

F.G. GARDINER EXPRESSWAY



**Meeting Minutes
Construction Liaison Committee Meeting #1
Wednesday March 22, 2017
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Oxford Properties Boardroom - RBC WaterPark Place**

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."

1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was chaired by City of Toronto. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review CLC Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference reviewed and approved by attendees.

3. Presentation on Construction Work & Tentative Schedule

A presentation was provided by Engineering & Construction Services and the City of Toronto outlining the construction work.

Q: Will the space under the York off ramp still be turned into a park?

A: Yes, the space under the ramp will still become a park. Anyone with comments for the park will be put into contact with the City's Parks Division for more details.

Action: Forward contacts to Parks.

Q: What is the scheduling of work during the day?

A: The work is scheduled to take place from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm., Monday to Saturday. Work that is not completed during the day, in the allotted time, will lead to the contractor being penalized. This becomes an incentive to not have work happen overnight. The trade-off is that during the day when there is traffic, you have to close lanes to do this. During the demolition, not all residents will hear the noise as the work area moves east.

Q: Some of us are already hearing this noise because we live/work in proximity. Will it get louder?

A: The noise will be considerably louder during the demolition period. The work to construct the new ramp and along Harbour Street will be similar in sound level to work that has already taken place.

C: This construction will pay off in the end.

Q: Does the work stop in the rain or in adverse weather conditions?

A: No, work will continue in the event of rain. Rain actually helps with dust control. Dust becomes harder to control with wind – but there are methods to control this, as shown in the presentation.

Q: Is the construction starting west then going east?

A: Yes, construction will begin at Rees Street and move eastward.

Q: Is there an established tree preservation plan? Will trees be put back when this work is done?

A: There is a tree replanting plan. On street level, it is a one to one replacement. There are less than 10 trees proposed to be removed, and approximately 40 will be put back in.

Action: Bring copy of planting plan to next CLC meeting.

Q: Will there be sound attenuation?

A: No, there will not.

Q: How are they monitoring the vibrations from the jackhammer that will be breaking the cement? This is affecting where I live.

A: The vibrations are felt more by humans than building structures. There are ground monitors that will measure the grounds acceleration and movement and they will be checked frequently.

Q: When did the work days change? There is a difference between what is listed on the construction notice to what is listed on this presentation.

A: What we are trying to avoid is full scale, 24 hour construction. With this we also needed to keep in mind how the contractor is working and what they need to get done. We are working within by-law hours and we have offset the working times as we acknowledge this is a residential area. Council has approved this work.

Q: Will spraying water to reduce dust affect pedestrians?

A: No. The picture shown in the presentation is not an exact replica of the dust mitigation techniques.

Q: Was there any consideration of the immediate construction area? There are major winds and dust will coat the buildings. Will there be City/ Contractor led clean up, like window washing?

A: For construction projects the City does not provide window washing. Dust will be an ongoing issue that will not stop throughout the construction.

C: When Queens Quay was reconstructed, Eastern Contracting assisted with washing windows.

Action: Bring forward request to senior management.

Q: Will there be increased maintenance to drain basins between York Street and Harbour Street?

A: Yes, the catch basins will have filter-cloths put on them.

Q: Will the 10 Tridel development on York Street move from Harbour Street before the ramp removal begins?

A: The City has assurances that Tridel will move from Harbour Street by the end of the month.

Q: How far down will the contractor dig to remove the piers supporting the York loop? Or, will they be a feature of the new park?

A: As of now, the Parks Department has asked that the contractor keep the piers as they are. During the demolition, the deck will be lifted off and the existing piers will remain in place. In regards to them being a feature, that has yet to be determined.

Councillors Office: The design process for the park will involve a public consultation process to determine what will happen.

4. Traffic Management Details

Q: Can you clarify the construction times and what the City by-law states?

A: Work will take place from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday to Saturday. The by-law clearly outlines what work can be done and when. There is an exemption within the by-law for the expressway, where work can take place if necessary 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but not on specified public holidays. As set out in the schedule, we are not looking to do 24/7 work. Balance is needed – as we have a neighborhood beside the construction area. As well, we do not want demolition to extend into the summer period.

C: Stick to regular hours of construction. If there is good cause for an extension, let us know if when it will happen.

Q: Will the eastbound on-ramp at Rees Street be closed Monday to Friday or Monday to Saturday?

A: The eastbound on-ramp on Rees Street will be closed during off peak hours, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Q: (In regards to the RBC building / Oxford Properties): Will construction from York Street to Bay Street be at pedestrian level? This building has an entrance on Harbour Street right at the end of the bridge. Will sidewalk access be maintained for customers?

A: The construction will not come down to this level until halfway between York Street and Bay Street. We will contact you when this happens, and construction could take about a day or two, which may have limited impacts.

Action: Contractor to follow up with Oxford Properties before work begins.

Q: Will there be hoarding at the parking entrance of RBC for users to be able to access it?

A: Yes, as we want to maintain driveway access.

5. Project Contacts and Communication Channels

Q: Will the City of Toronto continue to distribute notices? Who's contact information can we give out if tenants/ employees request more information?

A: Yes, we will continue to distribute notices on major changes or the intersection closures at Lower Simcoe and York Streets. Email updates will also be issued and be sent to those signed up, including CLC members on our progress.

Action: Send information regarding the phone number, email and who to contact to CLC stakeholders.

6. Next Meeting Date, Location and Time

Committee members agreed to meeting time and place.

Meetings will be held at the Oxford Properties Boardroom. A thank-you was extended to Oxford Properties for providing the meeting space.