



# Meeting Minutes

## Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #20 Summary

October 10, 2013

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

### Attendance:

Kirk Rizmjou - (PLP)

Greg Gibb (208, 218 QQ, 8 York St)

Clay McFayden - (Cycle Toronto)

Robert Pasut – (Eastern Construction)

Kelly Gorman - (251,251,260,270 QQW)

Andrea Ramnares – (Toronto Hydro)

Kevin Currie (Waterfront BIA)

Diego Sinagoga - (Toronto Transit Commission)

Jennifer Chan - (Councillor Adam Vaughan)

Angela Griffith – (Residences of World Trade Centre)

Chris Ronson – (City of Toronto)

Heather Richards – (Toronto Public Health)

Blair Keetch - (Pawsway)

Braz Menezes - (YQNA)

Jim Lever – (Toronto Transit Commission)

Zachary Rivera – (Eastern Construction)

Samantha Gileno – (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche – (Waterfront Toronto)

Simon Karam – (Waterfront Toronto)

Elspeth Evans – (Oxford Properties)

### Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Samantha welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting agenda.

### Review of completed activities – James Roche

To begin the meeting, James reviewed a series of slides with images of work underway and/or completed during the last month. Refer to presentation.

Question: The granite pavers at the Westin Hotel are showing signs of staining already. Is this normal?

Answer: We are in the process of cleaning the granite but the substantial cleanup will be in the spring. Given the amount of ongoing construction in the area it didn't make sense to do so earlier.

Question: Will there be any new park spaces for dogs? There is no grass anywhere.

Answer: We will not be including grass around the tree pits. Waterfront Toronto is building new park spaces in our new developments (e.g., Sherbourne Common, Corktown Common) however the Central Waterfront area is already developed and quite dense so our work in this area is about improving the public realm where possible.

### Follow up Items

- Night Work
  - Overnight work continues for essential services
  - We are working to minimize noise at night

- There have been some temporary water shut offs
- This work will continue throughout Oct and Nov
- Police Enforcement – Sidewalks
  - We have introduced police enforcement to try to curb cyclists using the sidewalks
  - This will continue through October

### **Spadina Loop Reconstruction**

- Begins October 15
- Will take about 4 months
- Westbound traffic to be maintained on Queens Quay
- There will be lane restrictions on Lake Shore when we install tracks across
- Northbound traffic on Lower Spadina will be closed during this work
- 510 route to change, 509 – no change
- Cyclists – slight diversions on Queens Quay
- Pedestrians – all storefronts and residences to have access
- Communications through special meetings, construction notices and social media

Question: What will be impact at Bathurst?

Answer: Our traffic counts shot that Dan Leckie will handle additional volume

Comment: There are many complaints about traffic around Spadina/Fort York Area

Answer: Our counts show that the volume we will divert to that area should not further impact the area but we will monitor during construction.

### **6 Month Look ahead**

- Completion still scheduled for Spring 2015
- Slowdowns have affected schedule for TTC corridor rebuild
- 510 streetcar service on QQ expected to resume Feb 2014 with short turns
- 509 streetcar service expected to be restored to Union station by July 2014
- Deep service work – most unknown variables will be resolved when this work is completed and the schedule and will be much more predictable.

Question: When will the Music Garden sidewalk be available? Can fencing be moved?

Answer: Fencing has be installed to protect pedestrians from the work zone. We will review whether the fencing can be removed/shifted.

Question: What about the landscaping at Bay and York?

Answer: This will be coordinated with Ellis Don work at 85 Harbour.

### **Progress Report**

- Issued on October 1
- Provides updates on construction activities
- Distributed to media and our Queens Quay database. It is also on our website.

Question: When MGT opens, will it be all open or in sections?

Answer: No specific answer at this time – It will be available, but not “open” as it will be difficult to transition cyclists back to the roadway.

Question: When will East and Westbound traffic be back on QQ?

Answer: The new roadway is expected to open in the summer of 2014

Question: When will Union station platform be re-opened?

Answer: When the streetcar is running again