



Meeting Minutes

Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #18 Summary

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

Attendance:

Kelly Gorman - (251,251,260,270 QQW)

Braz Menezes - (YONA)

Jennifer Reynolds – (Toronto Hydro)

James Russell – (Harbour Square)

Clay McFayden - (Cycle Toronto)

Blair Keetch - (Pawsway)

Dion Difebo – (Oxford Properties)

Zachary Rivera – (Eastern Construction)

Kevin Currie (Waterfront BIA)

Diego Sinagoga - (Toronto Transit Commission)

Jennifer Chan - (Councillor Adam Vaughan)

Simon Karam – (Waterfront Toronto)

Jill Hicks – (TPVA)

Kathy Bonner – (Brookfield)

Heather Richards – (Toronto Public Health)

Medhi Shebestery – (Powerline Plus)

Robert Pasut – (Eastern Construction)

Carol Jolly - (Waterfront BIA)

Jelle Therry - (West 8)

Samantha Gileno – (Waterfront Toronto)

Pina Mallozzi – (Waterfront Toronto)

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Samantha welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Review of completed activities – Simon Karam

To begin the meeting, Simon reviewed a series of slides with images of work underway and/or completed during the last month. Refer to presentation.

Question - Will the left side of the Rees street parking lot have new landscaping?

Answer - Yes. There will be new landscaping and trees in this area.

Question - Will the light poles be the same or will there be any wooden poles?

Answer - The signature wooden poles for Queens Quay will installed all along Queens Quay including in this area.

Toronto Hydro Update -- Medhi Shebestery (PLP)

Medhi provided an overview of PLP work completed and reviewed upcoming work.

- Completed:
 - Work areas include Yonge-Bay, Scotiabank cable chambers, 55 Harbour Square, Simcoe-Rees, Rabba

- Laterals at Shoppers and Spadina/QQ – there are additional chambers in this area. One crossing to complete at York St.
- York intersection – all work done except for south side
- Radisson and Pawsway – duct work complete
- Upcoming
 - Rees Intersection
 - 480 QQ – 2 cable chambers to work on – 4-6 weeks
 - Work during next 30 days will be in the following areas:
 - QQ West of York
 - QQ & YoYo Ma
 - SE side of Rees

Question - How are chambers filled?

Answer – Crews use reinforced concrete, steel rods and then back fill

Question/comment - York Quay is like a “mini lake Ontario”

Answer: A City of Toronto water inspector has been called to check issue – it is believed to be sediment filling up in the mainline sanitary. We are working with the City to resolve this issue.

Upcoming Construction Activities – Robert Pasut

Robert Pasut reviewed the 3 week look ahead for the project.

Question – What materials are used to construct the handwell meters?

Answer – They are made out of a fiberglass material.

Question – Lane restrictions from Bay to York, how long will they last?

Answer – The Bus stop has been pulled back 2-3 meters. It will require approximately 2-3 weeks of work.

Question – Is the project still on target time wise?

Answer – The project is still on target for June 2015 completion. Some areas of the project have been delayed while others are accelerated.

Question – How will traffic management be enforced? Issues that were mentioned include:

- Taxis parking on private property
- Cars zooming around 55-65 QQ
- Cars blocking traffic at layby

Answer – Waterfront Toronto and Eastern are working closely with the City’s parking enforcement/by-law officers to help alleviate these issues. We are also communicating with taxi drivers directly and changing jersey barriers to try to prevent illegal activity.

Question – When will streetcar service be restored?

Answer – Streetcar service restoration is delayed due to the complexity of the deep services work. We can not rebuild the TTC corridor until much of the deep services work is complete. We are accelerating other activities to keep the overall project on schedule.

Question/Comment – There have been fewer complaints regarding dewatering machines.

Answer – Most orange units replaced, with softer and more efficient blue units.

Question – Can the dewatering be removed in some places?

Answer – PLP- has removed everything that is not being used. Waterfront Toronto will review whether our crews can tighten fences – remove dewatering.

Question – Can the dewatering be reconfigured?

Answer – The area needs to be revisited for reconfiguration and clean up options. Dewatering will be required again for other chambers and it is difficult to remove it altogether when more work is required.

Question – Are there plans to accelerate Spadina loop?

Answer – There are 3 splicing chambers - 2 rebuild, 1 root and rebuild. Each rebuild can take up to 6 weeks and is contingent on Hydro work being completed in the area.

TTC Update – Diego Sinagoga

Diego provided an update on TTC construction at the portal where overhead wiring is complete and leak remediation is ongoing. He also noted that the King/Spadina intersection will be closed for streetcar track work.

Follow up

Miscellaneous issues regarding Queens Quay and area

- Bagged traffic signals – Wait times at 55 Harbour Square driveway were measure up to 79 seconds
- Robertson Cres – Enforcement issues – some people parking in the wrong direction. Waterfront Toronto work with the City’s bylaw officer to refund any tickets that were issued.
- Night work – “essential services” – sanitary installation to be performed at night, to be exempted from noise by-laws.

Entera Project Information – Jennifer Reynolds (Toronto Hydro)

Jennifer Reynolds provided an update on the construction on Rees Street and the new transformer station (Copeland Station). The work that was initially on the East side of Rees has switched to the West side for the cable chamber. Construction is scheduled to last 6-8 weeks. Sidewalks have been narrowed as well as having paid duty officers assist with Traffic. Traffic has been reduced to one lane both southbound and northbound.

Wayfinding Signage- Jelle Therry

Jelle Therry from West 8 provided a presentation and slideshow regarding some preliminary wayfinding signage for Queens Quay. There are several different categories of proposed sign types with different functions. Most have

features that will direct vehicles and pedestrians to destinations. Some directional signs will have blue circles to help differentiate from information signs.

Question – For the bus hop on and hop off areas, would it be possible to get an address on the signs?

Answer – Since there are only 3 locations, it should be enough just to use street name ie: Yonge or Bay area.

Question – Will the rebranded street signs contain elements of the current Harbourfront signs, such as on stadium road?

Answer – WT will double check with the city.

Question – Will the streetcar shelter design contain next vehicle information system displays?

Answer – We are running electricity to the shelters – TTC will determine info signage.

Question – Is it possible to use wayfinding with cellphones?

Answer – It is possible, however content management is very resource intensive for these projects. There would need to be a way to connect the city with Queens Quay. Pina and Jelle to look into.

Question – On the MGT signs, can the bike trail number be added?

Answer – This has been discussed with city, and was not added to reduce the info on signs. We will look into it.

Question – Should we have a subgroup for wayfinding to determine which sights to include?

Answer – Yes, this is a conceptual plan – Waterfront Toronto will convene a subgroup to determine the appropriate places to include on signage.

Question – We should try not to send people to destinations out of the waterfront.

Answer – The City's signage program has a reciprocal nature – the waterfront is promoted north and signage on the waterfront should include some destinations outside the waterfront.

Next Steps for Wayfinding Signage: Several members of the CLC volunteered for the sub-group. WT will convene a meeting for September.

Reminder: Waterfront Toronto will help ensure construction impacts summer events as little as possible. Please ensure we are aware of your events so that we can direct our crews accordingly and ensure fences are tightened, site clean, etc. Eastern Crews are undertaking major clean-up efforts in advance of all long-weekends in the summer but if we are aware of your specific needs we can target our efforts.