

F.G. GARDINER EXPRESSWAY



Meeting Minutes
Construction Liaison Committee Meeting #5
Wednesday July 12, 2017
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Oxford Properties Boardroom - RBC WaterPark Place, 10 Bay Street, Suite 810

Agenda and Discussion

The discussion captured is summarized below. Questions are noted with a "Q", comments with "C", answers with "A", and action items with "Action." Answers were provided by Brian Buchanan, unless noted otherwise.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was chaired by Paul Martin, City of Toronto.

2. Review of June 14th meeting minutes and action items

1.	Follow up with City's Real Estate staff regarding agreement for property boundary behind the buildings on Queens Quay.	Brian stated that the process for this is prolonged. Will update the group once more information is gathered.
2.	Discuss mounting RBC Building's parking garage sign in a visible location	Sign will not be mounted higher.

3. Review of Construction Schedule

Q: Is there a possibility for a sidewalk on the east side of York Street (in the new park, where the former York loop was)?

A: The sidewalk will be extended and go up to the curb.

Q: How much land where the former York loop was is in the jurisdiction of Parks, Forestry and Recreation? Will the new park go to the curb, or will Transportation Services maintain that piece?

A: The boundary of the park is where the contractor has the fence. The park will extend until the curb, and Transportation Services will maintain it.

Post-meeting Note: This matter is still under negotiation between Parks, Forestry & Recreation and Transportation.

Q: Will any part of the park on Queens Quay and York be opened to the public prior to the completion of this contract?

A: When the road work on Harbour Street is completed, there is no reason that the Contractor has to occupy that space. However, the initial intent was to leave the fencing up until the work (which includes the park) was complete. Given the course of action we are now taking, it does not make sense to leave the fence there. When the contractor leaves, so will the fence. The park will then be accessible, as is.

Action: Brian and/or Tracy to speak with parks regarding proposed timeline from consultation to construction.

C, City: It is important to note that we cannot promise that the fence will be taken down. We will try to take it down but we cannot remove it if senior management identifies, safety or other, issues.

Q: Will the soil in the area where the York loop was be removed/replaced, and cleaned? Or, Will the Contractor / City leave it like that?

A: The Contractor will fill the cells that have been excavated with clean fill. The idea was to have the Contractor end the work, then the park people move in to continue. However, that will be delayed.

Q: Could you explain the road configuration that will accompany the new Harbour Street Ramp? Where will the cars be moving; where will people cross; will there be traffic lights? How exactly will this intersection look?

A: The new ramp on Harbour Street will be three lanes. The lanes will exit to Lower Simcoe Street, where there will be a stop light. There will not be a right turn, as it will encourage congestion on Lower Simcoe. In total there will be three lanes on the off-ramp merging with two lanes from Lake Shore Boulevard to create four lanes on Harbour Street beyond that.

C, MLS: As there is no longer a right turns as one exits the Lower Simcoe Ramp onto Harbour Street, residents will not be able to access the Riviera. They will have to go down York Street, and access around there.

Q: On Harbour Street going east from the off-ramp, there is a massive pillar in the middle of the street if you are driving straight across. How will the road go around that?

A: In general, Harbour Street is being shifted south. Therefore, the road will be a few meters south from the pillar.

Q: When will the no right turn on the new off-ramp be completely confirmed? If the right turn is active for a short time, signage will be wasted, and people that frequent the ramp will be trained incorrectly.

A: This will have to go to Council as well, and until they repeal or approve it will be a right turn. This again, is something for Transportation Services to better address.

C: The original plans were to have two right turns. It is short sighted to take one away.

A: Understandable, but the appropriate studies have been conducted to ensure that this is a feasible option.

Q: Can the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff attend the September meeting?

Action: Tracy to request the attendance of Marc Kramer for September 13th meeting.

4. Other Business

Action: *Reminder.* Tracy to follow up with Urban Forestry regarding location of replacement trees for 228 – 230 Queens Quay buildings.

Q: There is a beeping noise, one that sounds like a truck is backing up, all night long. Where is this noise coming from?

A: Our contractor was painting lines on the road to shift the traffic northward between York and Bay. Work was wrapped up at 1:00am on one night only. There will be periodic work overnight when necessary though the contractors due try to avoid it.

C, Maple Leaf Square: Noise could be coming from the Cadillac Fairview construction. Maple Leaf Square is also receiving the same complaints. Bay Street and Lake Shore Boulevard also have the CIBC building going up. Noise travels in that area. In reality, many small projects emitting sounds could be culminating to a lot of noise in that area.

C, Brian: Additionally, it could have been from the off-hours delivery of the slip forming machine.

Action: PCU update CLC members and the public about the Rees Street on-ramp closure – issue another email update, make information on website clearer, and send postable PDF of information to property managers. Request PCU add CLC members to Mail Chimp and to Downtown Construction email updates.

Q: Is there a possibility the City's Transportation Services can undertake a study to evaluate the present Traffic patterns, specifically on the arterial roads near the new Lower Simcoe Ramp? Then, can they conduct and release a study regarding the future traffic predictions and flows for the same area? This concern is coming from the fact that it has become impossible to travel south on Bremner Boulevard to York Street, Harbour Street and subsequent destination or to access the Gardiner Expressway. What will happen when all the new developments become active in the next few years? Will this ramp actually be beneficial in alleviating traffic? In the present, we cannot justify that'll happen. Any information that we can get will be beneficial, especially for property owners in the area.

A: We cannot provide any confirmation on the possibility of the ability to conduct this study. This is a question that we would direct to Transportation Services. We will try to get them here for our next meeting in September, and they can address this more appropriately than we can here today.

C, Maple Leaf Square: The general traffic on Queens Quay is problematic, as it is picking up the slack from other congestion on Lake Shore Boulevard and Harbour Street. For example, on June 24th, it took 35 minutes with no closures to turn right on the Bremner ramp at York Street to Spadina Avenue. There were no major events, and no reason for congestion.

Action: Paul / Brian relay request for traffic patterns study to Transportation Services. Request for Ann Khan to attend September meeting.

C, Karen Lewis: Can we ensure that the lights are properly timed when the new off-ramp is opened? For a one block ramp – not normal in length, a little more needs to be done to get traffic off the Gardiner Expressway. The action I suggest is a study from Bay Street to Spadina Avenue (east and west) and then south to Queens Quay. Consider:

- Traffic patters
- Traffic light times
- Alternative routes
- Variables that affect traffic
- Proposed future traffic

Action: Paul / Brian relay study request considering: traffic patterns; traffic light times; alternative routes; variables that affect traffic; proposed future traffic to Transportation Services. Request for Ann Khan to attend September meeting.

5. Action Items

1.	Speak with parks regarding proposed timeline from consultation to construction.	Brian & Tracy
2.	Request Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff attend the September meeting.	Tracy
3.	Reminder Action: Follow up with Urban Forestry regarding location of replacement trees for 228 – 230 Queens Quay buildings.	Tracy
4.	Locate source of beeping noise.	Brian
5.	PCU update CLC members and the public about the Rees Street on-ramp closure – issue another email update, make information on website clearer, and send postable PDF of information to property managers. Request PCU add CLC members to Mail Chimp and to Downtown Construction email updates.	Paul
6.	Relay request for traffic patterns study to Transportation Services. Request for Ann Khan to attend September meeting.	Paul/Brian
7.	Relay study request considering: traffic patterns; traffic light times; alternative routes; variables that affect traffic; proposed future traffic to Transportation Services. Request for Ann Khan to attend September meeting.	Paul/Brian

6. Next Meeting Date, Location and Time

Thursday, September 21, 2017 - Oxford Properties Boardroom - RBC WaterPark Place, 10 Bay Street, Suite 810

Note: No August meeting; change of September CLC date