



Meeting Minutes

Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #14 Summary

Thursday, April 4, 2013

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

Attendance:

Braz Menezes - (YQNA)
Samantha Gileno (Waterfront Toronto)
Clay McFayden – (Toronto Cyclists)
Pamela Laite – (Tourism Toronto)
Greg Gibb - (YQNA)
Blair Keetch - (PawsWay)
Dion DeFebo – (Oxford Properties)
Diego Sinagoga (Toronto Transit Commission)
Robert Pasut (Eastern Construction)
Chris Hodgson – (Harbourfront Centre)
Max Moore – (Harbourfront Comm. Ass.)
Shannon Lawler (Nestle Purina Pawsway)
Jen Chan (Councilor Vaughn's)
Warren Chow (BA Group)
Ulla Colgrass (YQNA)
Safelar Nasser (Radisson)
Vicki Barron (WRT)
Carol Jolly (WBIA)
Andrea Kelemen (Waterfront Toronto)

Pina Mallozi – (Waterfront Toronto)
Chris Ronson (Waterfront Toronto)
Simon Karam (Waterfront Toronto)
James Roche (Waterfront Toronto)
Maggie Mu (Toronto Hydro)
Medhi Shebestery – (Powerline Plus)
Lene Andersen (Accessibility)
David Kusturin (Waterfront Toronto)
Jelle Therry (West 8)
Curtis Keen (Eastern Construction)
Renato Tacconelli (Eastern Construction)
Kelly Gorman (251,251,260,270 QQW)
Tom Davidson (Councilor Pam McConnell)
Chris Glaisek (Waterfront Toronto)
Pam Mazza (TICA)
Fred Taylor (Habour Square)
Kathi Bonner (QQT – Brookfield)
Henry Byers (City Economic Development)
Chris Ronson (Waterfront Secretariat)

Opening Remarks & Welcome – Chris Glaisek

Today's Agenda

- 1) Jack Layton Ferry Terminal Public Art Presentation
 - Lillie Zendel – StART (Street Art Toronto)
 - Feedback

- 2) Review of Past & Upcoming Construction Activities
 - i. Eastern Construction/ Waterfront Toronto
 - TTC Demolition
 - Site Services (Storm and Sanitary)
 - Peter Slip Bridge

- York Street Layby
 - ii. Toronto Hydro Update
 - iii. TTC Portal
- 3) Summer Planning
 - i. Staging Plan
 - ii. Traffic Management
- 4) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion

Opening Remarks – Chris Glasiek

- Chris stated he is involved in the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal Art Program
- An art proposal for the Ferry Terminal requires feedback from stakeholders

1) Jack Layton Ferry Terminal Public Art Presentation:

a) Lillie Zendel

- a. Grant Program
 - i. Street art throughout City
 - ii. South American artist chose Toronto's waterfront as a location
 - iii. Typically artist uses paint; for this installation she will use a vinyl adhesive on the Ferry Terminal's concrete structure
 - iv. Installation date is June 2013 with October 2013 completion

- June 13, 2013 launch date to end of October 2013.

Comments:

- This seems like a good idea/new attraction for Queens Quay? Is it a bright yellow? *It is light yellow*
- Will it be removed and reapplied each year? *No. It's just a one time solution.*
- Are you considering other locations along Queens Quay? *No, we need a City-owned property*
- Yellow looks like construction signage. Who is funding the artist and why aren't you choosing a Canadian artist? *Our focus is on Canadian artists, but also to showcase international artists. Funding is by grants.*
- Will you be placing a mission statement and advertisement of start and commission date of art work? *Yes. Consider ferry dock as point of entry.*

2) Review of Past and Upcoming Construction Activities:

b) Photos (James Roche)

- 1) Hydro One Emergency Repair
 - a. Hydro One damage at southeast corner of York and Queens Quay
 - b. May require night and/or weekend work.
- 2) TTC Corridor Demo and Mock Up
 - a. West of Bay is complete
 - b. Mock up complete
 - c. WT to confirm new tracks can accommodate new street cars
- 3) Site Services – Storm and Sanitary
 - a. Test pits continue east of York
 - b. Install catch basins & sanitary manholes.
- 4) Parking Lay By Construction (York Street)

- a. Shave and pave required
- 5) Peter Slip Bridge
 - a. Work continuing
 - b. Currently core drilling for conduits
- 6) Toronto Hydro
 - a. Chamber work ongoing at 251 Queens Quay
 - b. Lateral work ongoing at 208 Queens Quay
 - c. Framing started at hydro chamber at Rees Wavedeck
- 7) TTC Portal Construction
 - a. Work ongoing
- 8) Other Activities
 - a. LVM; Vibration monitoring
 - b. Traffic Management Plan; Update line painting
 - c. Signage has increased
 - d. Street sweeping started

c) Toronto Hydro/PLP Update (Medhi Shebestery):

- West of Yonge; cable chambers in progress
- Bay Street; started cable chambers. Duct work on hold. Install dewatering.
- York Street; all cable chambers complete. Lateral 8 (west side of York) to be complete by end of week.
- Simcoe Intersection; lateral 2 complete and lateral 3 complete.
 - Cable chamber (southwest of Lower Simcoe) started today.
 - West Lower Simcoe; lateral 3 complete.
- Rees Street; 2 laterals (5&6) on the east side; #5 is complete and #6 is delayed due to water.

Question: Is the damage at York and Queens Quay by PLP?

Answer: *No, this is a Hydro One repair.*

d) Toronto Transit Update (Diego Sinagoga):

- Diego provided additional information about how rails will be installed on Queens Quay. A rubber sleeve will provide a buffer for expansion/contraction on concrete and may help with noise.
- Portal Track Compound; wiring installed, electricians installing fiberglass (6-8 weeks to install), leak remediation ongoing.
- Signage at Union Station manufactured.
 - 509 Harbourfront signage installed next week.
 - 6 Bay and university signalizations link to website, Sunday April 7, 2013.

e) Schedule / Summer Planning (Chris Glasiak):

- Queens Quay is on track for completion in the Spring of 2015. Major milestones complete:
 - TTC corridor demolition
 - Bell Canada infrastructure upgrades/relocation
 - Upgraded Enbridge gas plant
- Some construction activities are taking longer than anticipated:
 - Hydro and site services are the most complex .
 - Hydro delayed in starting and has additional delays due to dewatering .

- Sanitary sewer work started later than planned and crews having issues with dewatering.
 - Hydro One repair at York St. may cause additional delays.
 - Hydro and site services delays impact the schedule for the TTC corridor rebuild.
- Changes to summer schedule
 - TTC Corridor Rebuild
 - Work will begin in April and continue during the summer – the streetcar will not resume service for July and August.
 - Work on the Spadina Loop is starting which means the streetcar corridor will be done this fall instead of March 2014.
 - Construction staging for TTC rebuild:
 - Bay St. to the Peter Slip Bridge – complete in August 2013
 - Spadina Loop to Yo Yo Ma – demo begins in April with rebuild complete in late fall 2013.
 - North Side Sidewalks and Landscaping
 - Work on the granite sidewalks and trees on the north side of QQ to start
 - Work will begin mid-summer and continue into early 2014
 - Road work will follow in 2014 and will be complete in the summer
 - Site Services
 - Watermain work at Bay and QQ (April to May) – this will be complete sooner
 - Storm and sanitary will be complete by the end of June
 - Hydro has increased the number of crews on QQ
 - Summer Construction Activity in Tourist Areas
 - York to Rees (less affected)
 - York to Rees in July/August; Rebuild of the TTC corridor, TH chamber and lateral work
 - Tour Buses - Two lanes maintained along the northside to allow for curbside parking
 - Tracking all major events/festivals and coordinating with organizers
 - Helping with way finding signage, promoting open for business
 - Sponsoring BIA ambassador program
 - TTC Service
 - TTC bus service continue while the streetcar corridor and Spadina Loop are rebuilt
 - Streetcar corridor rebuild will be complete this fall
 - 510 streetcar will resume service to the waterfront and will short-turn at the newly rebuilt Spadina Loop until the Union Station loop is available

f) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion:

Question: Can there be a free shuttle bus; TTC needs to make enhancements to 509 Harbourfront service

Answer: *WT outlined the upcoming increases to frequency of service. TTC marketing also has tools it may use to help improve service to the waterfront.*

Question: Who is managing this relationship? We cannot have delays and issues with TTC; quick turn around required. Cannot wait for monthly CLC meetings for information. We need a small working group meeting with TTC staff.

Other Comments:

- Eastbound bus is not functioning properly. We need stops at Rees & York.
- TTC driver need to be more flexible with customers during construction
- What is happening with the Enwave Project
 - Chris Ronson responded that the City is reviewing the request and trying to push construction away from the summer months. The project is between Simcoe and Rees and involves open cut construction.
- Traffic westbound on Queens Quay
 - Once streetcar corridor is finished, buses *may* be able to run on the corridor which means travel on Lake Shore would not be required.
- Menkes construction is also going to close lanes in the area. Who at the City is allowing all of this?
 - Chris Ronson – transportation reviews all applications with the big picture in mind (Bob Runnings)
- Suggestion for City to alert all regarding transportation concerns and construction projects.
- Suggestion for Union Station signage -- post distances (e.g. 5 minutes) to walk to and from points of destination to Queens Quay.
- Access to the waterfront is crucial; big events happening from May through September. Weekday events need to be marketed. Canada Day is also a big event.
- Concerns for small QQ businesses (we need to ensure the site is as cosmetically appealing as possible)