



# Meeting Minutes

## Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #10 Summary

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

### Attendance:

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

Blair Keetch (PawsWay)

Diego Sinagoga (Toronto Transit Commission)

Vicki Barron – (Waterfront Regeneration Trust)

Braz Menezes (YONA)

George Prodamon (TICA/QCYC)

Carol Forsyth (401 Queens Quay)

Clay McFayden (Cycle Toronto)

Murray Chown – (HFC)

Dion DeFebo – (Oxford Properties)

Veronica Maggisano (Oxford Properties)

Ulla Colgrass (YQNA)

David Wallace

Jen Chan – Councillor Vaughan

Luigi Cifa (Eastern Construction)

Robert Pasut (Eastern Construction)

Curtis Keen (Eastern Construction) Vicki

Simon Karam (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche (Waterfront Toronto)

Samantha Gileno (Waterfront Toronto)

Andrea Kelemen (Waterfront Toronto)

Maggie Mu (Toronto Hydro)

Lynn Haderlein (Waterfront BIA)

Jim Gibbons (Enbridge)

### Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Today's Agenda

- 1.) Project Update
  - a. Approvals & Permits
  - b. Construction Tenders
  - c. Construction Activities
    - i. Eastern Construction/ Waterfront Toronto
      1. TTC Demolition
      2. Site Services
      3. Electrical
    - ii. Bell Update
    - iii. Toronto Hydro Update
    - iv. TTC Portal
    - v. Enbridge
- 2.) Upcoming Construction Activities
  - i. Eastern Construction Waterfront
    1. TTC Demolition
    2. Site Services
    3. Electrical
  - ii. Bell Update

- iii. Toronto Hydro Update
- iv. TTC Portal
- v. Enbridge

- 3.) New Traffic Management Sequence
- 4.) CLC Member Feedback/ Discussion

## **1. Opening Remarks and Project Update – Samantha Gileno**

On November 6th, we had our official Queens Quay Revitalization groundbreaking with our government partners.

All information related to the Queens Quay Revitalization project information can be found at [www.waterfrontoronto.ca/qqconstruction](http://www.waterfrontoronto.ca/qqconstruction). This includes our new webcams which are now “live” from the top of the Radisson Hotel and Admiralty Condominiums. We wish to thank both organizations for hosting our cameras.

The informational lobby signs have now been distributed to the Queens Quay property managers/businesses who responded to our offer for signs.

We will soon be mounting the BIA business signage along Queens Quay. The BIA signs were originally intended to be used when fast fencing obscures a storefront. However, to help the BIA position additional signage on the street, Eastern Construction has developed a prototype signpost which will now be used during construction.

### **a) Approvals and Permits (James Roche)**

We have applied and received some permits since our last CLC meeting in November.

These include:

- 1) Tree Cut Permits
- 2) Construction Permit for site services and related test pits
- 3) MOE approval for site services

### **b) Construction Tenders (James Roche)**

The status of tenders is as follows:

- 1) **Site Services** – For storm & sanitary closed last month.
- 2) **Pre-Inspection Services** – Was awarded to LVM Inc.
- 3) **Miscellaneous Metals** - This includes structural steel and handrails to be used on the Peter Slip Bridge. The tender closed yesterday, and it is about to be awarded.
- 4) **Signature Light Poles** –Tender is about to awarded.
- 5) **H&S Landscape Tenders** – Will be awarded in early January.

- We have received some complaints regarding the construction noise. While we acknowledge that the demolition is noisy, we have been monitoring noise levels and our work falls within acceptable City construction noise by-laws.
- The hours of construction are between 7am to 7pm each day with loud work starting after 8am.
- Construction on Saturday is permitted between the hours of 9am to 7pm.

**Question:** Can construction trucks arrive before 7am?

**Answer:** Yes, they can arrive and mobilize for the start of their work day which begins at 7am.

- We had another issue arise at the Rees Street & Queen Quay intersection last week. Both lanes of westbound traffic were temporarily closed. This was associated with work that Enbridge was performing that day.
  - o The paid-duty police officer that was hired by Enbridge to manage the traffic that morning, made the decision to stop all westbound traffic to allow Enbridge vehicles to maneuver their equipment and plate a trench just west of the intersection. This resulted in a temporary delay to traffic operations including a full diversion for several minutes at a time.
  - o We quickly responded to the issue and had the closure corrected.
  
- There has also been some complaints related to night noise.
  - o We have investigated all night noise complaints. There were two instances where TTC crews worked in and around the portal afterhours (Oct. 22 and Nov. 5).
  - o Oct.22– Air compressors used in the remediation work within the tunnel were parked on the portal ramp area, and caused the loud noise. TTC will attempt to move the compressors to the Union Station part of the tunnel before using them again.
  - o Nov. 5 – Compressors were used for the leak remediation and injection of the materials.
  - o While, the TTC is exempt from the noise by-law, they have agreed to minimize night work on this project. That being said, there will be night work when the rails are moved into place.

**Question:** We (Harbour Square residents) have discovered that the majority of night noise is stemming from the Oxford site. Why does Oxford have a noise exemption from the City?

**Answer:** (Veronica Maggisano – Oxford Properties) There is an exemption for work involving concrete. Once the concrete is poured, it must be vibrated and worked before it can cure to harden to its proper finish.

**Question:** Can the pour of concrete stop earlier in the afternoon?

**Answer:** There is a schedule for this project and construction to be completed, and we must try to utilize the full work day and the accommodating weather conditions.

**c) Construction Activities Update (Curtis Kean)**

***See 3 Week Lookahead Schedule – December 5 to December 26, 2012***

**i) Bell Canada Update (Robert Pasut on behalf of Bell):**

- All civil work has been completed
- All fibre and copper cabling has been laid
- Bell Canada is “splicing” all copper and fibre cabling in the manholes (major locations are the York & Queens Quay area and near the Rabba).
- There is approximately 6,000 manhours of work required
- This work will continue into the New Year when the new cabling is cutover and brought online before the old cable systems are removed.

**Question:** Does this work include the other cable and service providers?

**Answer:** No. Bell Canada has its own duct and utility chambers which are separate from the other telecommunications companies such as Rogers, Cogeco, Telus, etc. The telecommunications companies will place their cable and services into new ducts banks which will be constructed on the south side of Queens Quay when Toronto Hydro and other utility services are built.

**ii) Toronto Hydro (Maggie Mu):**

- The cable chamber at northwest side the York & Queens Quay was completed and restored.
- We expect to work this Saturday to complete other cable chamber work.
- Work continues at the Westin Hotel. This includes the rebuild of several cable chambers at either end of the hotel.

- Dewatering activities will continue while this construction work is in progress.
- Between Bay and York Streets, we have the two westbound lanes closed to through traffic. Only localized traffic to 10/20 Bay and the Ellis-Don construction site is permitted.
- There are two cable chambers located within this section of roadway that are being rebuilt, and we hope to have them completed early in the New Year.
- Toronto Hydro has planned a power outage and cutover scheduled for this Saturday that will affect the Toronto Police Marine Unit and the signal lights at the Rees/Robertson/Queens Quay intersections.
- This electrical work will occur between 8am and 2pm.
- Robert Pasut has helped coordinate the communications to these buildings and organizations.

**iii) TTC Portal Update (Diego Sinagoga):**

- There are two work projects occurring for the TTC and Queens Quay: the above ground work on the TTC corridor and the "Harbourfront Tunnel"
- There are four crews working within the tunnel:
  - o Carpenters for the overhead wiring troughs
  - o Surveyors setting the paths for the new rails
  - o Overhead electrical crews installing the new wiring, and
  - o Leak remediation crews.
- Most of this work is being performed during the day
- The delivery of new materials for the track installation and rails has already occurred. These materials are currently stored within the tunnel.
- Track crews are now working night shifts and remain in the tunnel (with no outside noise) except when there are coffee and lunch breaks. During these times, they will use the ramp and exit the tunnel. It is at this time that the local community may hear the backup alarms on the trucks.
- Expect this work to continue for the next 6-8 weeks.
- The next crews to work within the tunnel are the carpenters and electricians who are setting up the overhead wiring systems. They expect to complete their work in coordination with Eastern.
- Leak remediation work is being performed during the evening shifts.
- The location of the air compressors required for this work is critical. TTC is looking to locate these units by Union Station to minimize noise on Queens Quay.
- Once this work is complete, the old TTC rails will be removed to flatbed trucks during the day shift.

**Question:** Blair Keetch – My staff have concerns regarding the lighting at the Lower Simcoe and Harbour Street TTC bus stop. Can you please provide us with an update?

**Answer:** We have reviewed the lighting in this area and will have Stacey Electric install additional lighting to address the safety concerns.

**Question:** When will the lighting be installed?

**Answer:** We expect the quotation soon, and with approval and installation, no more than one week.

**iv) Enbridge (Jim Gibbons):**

- The new main gas line for Queens Quay has now been installed. It will be energized on Dec.7<sup>th</sup> at the valve located at the foot of York and Queens Quay.
- We expect to have the 207 Queens Quay building energized first and then we will move west along Queens Quay to energize other properties and buildings.
- All new services will be active by next Monday when we expect to cut the old valves and backfill the trench at York & Queens Quay.
- Enbridge will work this Saturday on completing the tie-in work from the Beer Store to Rees Street.

**Question:** Blair Keetch – When will the gas cutover for The PawsWay be performed? I understand that we will have a loss of gas services for a short period of time?

**Answer:** Yes, we plan to cutover the building this Friday, and there will be a short disruption to gas services. The expected duration should be less than two hours.

## 2) Upcoming Construction Activities Update (Curtis Kean)

*Please refer to the attached "ECCL 3 Week Lookahead Schedule – December 5 to December 26, 2012"*

## 3) New Traffic Management Sequence

- With the demolition and repaving complete in many areas, westbound traffic will be directed to the north, centre or south travel lanes depending on the construction activity required along the corridor.
- In mid-December, Eastern is expecting to route traffic in the centre lane from York Street to Rees Street.
- Concrete jersey barriers will be installed to demarcate the travel zone. Traffic signage will help vehicles navigate this stretch of Queens Quay.
- Access will be maintained to all driveways and to north-south streets.
- While there won't be much of an impact for cars – the TTC stops will need to be relocated just north of the centre lane. A special "island" loading/unloading zone will be created using concrete barriers.
- A designated walkway to the signalized intersection will also be put in place to give passengers a safe way to access the bus stop.
- The weekly construction notices will have more details about traffic management changes.

## 4) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion

**Question:** When does Eastern and the TTC expect to work on the Spadina Loop and the Peter Slip Bridge?

**Answer:** This work is currently scheduled for the Fall of 2013. The timeline weighs heavily on the delivery of the curved TTC rails necessary to build the half grand-union. These rails have a long 18-month lead time and are expected to arrive on time.

**Question:** (Carol Forsyth) We have concerns that the water used to lubricate the TTC rails in this area is the cause of leaks discovered at 410 Queens Quay. We have raised this concern with the TTC and would like to have this addressed.

**Answer:** Diego – We will take this matter offline and have the proper channels at the TTC handle this concern.

**Question:** Can we please have the cyclists signs at Lower Simcoe and Lake Shore reviewed. The sign indicates that cyclists can travel straight across when in fact; they should cross at the signalized intersection.

**Answer:** We will review the currently posted signs, and see if additional signs or clarification is required.

### *Other Discussion:*

- The BIA signposts will be constructed and erected in the next two weeks. Waterfront Toronto has agreed to cover the costs of the signposts which will be built by Eastern.
- All cyclists' signs have been posted along Queens Quay and the detour bike paths.
- The Queens Quay community wishes to congratulate Waterfront Toronto and the construction team for the work to date.
- The communication efforts by all to the local community and residents are very much appreciated.