



Meeting Minutes

Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #22 Summary

January 08, 2014

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

Attendance:

Blair Keetch - (PawsWay)

Emily Crema - (The Waterfront BIA)

Kevin Currie - (The Waterfront BIA)

Ulla Colgrass - (York Quay Neighbourhood Association)

Greg Gibb - (208, 218, QQ 8 York Street)

Fred Taylor - (33, 55, 65, 77, 99 Harbour Square)

Kelly Gorman (250, 251, 260 Queens Quay)

Clay McFayden - (Cycle Toronto) (formerly Toronto Cyclist Union)

Max Moore - (Harbourfront Community Association)

Heather Richards - (Toronto Public Health)

Diego Sinagoga - (TTC)

Robert Pasut - (Eastern Construction)

Maya Araya - (Eastern Construction)

Andrea Ramnares - (Toronto Hydro)

Simon Karam - (Waterfront Toronto)

Andrea Kelemen - (Waterfront Toronto)

Samantha Gileno - (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche - (Waterfront Toronto)

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Samantha welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting agenda.

1. 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 two months (Nov/Dec). Progress to date included work in the following areas:

- **Site Services – Storm & Sanitary**
 - Storm Lateral - Harbourfront Centre
 - Manhole install - Simcoe Wave Deck
 - Manhole install - Pawsway
 - Sanitary install - Pawsway
 - Sanitary install - West of Radisson Hotel
 - Sanitary install - Rees Street

Question: When will the traffic change to permit the sanitary installation at Rees St.?

Answer: The traffic is expected to shift in 2-3 weeks to permit this work.

- **TTC Rebuild**
 - TTC Splicing chamber at Rees Wave Deck
 - Spadina Loop tracks
 - Installed (South on Spadina/QQ, Spadina/Lake Shore)
 - Ground warmers – prior to pouring concrete
 - Concrete pour
 - Tarps – over poured concrete
 - Rail installation – South of Lake Shore
 - Northbound Spadina– opened during the holidays
 - Traffic Shift
 - Dec traffic shift for Spadina Loop Chamber
 - TTC Splicing Chamber
 - Excavation at Spadina Loop entrance by 410 and 390 Queens Quay

- **Site Electrical**
 - Caissons for TTC, traffic, lights poles
 - Completion of cantilever footing at Simcoe - street lights
 - Conduit/handwell install at York Ramp- traffic lights

- **Toronto Hydro**
 - Yonge Slip duct work - completed
 - Bay/QQ - trenching
 - Bay/York – duct work
 - Harbourfront Centre - trenching
 - HTO Park East – Chamber
 - Remaining work
 - Lateral tie in (Stacey & ECCL coordination)

- **Enbridge Gas**
 - Tying service to QQ (west of Lake Shore – south of QQ)
 - Completed in coordination with ECCL

- **Granite Landscaping**
 - QQ Terminal - ready for granite installation
 - East of Lower Simcoe - Sub base preparation - issue with foundation resolved
 - Concrete poured - parking layby
 - Pawsway - install of mosaic promenade at curbside
 - Simcoe WaveDeck - grading prior to granite installation
 - Rees Parking Lot - Granite installation for sidewalk and layby (west side)
 - Tree trench panels
 - Formwork for granite sidewalk (east side)

Follow up Items

- 509 Harbourfront Bus
 - Officially renamed on the website
 - Name change must be manually coded so many remain named “Exhibition”
 - If you see an “Exhibition” named bus, report vehicles no. to Diego and it will be changed

- Winter work continues
 - Using various warming equipment – extreme weather impact
- Use of Granite Mosaic on Southside
 - Central Waterfront Plan – special mosaic surface will be installed on the Queens Quay Promenade and water’s edge promenade only. North side sidewalks are granite only.
- Improvements to Robertson Crescent
 - Queens Quay Revitalization project will not include improvements to Robertson Crescent. This would be beyond the scope of the project. The City of Toronto has also reported that these improvements are not in its capital budget at this time.

PLP Update

- PLP update provided by Andrea Ramnares on behalf of Medhi Shabestary
- South side of QQ – tying duct banks to cable chambers
 - S/E corner of Bay/QQ - to be completed end of this week
 - 33 Harbour Sq. - to be completed within next two weeks
 - QQ Terminal Driveway - to be completed end of next week
 - E/W side of EMS Driveways - to be completed end of next week
- Trench work and cable chambers on Yonge St. completed
- Future work
 - Rees Intersection – two cable chambers – South East and West corner of Rees St.
 - York (South side) - trench work at the crossing
 - Between Rees St. to EMS Driveway – trench work

Question: When will the work & trenching work resume at York & QQ?

Answer: Timing for this work is to be determined as it has to be coordinated with the rebuild of the TTC corridor. Work across the driveway will be phased and coordinated with condos.

Question: Will the green space behind 270 Queens Quay & Rabba where Enbridge was working, be restored?

Answer: Yes. Likely not until the spring when sod or grass seed can be placed.

Question: Will the winter tents be obstructing store fronts?

Answer: Our intention is to limit large tents in front of storefronts whenever possible. If larger tents are required, additional signage will be placed for way finding.

2. Project Status Update

Complete work to date

- On schedule for Spring of 2015
- The overall schedule on track despite slowdowns related to deep services work
 - When slowdowns occur in one area, Eastern advances work in other areas to ensure the project remains on schedule overall.
 - Timing for some internal project milestones has been revised
- Slowdowns include:
 - Site complexity (multiple contractors)
 - Utility conflicts
 - Unknowns/underground obstructions not identified in plans
 - State of aging infrastructure

- Dewatering challenges
- Geotechnical conditions – lake fill
- Extreme cold

- Major completed work to date:
 - Deep Services/Utilities
 - Enbridge – 100% complete
 - Bell – 95% complete
 - Toronto Hydro
 - 90% of civil duct bank complete
 - 28 of 30 chambers complete
 - 8 of 10 chamber lids complete
 - Sanitary/Storm
 - Installation of 17 of 19 manholes (89%) connected to 578 of 675 (85%) meters of sanitary sewers
 - Storm – 30% complete
 - Fire hydrants -- Installed/replaced 17 of 19 (89%) fire hydrants
 - TTC poles – 40% complete
 - Landscape
 - 60 meters of granite sidewalk installed between Bay and Yonge (Westin Hotel)
 - 120 meters of granite sidewalk (north side) at York Street
 - 25 meters of granite promenade (south side) at PawsWay/Rees WaveDeck
 - 75 meters of granite promenade (south side) at Simcoe WaveDeck
 - 140 meters of granite sidewalk (north side) at Rees Street Parking Lot
 - Road Work
 - Completed between Bay and Yonge (Westin Hotel)
 - Two parking laybys complete
 - Peter Slip Bridge widened with new duct work on the waterside to allow for new infrastructure under the bridge
 - TTC:
 - Demolition -- 100% complete
 - Splicing chambers – 9 of 11 complete
 - Spadina loop rebuild – 2 of 2 Chamber lids complete; 1 of 1 chamber install underway; rails installed at Lake Shore intersection, Spadina and loop
 - Peter Slip Bridge – 100% complete track install

Question: Why is the curb at the Martin Goodman Trail in front of Westin 6” lower than the sidewalk. It’s dangerous.

Answer: This is a temporary situation; a ‘shave and pave’ of the asphalt will occur in the spring which will eliminate this issue. For the time being, a temporary fill will be done and signs & fencing placed for cyclists and pedestrians.

Upcoming Activities - January 2014

- **Landscaping**
 - Granite installation continues at Pawsway; Simcoe Slip; 218 Queens Quay + Rees Parking lot
- **Hydro**
 - Chamber on west side of Rees and duct bank; duct bank work at York intersection
- **Sanitary sewer/storm**
 - Sanitary installation continues west to Rees + remaining storm manholes from Pawsway to Rees

- Storm sewer investigation work between Bay and York
- Catch basin work at 85 Harbour
- Storm manholes and laterals between Spadina Loop and Yo Yo Ma
- Dewatering installation Rees to Peter Slip for storm and waterman work
- **TTC, streetlight & traffic poles**
 - Drill rigs/Hydro vac for caissons installation between Lower Spadina and Peter Slip
- **Spadina Loop rebuild**
 - Concrete pour for second and third lifts
 - TTC crews will begin overhead wiring on Lower Spadina
 - Splicing chamber will continue at Shoppers Drug Mart entrance
- **TTC splicing chambers**
 - Final 2 chambers excavated, installed and backfilled (west of Lower Simcoe + east of Rees)

Question: Where will the traffic shift at 250/260/270 Queens Quay for the sanitary installation?

Answer: Traffic will shift to the southern most lane adjacent to curb and Radisson.

Question: What vehicular curb access will be provided in this area?

Answer: Vehicles will utilize the temporary asphalt layby provided at the Rees Parkette. As well, the laneway to 250/260/270 will remain open. Parking on the east side of Rees Street is to be utilized as well.

Question: Will there be roadway access to stores @260 QQ entrance?

Answer: Access to the Rabba Foods and laneway that services 250/260/270 Queens Quay will be open.

Question: When will sidewalk access and fast fence east of Yo Yo Ma be removed – Music Garden?

Answer: Fast fence must remain in this area of Music Garden since Varcon has catch basin work to complete in the sidewalk areas on the south side. CB's expected to be completed by mid-Feb.

6 Months Look Ahead

- **Tasks to be completed in the Next Six Months**
 - Underground Work Complete
 - TTC splicing chambers
 - Hydro chambers and duct work
 - Storm and Sanitary
 - Spadina Loop
 - Granite from York to Peter Slip Bridge on the north side
- **Work Continuing**
 - TTC, streetlight and traffic poles installation
 - TTC corridor construction between portal and Yo Yo Ma underway
 - Granite installation on north side (York to Bay)
 - Select locations for granite on south side
 - Roadway begins
- **Completed Works**
 - TTC corridor and loop – streetcars running
 - Roadway 90% complete from Bay to Yo Yo Ma
 - North landscaping 80 - 90% complete

- **Summer 2014 Construction**

- Martin Goodman Trail construction Yo Yo Ma to Rees
- Landscaping works (south side) Yo Yo Ma to Rees
- Landscaping works (north and south) Bay to York

- **Fall 2014 Onwards**

- Martin Goodman Trail and south landscaping Rees to York

3. CLC Member Feed Back/Discussion

Question: Spadina Loop to be completed in March - April?

Answer: We have had some delays. We are meeting with TTC to determine the schedule and will communicate to the CLC as soon as we have a revised date.

Question: Will the construction notice communicate if Spadina northbound will be reopened?

Answer: Weekly construction notices will provide updates regarding northbound traffic on Lower Spadina.

Question: Landscaping at HTO Park – will the concrete blocks (benches) be removed?

Answer: Yes, I believe that the concrete bench on the new promenade area in front of HTO Park will be removed and replaced with the Queens Quay bench but we will confirm.

Question: MGT – will it go further west past Yo Yo Ma to Bathurst?

Answer: We have a design and are working with the City on funding, approvals etc. We will update the CLC when more information is available.

Question: Are the railings on the Peter Slip Bridge (south side) ready to go?

Answer: Varcon is still completing some manholes in this area. If the final railing is not ready we will make the area safe with fencing for the summer to ensure the bridge is open.

****Due to overlapping schedules CLC meetings will be shifted to the last week of the month. Next meeting will be February 26, 2014 at 1:00pm. We will notify the rest of the upcoming meetings as well.*