top priority for Councillor Cressy and our office.

Sincerely,

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