



# Meeting Minutes

## Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #17 Summary

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

### Attendance:

Alun Lloyd - (BA Group)

Will Newmarch - (BA Group)

Rob MacKay – (Toronto Police enforcement services)

Jennifer Reynolds – (Toronto Hydro)

James Russell – (Harbour Square)

Cindi Vanden Heuvel - (TPVA)

Clay McFayden (Cycle Toronto)

Blair Keetch - (PawsWay)

Wendy Jennings – (85-111 Queens Quay W)

Craig Somers – (City Sightseeing)

Jelle Therry (West 8)

Samantha Gileno – (Waterfront Toronto)

Pina Mallozi – (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche - (Waterfront Toronto)

Maggie Mu - (Toronto Hydro)

Dion DiFebo - (Oxford Properties)

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

Kirk Rizmjou - (PLP)

Mohammad Ahmed – (PLP)

Heather Richards – (Toronto Public Health)

Tom Davidson – (Pam McConnell)

Greg Gibb – (WaterClub Condos)

Robert Pasut – (Eastern Construction)

Zachary Rivera – (Eastern Construction)

### Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Samantha welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting agenda. Three new participants attended the meeting including Wendy Jennings (rep for retail space 85-111 Queens Quay West); Heather Richards (Toronto Public Health) and Robert MacKay (Toronto Police)

### Review of completed activities – James Roche

To begin the meeting, James Roche reviewed a series of slides with images of work underway and/or completed during the last month. Progress to date included work in the following areas:

- Storm and Sanitary (work is completed at Shoppers Drug Mart and work is underway between Bay and York Street; catch basin/fire hydrant installations are also underway in several locations)
- Permanent Layby Construction/Granite installation (work nearing completion on permanent layby in front of Starbucks)
- Site Electrical (installation of conduit and handwells for new streetlights is underway between York and Lower Simcoe)
- Peter Slip Bridge (truss installed; ducts installed across waterway; waterproofing underway on deck; first TTC rails installed)

- Westin Hotel (granite mosaic installation well underway; tree trenches and lighting installed)
- Telecommunications (DTS continues chamber and conduit installations for Rogers, Allstream, Cogeco)
- Toronto Hydro (several chambers now complete include outside ScotiaBank, HTO east and east of Spadina)
- TTC Demo/Rebuild (additional sections demolished and repaved for traffic management on Spadina just north of Queens Quay and west of Yo Yo Ma; splicing chamber prep and installation at HTO Park)
- TTC Portal (crews completed grinding of portal surface in advance of waterproofing)
- Re-Grading (crews prepping for regrading work required for the new design of Queens Quay just east of Rees WaveDeck on the south side)

Pina Mallozzi reviewed several follow-up items that have been accomplished since the last meeting including:

- Taxi stand line-painting
- Permanent signage for York Street layby
- Directional roadmarking mock-up prior to installation on the route from Union Station to Queens Quay
- Granite mock-up created off-site to work out details prior to installation on Queens Quay

Pina also discussed changes the traffic management plan on Queens Quay including:

- A change to southern end of 510 Spadina line which was implemented on June 29 to streamline service during reconstruction of Spadina Loop
- Traffic changes in response to stakeholders requests to improve the flow of traffic on Queens Quay
  - Signal timing changes have been implemented at most intersections
  - Two traffic lights have been temporarily removed from services at 55 Harbour Square and Shoppers Drug Mart.
  - Two lanes of travel opened up wherever possible to make vehicular traffic flow more smoothly
  - Our traffic consultant is monitoring all of these changes and will prepare a report on the effectiveness
- Cycling outreach – additional signage and road markings have been installed to help direct cyclists to QQ detour route and to help curb cyclists riding on the sidewalk

### **Toronto Hydro Update -- Kirk Rizmjou (PLP)**

Kirk Rizmjou provided an overview of PLP work completed and reviewed upcoming work.

- Near the Scotiabank: 2 Cable chambers have been completed
- Work will begin shortly on a new chamber at the southwest corner of Bay and QQ, 33 QQ
- The lateral crossing from east to west across the driveway at One York must be completed but is unscheduled at this time
- At the Radisson Hotel:
  - 2 chambers have been completed
  - Upcoming work includes tie-in required from complete chamber to ductwork to the east
- Work during next 30 days will be in the following areas:
  - Bay to York
  - 250/260 Queens Quay area
  - Radisson Hotel area
  - Lower Spadina to Yoyo Ma
- Chamber work at 33 Harbour Square – fence will be moved to provide as much room as possible for pedestrians

## **What to Expect Until the End of 2013 and Looking Ahead to 2014**

Pina provided the group with an overview of what to expect until the end of 2013 and a look ahead for 2014 activities.

- Stage One activities expected to be completed by the end of the year:
  - All deep utility works (Hydro/Bell/Enbridge/Telcos/Water)
  - TTC right of way construction complete and TTC Streetcar Service restored
  - TTC Platforms complete and shelters installed
- Stage Two will continue into 2014 as planned
  - Northside sidewalk demolition and reconstruction including electrical, tree pits, granite paving and furnishings
  - Roadway construction

Pina also reviewed Waterfront Toronto's coordinated, flexible construction approach which ensures that the overall project schedule stays on schedule when some construction items lag. For example, crews are moving forward with stage two work (e.g., granite installation and construction) despite delays in the complicated deep services work and TTC corridor rebuild (stage one work). This approach keeps the overall project on track.

### **Upcoming Construction Activities – Robert Pasut**

Robert Pasut reviewed the 30-day look ahead for the project:

Bay to Yonge:

- Installation of granite curbs and pavers at Westin Hotel
- Installation footings for light poles

Bay to York:

- Installation of new sanitary from TTC portal to York
- Installation of temporary sidewalk at York St. ramp, followed by catch basins and hydrant
- Toronto Hydro
  - Cable Chamber at Bay and QQ
  - Cable Chambers at Scotia Bank started June 17<sup>th</sup>, tentative completion by July 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Trenching between chambers and across York Intersection

York to Lower Simcoe:

- Installation of granite curbs and pavers ongoing
- Traffic shifting to north side of Queens Quay
- Complete street-lighting conduits
- Toronto Hydro:
  - Lateral crossing between York and 208 QQ Driveway

Lower Simcoe to Rees:

- Traffic shifting to south lanes to facilitate sanitary work – Sanitary work to continue
- Traffic shifting to one way on Robertson Cres. to facilitate splicing chamber & sanitary investigation at Rees Intersection
- Enterra Continuing work at Rees/Queens Quay

- Toronto Hydro:
  - Completion of trenching & restoration at Simcoe WaveDeck and across Robertson Cres. driveway
  - Construction of lateral at 250/260/270 Queens Quay

**Question** – when will the Martin Goodman Trail be ready to go in front of the Westin?

**Answer** – The trail will be completed from Bay to Sugar beach in August.

### **Entera Project Information – Maggie Mu (Toronto Hydro)**

Maggie Mu provided the group with information about a Toronto Hydro project which requires work on Rees Street at Queens Quay. This project is related to the new Copeland Transformer Station project and is not part of the Queens Quay revitalization work. The work involves the installation of new cable chambers on Rees Street and will result in traffic impacts for at least 6 weeks.

**Stakeholder Comment** – Entera construction is causing a “negative impact” in the area. It is impacting businesses and traffic to the area. A Saturday closure is not acceptable. Maggie promised to look into the issues raised and to determine if paid duty officers are appropriate.

### **Draft Queen Quay Bylaw Signage Plan – Alun Lloyd**

Alun provided an overview of the general plan for bylaw signage on Queens Quay followed by a detailed review of where each type of signage will be posted (using a rollout plan).

- In general, there will be no stopping on Queens Quay between Yonge and YoYo Ma lane except for the following designated areas:
  - 85 Harbour – Taxi Stand
  - Queens Quay between Lower Simcoe and Rees
    - 3 laybys designated loading zones (230QQ, Rees St. Parkette and 260 QQ)
  - Queens Quay between Rees parking lot and 350 QQ
    - 1 layby designated as a loading zone
  - Queens Quay between Lower Spadina and YoYo Ma – existing layby
- Motorcoach/bus areas include:
  - York Street Layby – Motorcoach Loading Area
  - Queens Quay between York and Lower Simcoe – 2 laybys
  - “Hop-on/Hop-off Stop” areas
    - North side of Yonge Street
    - Rees Street
  - Bay Street
  - Lower Spadina Avenue
- There is typically a grace period between 10-15 minutes in drop off and loading areas.
- **Question** – What will happen within the loading zones if you have stopped to review a map for example?
- **Answer** - Most police would ask people to leave the area
- **Question** – Will the MGT be treated as a park or a road in terms of bylaw enforcement?

- **Answer** – We believe it is park but we must confirm.
- **Comment** – Pedestrians crossing intersection are a major issue for traffic congestion.

#### **CLC Member Feedback/Discussion**

**Comment** – Rees parking lot there is a lot of traffic and congestion caused by cars trying to enter off or Rees

**Question** – What kind of bicycle traffic lights will be used?

**Answer** – We believe it will be standard bicycle lights but we must confirm

**Question** – Why were the traffic lights removed at 55 Harbour Square. Residents are having difficulty exiting without them.

**Answer** – Many members of the public have asked us to streamline traffic on Queens Quay. Our traffic consultant suggested a number of initiatives including bagging the lights at 55 Harbour Square & Spadina loop. We are reviewing these changes now to determine the effectiveness.

**Comment** -- Delivery trucks are having an issue at 33 Queens Quay now that the lights have been bagged