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Meeting Minutes

Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #7 Summary

Thursday, September 6, 2012

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

Attendance:

Kelly Gorman (260 Queens Quay West)

Vicki Baron (Waterfront Regeneration Trust)

Kathi Bonner (Queens Quay Terminal)

Marcia Boyd (260 Queens Quay West)

Greg Gibb (Waterclub Condos)

Fred Taylor (33 Harbour Square)

Clay McFayden (Toronto Cyclist Union)

Kevin Keirstead (Westin Harbour Castle)

Dion Difebo (Oxford Properties)

Ulla Colgrass (Harbour Square)

Braz Menezes (YQNA)

Jennifer Chan (Councillor Vaughan's Office)

Carol Jolly (Waterfront BIA)

Cindi Vanden Heuvel (Toronto Passenger Vessel Association)

Pamela Laite (Toronto Tourism)

Luigi Cifa (Eastern Construction)

Robert Pasut (Eastern Construction)

Dave Madeira (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche (Waterfront Toronto)

Chris Glaisek (Waterfront Toronto)

Samantha Gileno (Waterfront Toronto)

Pina Mallozzi (Waterfront Toronto)

Simon Karam (Waterfront Toronto)

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Chris Glaisek

Today's Agenda

- 1.) Project Update
 - a. Design
 - b. Approvals & Permits
 - c. Construction Tenders
 - d. Construction Activities
- 2.) Construction Staging & Phasing
- 3.) TTC Routing – Phase One
- 4.) Upcoming Public Outreach
- 5.) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion

1. Project Update:

Schedule/Phasing:

- Over the summer we have reworked the construction staging schedule in order to accommodate some changes in our approval process. Luigi Cifa from Eastern Construction will provide a summary of the changes later in the meeting.
- We are now working on our 12th version of the Staging Plan. It is important to note that this is, and will continue to be a fluid document.

- Construction projects require flexibility. For that reason, staging is going to change frequently throughout the process. We need to be flexible to work around issues such as weather. We also want to capitalize on opportunities to work faster or streamline when possible. We've designed our CLC and weekly construction notices as opportunities to provide up to date information when changes are needed.
- We had planned to start major construction (of the sanitary sewer) in early September after the summer season. To help our schedule, we are advancing the demolition of the TTC corridor – rather than starting with the sanitary work. Luigi will describe this activity later.
- While we are ready to begin construction, we are temporarily on-hold awaiting sign-off on our funding.
- Waterfront Toronto is funded by Contribution Agreements (CAs) from our government partners. In the case of Queens Quay, construction is funded by multiple levels of government and we require sign-off from them before we can award the contract for the first phase of work.
- We are working to have the CA signed – and have explained the importance to the governments. We expect the CA to be signed soon but cannot proceed without it.

Yonge to Jarvis Update:

- The Jarvis dockwall project (reinforcing aging dockwall and removing any conflicts for future Queens Quay work) is currently being tendered and we expect to commence construction in October.
- The design for the pedestrian and cyclist improvements on Queens Quay between Yonge Street and Lower Jarvis (which includes a new off-street Martin Goodman Trail) and between Lower Jarvis Street and Parliament Street has been completed and is scheduled to start in mid-October
- The Queens Quay revitalization team has advanced the work planned in-front of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, in order to coordinate with this project. Luigi will walk through this change to the staging in his presentation.
- This project is federally funded and the CA is signed.

Eastern Trailer Compound:

- Eastern has installed their trailers for this project on site at Lower Simcoe and Harbour Streets. This will be the location of the site office throughout the construction of Queens Quay. Eastern is finalizing power and water connections and should have the compound up and running shortly.

Other Updates:

Bell Canada

- Bell has completed its civil work which included new ducts between Rees Street and York Street.
- Over the last month, new copper and fibre cabling was pulled and this work is nearly completed.
- The next task to be undertaken is splicing. This consists of moving each line from its existing run to the new run. This work will take until spring of 2013.

Toronto Hydro

- In late August, Toronto Hydro received their permit to commence construction.
- Hydro will be undertaking a significant upgrade to their plant, including 32 new ducts on the north side and approximately 12 new laterals to connect to existing plant or buildings along the north side.
- Toronto Hydro has now started its pre-construction activities which include:
 - o Locates
 - o Pre-construction building inspections
 - o Dewatering planning, including test wells
- OZA Inspections, on behalf of Toronto Hydro is undertaking pre-construction inspections of buildings, they will be in touch with property managers to set up appointments as needed. These inspections will be phased, and timing will be based on when Hydro expects to start work in a certain area.

TTC

- Street car service was switched to bus service on July 29, 2012
- Overhead wires were removed on schedule in order to facilitate demolition of the corridor.
- TTC is undertaking some work in the Portal and has retained a contractor to undertake the reconstruction of the tracks in the portal area. This is scheduled to commence next week.

Design & Approvals Update - Pina Mallozzi:

- On June 29th, 2012, Waterfront Toronto submitted 90% engineering drawings to the City of Toronto, TTC, and TPUCC (Toronto Public Utility Coordinating Committee) for their review.
- Comments were received from all departments, agencies, and utility companies and Waterfront Toronto is working to resolve any outstanding concerns. Waterfront Toronto received sign-off from all utilities, and is completing its review process with the City of Toronto.
- Over the last few months, we have been busy resolving conflicts between different underground elements and preparing tender packages for construction.
- Waterfront Toronto is now preparing its application to the MOE for the Environmental Compliance Approval, which is required for Sewer and Water construction, this can only be applied for once the design has been completed.
- Waterfront Toronto's design team has "tagged" (selected) the London Plane trees for the south side promenade and we have arranged for these trees to be "reserved" for the Queens Quay project.

Construction Update – James Roche

- The tender for the demolition and construction of the TTC corridor is now closed. We are now in a position to award the contract, pending the sign-off on our funding.
- Waterfront Toronto is pre-purchasing granite unit pavers for the north side sidewalk and south side public promenade. The prequalification for quarries and suppliers is out and we expect to complete the tender for this material supply this month.
- The municipal site services tender is out and is expected to close on September 13, 2012.
- The dewatering tender package is out and is expected to close on September 11, 2012.
- The electrical tender package is also out and is expected to close later this month (includes street lighting, signals, TTC electrical, all chambers and conduits, etc.)
- We are preparing to commence our pre-construction surveys on each building and we will notify your property managers and our CLC representatives from each building once we are ready to undertake this inspection.

2. Construction Staging & Phasing – Luigi Cifa

- This now version 12 of the ECCL construction staging & phasing plan
- Sequence 1A has not changed from our last CLC meeting
- Bell will continue with their civil work, cable placements and splicing work.
- We are introducing a new sequence called 1A1. The purpose is to advance the demolition of the TTC corridor and track removal which will help our schedule. We are currently expecting to begin with the demolition of the TTC corridor and track removal from Bay to Rees Street but this might change once the contractor is on board and in coordination with TTC portal work.
- The work from Rees to Bay will require four to six weeks to complete.

Question: How quickly can you move in this tight area and work zone?

Answer: The concrete at the portal area is thick, so we expect to advance at a rate of 2 meters/day. The total distance of this sequence is approximately 500 meters.

Question: When the fast fence is erected, can it accommodate signage?

Answer: Some fast fence will accommodate signage but its primary goal is to protect workers and pedestrians and vehicles. We will identify fencing for signage with Eastern and ensure the project is communicated appropriately.

Question: Where does all the old concrete go once it is removed?

Answer: This concrete is crushed and recycled for use as fill on other projects.

Question: Can we receive a new matrix document?

Answer: Yes, we will update the matrix once we meet with Toronto Hydro and Enbridge and can confirm their schedules and those of their sub-contractors.

Question: Will TTC track demolition occur from 7am till 7pm?

Answer: Yes, all construction work is to occur during these hours between Monday and Friday. If weekend work is required we will need to apply for noise exemptions. We have agreed that noisy work (such as jackhammering) will not begin until 8am but crews can begin working and mobilizing at 7am.

Review of Sequence 1C:

- This is the deep sanitary sewer work. Both eastbound traffic lanes will be closed at Spadina Avenue – the two westbound traffic lanes will be open (with localized lane closures in certain stretches).
- There is also sanitary work starting at Rees and west to the Shoppers Drug Mart location. That has new storm and sanitary systems to be installed just north of the TTC corridor.
- During this timeframe we also expect to start the work in front of the Westin Hotel. Toronto Hydro is working there now and Eastern must wait for this work to be complete before we can begin.

Question: What is the purple shaded area of this sequence signify?

Answer: This is the total work zone area for Eastern Construction during this construction sequence.

Question: Is the storm work part of the Toronto Water CSO projects?

Answer: No – this work is an upgrade to the storm and sanitary along Queens Quay and is not related to the City's major Combined Sewer Outflow project.

Question: Is the start date for this construction sequence still October?

Answer: We're targeting October or early November and this work is scheduled to continue until January 2013.

Question: Are there more locates to be done in the Bay Street and Portal area? Toronto Water is unable to find the water shut-off valve for 33 Harbour Square. Does Eastern Construction know about this?

Answer: We are not aware of this problem but we will check our drawings to see if the shut-off valve for 33 Harbour Square is noted. Our intent is not to disrupt the water supply and services to 33 Harbour Square.

Review of Sequence 1C:

- Bus laybys will also be built along the south side of Queens Quay
- Westin work will continue
- Bay Street re-striping will need to be completed

Question: When will this be done, by next summer?

Answer: Yes, this re-striping needs to be completed prior to the restart of buses for the Island science school and camps.

Review of Sequence 1D:

- For Sequence 1D, work is expected to occur from January to March 2013. There will be westbound traffic straight through which will be reduced to one lane in certain areas for short periods of time.

- We will be rebuilding the TTC corridor.
- There is a new storm line that will be installed at the Rees Street parking lot area and extends towards the Shoppers Drug Mart.
- Sequence 1D will occur from March to April.
- The TTC will place the overhead wiring over the new corridor.

Question: Will de-watering occur during or after construction.

Answer: Dewatering must occur prior and during construction. Pumps and settling tanks need to be placed and the water has to be “drawn down” below the area of trenching or work. Construction crews must be able to work in safe and relatively dry soil conditions.

3. TTC Routing Phase One – Pina Mallozzi

- Once Sequence 1B commences in October or November, the roadway will switch to one-way westbound. At that time the TTC bus routing will change.
- From Union: South on Bay along Queens Quay to Bathurst St. then Lake Shore to the Exhibition.
- To Union: From Exhibition, eastbound via Fleet St. to Fort York east along Lake Shore/Harbour north to Bay.
- In the eastbound direction on Lake Shore there will be bus stops at the near side of intersections at Stadium Rd, Bathurst, Dan Leckie Way, Spadina, and at Simcoe, with a northbound stop on Bay once we turn off Lake Shore.
- This will not be required for the Sequence 1A-1 phase of work.

Question: Will there be a bus stop at York Street?

Answer: When we move to one-way westbound on Queens Quay there will be a westbound stop just before York St. (as there is now). The eastbound stop will be at Simcoe St. and at the corner of Bay/Queens Quay.

Question: Will all drawings and plans be posted on the Waterfront website?

Answer: Yes, we post the transportation routing map on our website once the TTC approves the routing.

Question: Will cyclists still have access to both the east and westbound directions along Queens Quay?

Answer: Cyclists are always permitted to travel with vehicular traffic even during construction. However, we are working with the city to identify a detour route for cyclists to help them bypass the construction zone when possible.

4. Upcoming Public Outreach – Samantha Gileno

- Official Groundbreaking for the Queens Quay Revitalization project is tentatively scheduled for September 21st – we are still waiting for confirmation from our government partners so this could change.
- Construction notices are going out weekly and special notices when needed
- We have started working on large project signage that will be erected once construction commences, and we will report back to the group on this item at the October meeting.
- Webcams will be installed on the Radisson Hotel, and this will be streamed to our Queens Quay Construction website.

5. CLC Member Feedback/Discussion – Samantha Gileno

Question: In front of 33 Harbour Square there is one eastbound lane which provides vital access for deliveries to ScotiaBank and also is the only loading zone for residents moving in/out of the complex. Will this remain?

Answer: We have had a meeting to discuss the needs of ScotiaBank. Eastern Construction will provide access to this area during construction, but we should also have this discussion taken off-line with the property managers of 33/55/77 and 99 Harbour Square so we can gather information and provide details.

Question: When will the construction matrix be made available?

Answer: We will update the information and post once we have met with Toronto Hydro and confirmed schedules with all team members.