



# Meeting Minutes

## Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #12 Summary

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

### Attendance:

Kelly Gorman - (250/251,260,270 Queens Quay West)

Chris Hodgson – (Harbourfront Centre)

Blair Keetch - (PawsWay)

Carol Jolly – (Waterfront BIA)

Peter Wood – (270 Queens Quay)

Pam Mazza – (TICA/QCYC)

Ulla Colgrass (YQNA)

Diego Sinagoga (Toronto Transit Commission)

Henry Byres – (City of Toronto BIA Office)

Vicki Barron – (Waterfront Reg. Trust)

Jen Chan – (Councillor Vaughan’s Office)

Pina Mallozi – (Waterfront Toronto)

Luigi Cifa (Eastern Construction)

Robert Pasut (Eastern Construction)

Curtis Keen (Eastern Construction)

Levco Wynnyckyj (Eastern Construction)

Simon Karam (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche (Waterfront Toronto)

Samantha Gileno (Waterfront Toronto)

Maggie Mu (Toronto Hydro)

Lee Morrison – (PowerLine Plus)

Linda Leonard – (PowerLine Plus)

### Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

#### Agenda

##### 1) Project Update

- Approvals & Permits
- Construction Tenders
- Review Completed Construction Activities
  - Eastern Construction/ Waterfront Toronto
    - TTC Demolition
    - Site Services (Storm and Sanitary)
    - Peter Slip Bridge
    - York Street Layby
  - Bell Update
  - Toronto Hydro Update
  - TTC Portal

##### 2) Upcoming Construction Activities

- Eastern Construction/ Waterfront Toronto
  - TTC Demolition
  - Site Services (Storm and Sanitary)
  - Peter Slip Bridge
  - York Street Layby

Bell Update  
Toronto Hydro Update  
TTC Portal

- 3) Traffic Management Update
- 4) Communication Survey
- 5) CLC Member Feedback/ Discussion

**1) Project Updates:**

**Approvals and Permits (Pina Mallozzi)**

- 1) February 1 – We received our full Construction Permit for the Queens Quay project.
- 2) Traffic Management Plan 1B3 – Was approved by the City
- 3) Spadina Loop - Discussion is underway with the TTC regarding methodologies and scheduling for this work

**Construction Tenders & Construction Activities: (James Roche)**

**Tenders:**

- a. **Landscape** - Tender closed and will be awarded shortly.
- b. **Roadway** - Tender closed and was awarded to Sanscon.

**Completed Construction Activities (review slides):**

- **TTC** – TTC Corridor demolition is mostly completed with demolition activities now underway at the TTC Portal
  - **Site Services** – Varcon continues to drill test pits (there are about 300 test pits). These are required in advance of dewatering. Crews have also installed dewatering equipment from York to Lower Simcoe and from Rees to the Beer Store and in front of Shoppers Drug Mart. Crews are using “whisper drives” on the dewatering generators to ensure noise levels are low. Delivery of additional equipment and pipe for new storm sewer continues.
  - **Peter Slip Bridge** – the majority of the demolition at the Peter Slip Bridge is complete and a platform has been constructed underneath the bridge. Thirty ducts are to be cored and installed on the underside of the bridge.
  - **York Lay-by** – demo and removals were completed and crews began pouring the concrete curbs
  - **Bell Canada** – splicing continues
  - **Toronto Hydro** – chamber rebuilds and lateral connections continue
- a) **Bell Canada Update (Robert Pasut):**
- Bell Canada crews are continuing to splice all the copper and fibre cabling in the manholes along Queens Quay with the major locations at the York and Queens Quay and at near Rabba.
  - Splicing is expected to be complete by mid-February.
  - Copper cutovers are also expected to be complete and online by mid-February.
  - Fibre splicing is a delicate operation that requires sophisticated equipment to complete – these are being scheduled now and are expected to be complete by the end of February or early March.

- Once this work is complete, the old cables will be removed. The target start date is mid- to late- February and should take about 2 weeks.

b) **Toronto Hydro (Maggie Mu / Lee Morrison):**

- 2 Cable chambers still under construction at Westin
- Completing second Chamber (South) – 50% complete.
- Yonge Street work on hold.
- 2 crews working at York and Queens Quay (Southeast and Southwest), including laterals and trenching
- York and Rees crews setting monitoring and dewatering installation and laterals between Yonge and Rees.
- Work in progress.
- Laterals and dewatering are underway at York and Queens Quay; Yonge Street West to East; WHC East CC; York & Rees

**Upcoming Construction Activities Eastern Construction Update (Curtis Kean):**

- Please refer to the attached “ECCL 3 Week Lookahead Schedule – February 6 to February 27, 2013”

c) **Toronto Transit Update (Diego Sinagoga):**

- Staging Changes
  - Platform work – now working on southbound rail installations
  - Removing old southbound rails
- Queens Quay Station – Rail removals
  - Grout pass removed and TTC rebuild
  - To be complete by the end of February
- TTC electrical and wiring will be done
- Tile work
  - Last leak remediation.
- Spadina & Lakeshore work
  - February 7, 2013 closures. TTC overhead electrical and duct work.
  - Partial closure in March 2013

**Question:** How will this affect the off ramp at Spadina and Gardiner?

**Answer:** The off ramp will be closed for some of this work and this will be communicated in advance

d) **Granite – Process (slide presentation)**

- Contract has been awarded to Polycor who is sourcing granite from two Canadian quarries. All of the cutting and processing of the granite will take place in Quebec.
- There will be 2.5M pieces of granite used on this project and 1.7km of granite curbs
- Queens Quay will use “Caledonia” for the curbs and “St. Sebastien” granite for the maple leaf mosaic. “Royal Canadian Red” will be used for the rest of the promenade pavers.
- Royal Canadian Red – is from Northern Ontario and the grey granite pavers are from Quebec
- Machine square blocks.
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- Large blocks of granite are cut into slabs the width of the pavers using a wire cut/water – each slab takes about 7 hours to complete
- Water jet – for traction
- 100mm guillotine cut into smaller bars; further cut into pavers.
- Quality control of all pieces - then shipped.

**Question:** How much of the granite is rejected?

**Answer:** Quality control is very important and we have strict specifications. When we were visiting the plant, we reviewed the process with the site team. When a piece of granite doesn't meet our specifications, it is rejected (e.g., color issues, etc).

e) **Signage Updates (Pina)**

- Additional bike signage has been added on the temporary path at Lower Simcoe (to address concerns raised by Clay at an earlier meeting)
- Signage was improved at the Peter Slip Bridge to ensure pedestrians are aware of the closure along the north side before they reach the area

f) **Traffic Management Plan (Levco):**

- Eastern and Waterfront Toronto have a traffic consultant who helps advise on any changes we make to traffic on Queens Quay. These also have to be approved by the City of Toronto as part of our Traffic Management plan.
- We are currently using the 1B3 traffic plan which enables us to temporarily use the centre travel lanes (TTC corridor) when crews need to work on either the north or south side of the street
- PLP/Hydro completed its work between Bay and York Street in front of Waterpark Place so the north travel lanes were reopened.
- The York Street TTC bus stop will be moved to the east side of the York St. intersection.

g) **CLC Member Feedback/Discussion**

- CLC Survey re: Communications
  - WT would like to survey CLC
  - 14 questions; Critical for proper communications
  - There will be an online version of the survey as well.
- **Question:** We want to reiterate that the BIA has events schedule for the Family Day weekend.
- **Answer:** Waterfront Toronto has been coordinating Family Day with the BIA – we will ensure that the site is prepared for the expected visitors to the waterfront.
  
- **Question:** What is the TTC schedule for Family Day? Should TTC increase service?
- **Answer:** TTC Holiday Schedule, Sunday frequency, 6am start of buses with buses every 5 minutes from 7am
  
- **Question:** Pawsway experienced a telephone service issue – could it have been related to splicing? Radisson may also have had an issue.
- **Answer:** We will bring this to Bell's attention for a response.
  
- **Question:** Is it possible for the buses to say "509 Harbourfront"?
- **Answer:** This is an ongoing issue - Diego to investigate
  
- **Question:** Taxis are using the sidewalk illegally in front of Harbourfront Centre to access the new taxi stand
- **Answer:** Eastern will take a site walk following the meeting to resolve the issue
  
- **Question:** Does WT have promotional material that can be distributed at the upcoming Toronto Bike Show?
- **Answer:** Yes, we will coordinate the shipment with Vicki Barron