



Meeting Minutes

Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #19 Summary

September 11, 2013

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

Attendance:

Chris Hodgson (Harbourfront Center)

Pamela Laite (Tourism Toronto)

Greg Gibb (208, 218 QQ, 8 York St)

Clay McFayden - (Cycle Toronto)

Blair Keetch - (Pawsway)

Marcia Boyd (250, 251, 260 QQ)

Jennifer Reynolds – (Toronto Hydro)

Kevin Currie (Waterfront BIA)

Diego Sinagoga - (Toronto Transit Commission)

Jennifer Chan - (Councillor Adam Vaughan)

Andrea Kelemen (Waterfront Toronto)

Warren Chow (BA group)

Ulla Colgrass - (YQNA)

Pam Mazza – (TICA)

Heather Richards – (Toronto Public Health)

Medhi Shebestery – (Powerline Plus)

Robert Pasut – (Eastern Construction)

Peter Curtis (Eastern Construction)

Zachary Rivera – (Eastern Construction)

Samantha Gileno – (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche – (Waterfront Toronto)

Simon Karam – (Waterfront Toronto)

William Newmarch (BA group)

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Samantha welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting agenda.

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 month. Refer to the presentation.

Question – When will MGT East be complete?

Answer - Within 2 weeks.

Question – You're presentation mentioned underground obstructions. What are those?

Answer – They could be any buried infrastructure – foundations, pipes, crib walls & tiebacks, etc.

- As built drawings – show final infrastructure underground but have not been accurate due to age of drawings, etc.
- We use locates to double check the “as-builts”
- Document “surprises”

Toronto Hydro Update -- Medhi Shebestery (PLP)

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

- Yonge St – still issues
- Scotiabank chambers will be completed later this fall– once other contractors are finished (sanitary install)
- York & QQ
 - Duct work completed up to York
 - We still need to tie-in to the chamber at York/Queens Quay under Hydro One duct bank
- Duct work towards Lower Simcoe will be completed after TTC splicing chamber is complete
- Lower Simcoe to Rees – all work completed
- Peter Slip Bridge west side – 2 chambers completed
- Lower Spadina – crossings completed; will begin chamber near 410 QQ
- Yo Yo Ma – 2 cable chambers completed
- Upcoming:
 - 401 QQ – back to redesign

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. 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. For the next 3 weeks, the work will focus on connecting ducts and work should be finished by September 27th.

Question – What construction activities will be occurring near Pawsway?

Answer - There will be various construction activities, primarily the installation of new storm and sanitary lines that will be accompanied with a traffic shift.

Question/Comment – The road is really rough between Bay and Yonge.

Answer - The road will be resurfaced. Also known as a shave & pave process.

Question/Comment – Bike lanes from George Brown – people are not understanding its purpose/walking into lane.

Answer - We are very pleased to have been able to add off-street bike lanes in this area. That being said, it is an interim condition and there is not as much room as there will be once the full vision for Queens Quay is extended in this area. The MGT is a multi use lane, not just bike lane. The MGT is asphalt and includes line painting like all other areas of the city and the sidewalk is concrete – so there is clear differentiation. The city is considering adding some signage/spray paint for clarity.

Follow up:

- Night work underway
 - Essential services
 - Efforts to minimize disruptions
 - Upcoming night work for hydrant removal/replacement – Sept 16-19 – 11pm – 5am
- Dust Control measures
 - Debris pick up
 - Road washing and Water spraying to mitigate dust
- Traffic study at 55 Harbour Square
 - Traffic counts conclude that the intersection should remain unsignalized
- New way-finding signage – subgroup convened

Public Engagement

- Paid-duty police will be on Queens Quay to help with traffic for all weekend Blue Jays games
- Upcoming events – Waterfront / ScotiaBank Marathon
- Way-finding and Signage
 - Appropriate landmarks to be determined by subgroup

Spadina Loop Reconstruction – BA Group

BA Group provided an advance look at traffic management during the reconstruction of the Spadina Loop which will begin later this fall.

- There 4 stages of construction
- This work is complicated because it requires the installation of “Half grand union pieces” - giant pre fabricated T-shaped sections of track which must be installed in one-piece. These tracks extend from the loop into Spadina, Lake Shore and Queens Quay.

Question – Is this new technology?

Answer – It is up to date technology that includes a “rubber boot” which encases the rails from the surrounding concrete bed. The rubber boot provides for expansion/contraction of rail during all weather conditions and seasons thus extending the longevity of the new installation. Rubber boot also provides some noise dampening features.

- There will be some pedestrian/bike detours
- PLP/Toronto Hydro crews are still working at 401 QQ and until that work is completed, the loop can not begin as a traffic shift is required.
- Construction Stages
 - Southeast corner of loop
 - Southwest corner of loop
 - Northwest corner of loop
 - Northeast corner of loop

Question – When will this begin?

Answer – Within a month - October, and we will try combining stages so that we can expedite the construction of the Loop.

Question/Comment – When will Union station platform be complete?

Answer – Diego Sinagoga, to check with TTC Project Manager.

Question – When will LRT to Union station be done?

Answer – The focus is on completing the Spadina Loop first, there are ongoing meetings to discuss progress.

Question – Cyclists are going the wrong way on Spadina.

Answer – We have installed very large 5x8 foot signs to help cyclists navigate the area. These are much larger than typical signs and we are doing our best to communicate with cyclists.