



# Meeting Minutes

## Queens Quay Construction Liaison Committee

Meeting #15 Summary

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Waterfront Toronto – 20 Bay Street

### Attendance:

Braz Menezes - (YQNA)

Jacqueline White (City of Toronto)

Jennifer Reynolds (Toronto Hydro)

Cindi Vanden Heuvel (Mariposa Cruises)

James Russell (Harbour Square)

Samantha Gileno (Waterfront Toronto)

James Roche (Waterfront Toronto)

Maggie Mu (Toronto Hydro)

Medhi Shebestery – (Powerline Plus)

Robert Pasut (Eastern Construction)

Kathi Bonner (QQT – Brookfield)

Henry Byers (City of Toronto – Eco Dev)

Zachary Rivera (Eastern Construction)

Pina Mallozzi – (Waterfront Toronto)

Kevin Keirstead (Westin)

Pam Mazza (TICA)

Mary Hirst (401 Queens Quay West)

Carol Forsyth (410 Queens Quay)

Pamela Laite – (Tourism Toronto)

Greg Gibb - (Waterclub)

Blair Keetch - (PawsWay)

Diego Sinagoga (TTC)

Kelly Gorman (251,251,260,270 QQ)

Carol Jolly (WT BIA)

Jenni Pasciuta (Eastern Construction)

### Opening Remarks & Welcome – Samantha Gileno

Today's Agenda

- 1) Review of Past & Upcoming Construction Activities
  - i. Eastern Construction/ Waterfront Toronto
  - ii. TTC Demolition
  - iii. Site Services (Storm and Sanitary)
  - iv. Peter Slip Bridge
  - v. York Street Layby
  - vi. Toronto Hydro Update
- 2) Summer Planning
  - i. Report Back
  - ii. Staging Plan
- 3) Upcoming Public Outreach
  - i. Community Update Meeting
  - ii. Doors Open
  - iii. New Queens Quay brochure
- 4) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion

## **1) Review of Past & Upcoming Construction Activities**

### **a.) Slideshow of Construction Areas (James Roche):**

- Site Services – Storm and Sanitation
  - Pre excavation and pouring of bedding in advance of sanitary installation
- York Layby Construction – Complete
  - Concrete pour and paving
- Peter Slip Bridge
  - Waterproofing and rebar installation
- Watermain at 10/20 Bay
  - Excavation
- Westin Hotel
  - Excavation
- Rees Street Parking Lot
  - Excavation and concrete pour
- Toronto Hydro
  - Chamber construction and Simcoe wave deck trenching

### **TTC demolition West of Spadina (Pina Mallozzi):**

- Traffic changes in the area
- Bus changes as of May 9 as described in last week's construction notice

### **b.) Eastern Construction – 3 Week Look Ahead - (Robert Pasut):**

Please see attached 3 week look ahead dated May 8 – May 29

### **c.) Toronto Transit Update (Diego Sinagoga ):**

- 510 bus – diverting starting tomorrow:
  - There are no impacts to the 509 Harbourfront bus service.
  - The 510 Spadina northbound and southbound bus stops at Queens Quay are relocated as follows:
    - Northbound stop: relocated from the Spadina Loop to the southwest corner of Lake Shore Blvd. and Lower Spadina Avenue. It is now in the same location as the eastbound 509 stop.
    - Southbound stop: relocated to the southwest corner of Lower Spadina and Queens Quay curbside in the layby front of 10 Lower Spadina Ave. Detailed information is available on the TTC website.
- TTC portal – trough installation continues
- Yonge line closed from Bloor to Union on Saturday for signalization updates
- Sunday – Sporting Life 10K Marathon
  - Yonge Street to be shut down at 7 am

**Question:** When subway is closed on the weekend, where do you catch bus?

**Answer:** Shuttle bus service southbound is at King or Bay. 509 has not changed.

**d.) Power Line Plus (Medhi Shebestery):**

Medhi provided a status update of Hydro's work moving from east to west. He also provided a pictorial look at how a cable chamber is constructed.

- At Yonge Street – crews are tunneling between 2 existing shafts
  - Extensive water leaking/dewatering issues.
  - Diver was sent in to plug gaps – work ongoing
- At Westin Hotel
  - North side chamber completed
  - 2 cable chambers under construction
- Harbor Square
  - Moving westward
  - North side – duct bank and cable chamber completed
  - Conduits being installed
- York Street
  - Work on hold until Hydro One work is completed
- Lower Simcoe
  - Lateral 2 & 3 complete
  - Duct work ongoing
  - Cable chamber under construction
- Simcoe Wavedeck
  - Lateral 1 & 4 redesign pending
  - Temporary paving to shift traffic
- Rees Street
  - Working towards Radisson Hotel
  - Lateral 5 & 6 completed
  - Cable chamber complete in 2 weeks
- EMS
  - 2 Laterals completed
  - Cable chamber completed east of EMS
  - West area of EMS under construction
    - *Photo exhibit shown of how to complete a cable chamber.*
  - Cable chamber in front of EMS to be started
- Shoppers Drug Mart
  - Chamber Construction continues
  - Will follow TTC demolition
  - Dewatering installed in areas all the way to Spadina
  - Trench and duct back on south side start

**Question:** When do you expect 2 chambers in front of Scotiabank and 55 Queens Quay to be completed?

**Answer:** 4-5 weeks for Scotiabank. 55 Harbour Square has not started – 4-5 weeks to complete if there are no issues.

## **2) Summer Planning**

### **a) Report Back– (Pina Mallozzi):**

Pina provided an update on topics that were raised at the previous meeting – and reviewed how each was resolved.

- BIA information stands installed last week – received positive feedback
- TTC signage at Union Station updated
  - “509 Harbourfront” coded on buses
- TTC and Waterfront Festival Access
  - Bus service – successful meeting with TTC
  - Information cards distributed to the public on buses “Waterfront Festival East and West”
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – York Quay Neighbourhood Association meeting with TTC ( Andy Byford)
  - Meeting to be held May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Radisson. All welcome to attend
- Spring cleanup of site
  - Started beginning of May
    - Includes signage, fencing, road cleaning, garbage, etc.

### **b) Staging Plan (Pina Mallozzi/James Roche):**

James reviewed the summer staging plan with CLC members to help them better understand where construction would be located between June and September.

- Work currently underway until June
  - Landscape work at the Westin
    - Expected to be complete by the end of June
  - Sanitary Work
    - York – Rees
      - Crews have progressed past Lower Simcoe
      - Some dewatering issues
  - H2O Park area – Hydro working on south side
  - 10/20 Bay – work has been delayed due to conflicts with telecommunications line
- Work planned for summer (June – September)
  - TTC Rebuild
    - Removal of asphalt – from York moving west
    - Preparation of sub base
    - Placement of granular and base slab
    - Pouring concrete
    - Installing new rails
    - Drilling of caissons (in 100 metre sections) for TTC overhead poles
    - Building in sequence
  - Northside landscaping where feasible
  - Rees parking lot
    - Landscaping
    - Granite pavement install
  - York – 85 Harbour (York Ramp)
    - Paving and trees

- Toronto Hydro work will continue – mostly on the southside of Queens Quay

**Question:** Why is dewatering different in all areas?

**Answer:** *Varies across site due to soil composition and other various issues such as proximity to slips.*

**Question:** What about pedestrian movement on south side during summer? It is very tight for bikes and wheelchairs.

**Answer:** *Tight area due to PLP's dewatering. Fence has to be there for dewatering purposes. Waterfront will expand where they can. Walk through and investigation to be held to determine a larger pedestrian area on sidewalk.*

**Question:** How long is the TTC corridor construction period (going west)?

**Answer:** *York to Rees – to begin next 2-3 weeks (or longer) depending on Hydro One completion. TTC portal to York – to begin June - August.*

**Question:** May 25, 26 – Doors Open event – media will need to access to slip.

**Answer:** *Waterfront Toronto will work with PLP to negotiate access to the slip. PLP must complete a lateral across the south side of the York intersection when Hydro One crews vacate the area.*

### **c) Traffic Management Plan (Pina Mallozzi):**

Pina reviewed the summer traffic management plan with CLC members to help them better how traffic will move through the area over the summer months. She also outlined special considerations the team is making to accommodate deliveries, coaches and other summer traffic uses.

- Traffic will mostly be on the north side of Queens Quay
- Bay Street
  - 2 way traffic between Bay and Yonge along Queens Quay (north side)
- After Bay – one way westbound
- York to Rees – 2 lanes of travel
- Simcoe Street – Created a vendor stacking area for Harbourfront Centre on Fridays/weekend
- YMCA buses to move to Bay street (pilot project)
- New York Street layby will provide loading/unloading area for coaches
- Rees and Simcoe Street – other opportunities for loading/unloading for motor coach buses

Pina also noted that the team is working on the final bylaw signage plan for the future Queens Quay which will be shared with the CLC for input before it goes to City Council for approval.

**Question:** Will there be signage at the York Layby?

**Answer:** *Temporary signs installed. Permanent signs to be installed shortly.*

**Question:** Can you go online and view construction status?

**Answer:** *Waterfront Toronto website has a Queens Quay Construction page with detailed information about the project schedule and includes maps.*

### **3) Upcoming Public Outreach (Samantha Gileno):**

Samantha provided updates on communication and marketing initiatives for the Queens Quay project.

- A member of the CLC has addressed the need for additional banners on Queens Quay
  - Our signage plan for Queens Quay must consider a number of issues including: safety/visibility, communication/marketing needs and cost
  - We have ordered 10 additional mesh banners for the site and will install them shortly
- New Queens Quay Brochure now available
  - Robert Pasut (ECCL) to distribute to all businesses
  - The brochures are also available for CLC members to distribute
- Central Waterfront Update meeting tonight
  - We will provide a progress report and recap at our public meeting tonight at Harbourfront Centre
- Jane's Walk held last Saturday
  - Well received – approximately 200 people attended
- Doors Open Toronto – May 25
  - WT/ECCL will be participating in Doors Open to offer a behind the scenes look at our construction site and trailer
  - The safe zone on our construction site will be at Lower Simcoe – the trailer is at Lower Simcoe and Lake Shore
  - Both will be open to the public on May 25 from 10am-4pm

### **4) CLC Member Feedback/Discussion**

Blair – *Requested monthly meetings remain during summer months.*

**Question (James):** Harbour Square – Ongoing concern due to vibration from dewatering pumps. How to buffer noise?

**Answer:** *Atlas suggested padding. Engine needs proper ventilation. Atlas looking at alternatives.*

**Question :** How much longer will dewatering continue?

**Answer:** *Dewatering will continue through June. Plan is to hopefully be done by July/August.*

*\*\*\*CLC meetings to continue on a monthly basis. Next meeting will be June 5, 2013 at 1:00pm. Based on CLC member feedback, a July meeting will be scheduled for first week of July; August meeting to be scheduled as well.*