

# **F.G. GARDINER EXPRESSWAY**



**Meeting Minutes  
Construction Liaison Committee Meeting #6  
Thursday, September 21, 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 July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and action items**

1.	Speak with Parks regarding proposed timeline from consultation to construction.	Parks is not at a point in the planning process where they are able to speak about the new park or consultation and construction. They are looking at the Park design phase to begin in 2018, then going to tender towards mid-2018, and construction by 2019.
2.	Request Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff attend the September meeting.	Tracy has requested that Parks attend either the October or November CLC to address future plans and answer outstanding questions.
3.	Follow up with Urban Forestry regarding location of replacement trees for 228 – 230 Queens Quay buildings.	Tracy had contacted Urban Forestry about adding trees behind 228 Queens Quay and / or Rees Street Parkette.

4.	Relay request for traffic patterns study to Transportation Services. Request for Ann Khan to attend September meeting.	Traffic Operations staff will attend October 11 <sup>th</sup> CLC meeting.
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### 3. Review of Construction Schedule

**Q:** Will the space where the former York Loop was be usable during the consultation and planning period?

**A:** It is important to note that we cannot promise that the construction fencing will be taken down. We will try to take it down but we cannot remove it if senior management identifies safety or other issues. If it is taken down, the park will then be accessible, as is, with some modifications. The Contractor will restore the concrete diagonal path and sod. In the end, the space will look the way it was before construction, just without the ramp.

**Q:** In regards to the Rees Street parkette, are they going to put back the trees / what was there, now that the playground is in place and being used?

**A:** They are putting something back there – but where and when is unknown. Replacement trees do not necessarily have to be exactly in the same place. However, this is something we can follow up on.

**Q:** Where is the problematic storm sewer located?

**A:** The sewer is located on Harbour Street from York Street and extends past Yonge Street. It is a 90 year old sewer and is submerged in water and weak quicksand-like soil, which poses risks when excavating. This problem with the ponding was encountered in the middle of Phase 2. Our Closed Circuit Television cameras have determined that the sewer is 50% blocked, and does not function as it should. The City will clean it up and re-align it.

**Q:** What is the delay time for this? Will this affect the January 2018 completion date?

**A:** Getting this replaced typically takes about a year; tendering, getting a consultant, design etc. The project is moving quickly and we have to squeeze this in. The original plan was to put the replacement sewer on the north half of the road, but there is a construction crew that also needs to work there and we are running out of time. Working alongside the sewer contractor would require the City to close another lane of traffic, which is not ideal.

**Q:** What are the work details for the Bay Street and Harbour Street closure?

**A:** Construction crews will:

- Remove and replace concrete and pavement
- Reconstruct curbs
- Update and reinstate underground utilities
- Re-position the traffic lights

**Q:** Will the closure take place during a regular weekend? Are two days enough to complete all the necessary work?

**A:** As the schedule of work progresses, we are trying to plan a closure during the Thanksgiving Day weekend. We are currently trying to workout the issues, and find a solution that will work for everyone.

**C:** We request that you notify the CLC, and we appreciate notice hand out. Please continue doing that.

**Q:** For this closure, would you have to close Harbour Street at York Street? This is because people that come out of their garages have nowhere else to go. Loading will have to happen elsewhere too. For the 1 York and 88 Harbour properties, those exiting the parking garages would go westbound, but only westbound. Anyone going east would be cut off if this is the case.

**A:** Going east along Harbour Street past York Street will not be permitted. Vehicles can either go north or south from there.

#### **4. Other Business**

**C:** In conversation with Tom Davidson, he conveyed that the consultation for the new park where the York Loop was will happen before the end of this year. They are just sorting how it will get done.

**Q:** There used to be an east/west bike and pedestrian path under the Gardiner that could be accessed through the Rees Street Parkette. Instead of going across Queens Quay, you could go north from there. Will this be reinstated?

**A:** There will be an east/west bike and pedestrian path south of the Gardiner from Lower Simcoe Street to Bay Street. The active road areas will be separated with planters. However, the sidewalk and bike path are on the same grade. We will try and get a distinction between the two, but at points it is too narrow, and therefore the modes will have to co-exist.

**Q:** On the new off-ramp, there are concrete side barriers, with no openings. What will happen when the snow has to be plowed? Before, the trucks just pushed the snow off through the gaps in the steel barriers. Now, won't the snow just build up on the curb lanes?

**A:** The new off-ramp will have a de-icing system that sprays brine and salt water. If there is a significant buildup of snow, it will be pushed off. However, you do make a good point about this.

**Q:** What is the status of the right turn at the bottom of the ramp?

**A:** Traffic Operations is still reviewing the possibility of a right turn to go south on Lower Simcoe Street. There has been a lot of deliberation on this matter, and Traffic Operations will be taking a report to Council in the fall to address a number of by-law matters, and this is one of them.

**Q:** There was a fence behind the building at the Riviera (228-230 Queens Quay West). What will be replaced behind there?

**A:** Will need to check the drawings to confirm.

**Action:** Brian to find what will be replaced behind the Riviera at 228-230 Queens Quay West.

**Q:** There is a Bike Share station in front of our building and we were told it would be temporary. Will this be moved?

**A:** They are proposing to move this to the Harbourfront Centre, but it is an ongoing discussion. It will not stay in front of your building. Next season it will be across the street, or somewhere else. It does not make sense at its current location, and we are working on it.

**C:** Can the City look into the lighting on Lower Simcoe Street and York Street? The old ramp had significant lighting, which also lit the street up. Now, as the season makes it darker earlier, and as the ramp is gone, it is very dark. Many pedestrians use the area at night and it is hard to get around.

**Action:** Brian to inquire about lighting improvements on Lower Simcoe Street at York Street.

**NOTE:** CLC members were advised to contact Brian Buchanan, Engineering & Construction Services if there are any concerns about the work, instead of Dave Smith

## 5. Action Items

1.	Brian to inquire about lighting improvements on Lower Simcoe Street at York Street.	Brian
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## 6. Next Meeting Date, Location and Time

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 - Oxford Properties Boardroom - RBC WaterPark Place, 10 Bay Street, Suite 810