



Meeting Minutes

Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #11 Summary

Thursday, January 10, 2013

1:00pm – 3:00pm

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)

Pam Mazza – (TICA/QCYC)

Braz Menezes (YONA)

Greg Gibb – (WaterClub Condos)

Clay McFayden (Cycle Toronto)

Dion DeFebo – (Oxford Properties)

David Wallace (401 Queens Quay)

Jen Chan – Councillor Vaughan’s Office

Tom Davidson – Councillor McConnell’ Office

Diego Sinagoga (Toronto Transit Commission)

Pina Mallozzi – (Waterfront Toronto)

Luigi Cifa (Eastern Construction)

Robert Pasut (Eastern Construction)

Curtis Keen (Eastern Construction)

Andrea Kelemen (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche (Waterfront Toronto)

Samantha Gileno (Waterfront Toronto)

Maggie Mu (Toronto Hydro)

Eric Charbonneau – (Bell Canada)

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

- Review of meeting agenda
- Note about the website: the Constructing Queens Quay website has been updated and includes weekly construction notices, meeting minutes and other project information.
- Signage: We have delivered project information signs to the Queens Quay condo property managers and businesses who requested them.

1) Project Updates:

a) Approvals and Permits (Pina Mallozzi)

We have received the following permits since our last CLC meeting .

- A partial permit for the York Street Layby from the City of Toronto.
- A partial permit for the following work on the Peter Slip Bridge:
 - TTC conduits located under the bridge
 - All surface works/roadway and landscape Improvements
 - Southside bridge demo & sidewalk reconstruction.
- Full permit from the Toronto Port Authority - for scaffolding and deck on the southside of the bridge.
- Permit for the Queens Quay Terminal Taxi Stand.
- Approval for the 1B2 Traffic Management Plan
 - Associated with the use of the old TTC right of way (centre lanes # 3 & 4)

b) Construction Tenders & Construction Activities (James Roche)

Tenders:

- Landscape Tender - closes on January 17
- Roadway tender - closes January 22
- Street Light/Poles - closed late December 2012
- Miscellaneous Metals - contract awarded to Darlington

Completed Construction Activities:

- **TTC** – Majority of streetcar rails and track bed demolition was completed and paved with asphalt
- **Queens Quay Terminal Taxi Stand** – Completed with some signage/landscaping remaining for Spring
- **Peter Slip Bridge** – Scaffolding spanning the bridge on the south-side has been erected.
- **Site Services** – Varcon crews have started test pits along Queens Quay from York St to Spadina.
- Locates for Utilities is in progress for storm & sanitary construction to begin.
- **TTC Platform Light** – To address stakeholder concerns, an additional light was installed at the southwest corner of Lower Simcoe & Harbour Streets.
- **Granite** – Shipments of granite pavers are being received and stored in East Bayfront.
- **Enbridge** – All gas work has been completed.

c) Bell Canada Update (Eric Charbonneau):

- All civil work has been completed by Bell Canada and its sub-contractors
- All fibre and copper cabling has also been laid along Queens Quay, and from manhole to manhole.
- Bell Canada is now in the process of “splicing” all copper and fibre cabling in the manholes along Queens Quay with the major locations being the York & Queens Quay area and at the Rabba Food Store location.
- Work is occurring in eight manholes.
- There is approximately 6000 man hours of effort associated with this work.
- This work is expected to complete in the next 4-6 weeks. That’s when the new cabling is cut-over and brought online, and before the old cable systems are removed.
- Fibre splicing is a delicate operation that requires sophisticated equipment to complete
- Expect that all fiber splicing will be completed by the end of January or early February 2013
- Fibre services are oriented to more business applications and therefore cutover has to be carefully scheduled and monitored.
- Some Bell pedestals and OPI outlets need to be re-designed to accommodate the final design for Queens Quay. This work will occur in a later construction phase.

d) Toronto Hydro (Maggie Mu):

- PLP – Powerline Plus have crews working at different locations along Queens Quay.
- At Yonge & Queens Quay crews will be working on one chamber for two weeks starting January 14th
- Work continues at the Westin Hotel. This includes the rebuild of several cable chambers at either end of the Westin Hotel.
- At the east end of The Westin the first cable chamber has been done and the second will be started on January 25th.
- The Westin has its own construction activities occurring at this same location at this time. PLP will coordinate as required.
- The cable chamber at the west side of The Westin is expected to be completed by the week of January 18th and the second chamber on the west side should be complete by the end of January 2013.
- The two cable chambers located between Bay and York Street are near completion.
- The next stage is trenching between these manholes and also west to York Street which will require coordination with Eastern Construction.

Question: Will this trenching will occur in the north lanes west of Bay and York?

Answer: Yes, and we will continue to have the two WB lanes closed to through traffic. Only localized traffic to 10/20 Bay and the Ellis-Don construction site will be permitted.

Upcoming Construction Activities Eastern Construction Update (Curtis Kean):

- Please refer to the attached "ECCL 3 Week Lookahead Schedule – January 10 to January 31, 2013"

e) Toronto Transit Update (Diego Sinagoga):

- Project work continues with five crews working within the tunnel:

- Carpenters for the overhead wiring troughs
 - Surveyors setting the paths for the new rails
 - Overhead electrical crews installing the new wiring, and
 - Leak remediation crews and
 - Track crews
- Track crews are continuing to work night shifts and remaining in the tunnel 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.
- Leak remediation work is being performed during the evening shifts.
- The location of the air compressors required for this work is critical. TTC is considering locating these units in Union Station to minimize noise.
- The day and afternoon shifts are dedicated to the removal of old track. These are 11' sections which are brought out via flatbed trucks and then disposed into bins at ground level. Removals are usually completed each day by 10:30pm.
- The next order of work is the rebuild of the Queens Quay station platform which is expected to last three weeks.
- Finally, the replacement of all southbound rails from Union Station to the Queens Quay Portal will be undertaken.
- The new rails are delivered in 39' sections which are welded together into 100-300 metre lengths and installed.

Question: We understand that there are walls within the portal that need to be repaired?

Answer: Yes, we have carefully examined the walls and repaired seals and are completing the leak remediation process. If the damage cannot be repaired, the walls will be rebuilt and we expect to have this completed by March 2013.

Question: Are the new rails for the Harbourfront Portal new?

Answer: Yes, we have carefully examined the rails and due to some high water levels, corrosion has occurred to the rails and grout pads which require replacements.

On new track beds such as the new street car lines on Queens Quay, steel grout pads are fixed to the new concrete beds and grouted. The rails and anchor bolts are also coated with rust inhibitor materials.

Rubber boots are then placed around each rail. This rubber boot acts as a buffer to vibration and also allows for the expansion and contraction of the rails to occur with the varying weather conditions. These rubber boots also help dampen the noise of streetcar wheels meeting the rails.

- Reminder that there is work scheduled for the Spadina/King and lakeshore area from January 19th through to January 26th, 2013. There will be intersection closures to accommodate for this work, and patrons can expect delays to the #509 buses.
- The City of Toronto also has some water main work scheduled at the Lakeshore & Spadina intersection for these dates.
- The #510 buses will need to divert via Lakeshore, Rees, Bremner, and King area.

- The City of Toronto plans to have various news releases to the public regarding these work packages and road closures.

f) Traffic Management Plan:

- We are currently in the 1B2 stage of traffic management and expect to be transitioning to 1B3 in the next month or so. This traffic management package moves traffic temporarily to the TTC corridor in the centre of Queens Quay to enable work to occur in the north and south lanes.
- The TTC bus stop at York Street has been transitioned to a zone in the middle of Queens Quay. Jersey barriers have been configured to provide TTC patrons with a safe area to wait for TTC buses.
- The same zones are expected for the Lower Simcoe and Rees Street stops – exact timing is not yet known. We will coordinate closely with TTC.

Question: When can we expect westbound traffic along Queens Quay will be in a straight line without diversions occurring?

Answer: Traffic may not run in a straight line on Queens Quay until the new roadway construction is complete.

Question: When will the TTC corridor be rebuilt?

We cannot rebuild the new TTC corridor until the “deep services” (storm and sanitary infrastructure) are built. This work must also be carefully coordinated with the construction of the new Toronto Hydro cable chambers and laterals along Queens Quay.

Question: The number of TTC bus stops along the Lakeshore Blvd. is not sufficient. Can another stop be added?

Answer: We have had several meetings and conversations with the City and the TTC regarding this matter. For example, we know that the Rees Street location is not feasible or safe. We have identified two additional locations that might be considered. These are being reviewed and we will report back with the results.

g) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion

Question: When does Eastern expect to have better bike signage placed at the Lower Simcoe and Rees Street intersections?

Answer: We have reviewed and ordered the new “dismount & walk signs” for cyclists at these intersections and will install as soon as we receive them.

Question: When will the TTC Streetcar resume on Queens Quay?

Answer: Pina: As stated earlier, it is difficult to predict an exact time for streetcar service to resume along Queens Quay. We still need to coordinate significant construction work for the storm and sanitary and this has to also be coordinated with other construction crews and teams (e.g., Toronto Hydro and PLP). The schedule is June 23rd however we are currently slightly behind schedule. We are trying to find ways to make up time.

Suggestion: Waterfront Toronto should consider creating an exhibition of construction items (e.g., concrete, TTC rails, copper cable etc.) used on the project.

Comment: The communication efforts to the local community and residents are very much appreciated.