

F.G. GARDINER EXPRESSWAY



**Meeting Minutes
Construction Liaison Committee Meeting #8
Wednesday, November 8, 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 and Marc Kramer unless noted otherwise.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was chaired by Paul Martin, City of Toronto.

2. Review of October 11th meeting minutes and action items

1.	Send Karen Lewis and Carolyn Johnson Toronto Hydro Street Light Service Request.	Khatija provided the information and contact number: 416-542-3195.
2.	Determine if the fence that extends on 228-230 Queens Quay will be replaced.	The fence is currently stored onsite. When construction is complete the contractor will reinstate the fence where it existed before construction started.
3.	Cross reference previous EA drawings with current construction plans to determine what will be installed behind the buildings from 228-230 Queens Quay.	There will be an east/west bike and pedestrian path on the south side of Harbour Street from Lower Simcoe Street to Bay Street. The sidewalk and bike path are on the same grade.
4.	City staff to notify CLC members of the traffic movement at Harbour Street and Lower Simcoe Street and request input.	Action item completed by CLC.

C: The lights serviced by Toronto Hydro will be fixed when the work associated with this project is complete.

C: Change *rod iron* to *wrought iron* in October 2017 minutes.

3. Review of Construction Schedule

Q: Did staff have a chance to check if the cycle path underneath the Gardiner on the south side, as presented in the EA study, is going to be built.

A: There will be an east/west bike and pedestrian path on the south side of Harbour Street 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.

Post-meeting note: the pedestrian and cycle paths provided by the final design are consistent, with the EA.

Q: Does staff know when the flip from the south side of Harbour Street to the north side of Harbour Street will happen?

A: The Contractor will complete the sidewalk on the east part of York Street as part of their work with the south side of the street. When that is done, work will move to the north side. That is scheduled to take place in about two weeks.

Q: What will happen to 88 Queens Quay's parking garage access? Will the driveway get larger, or will it remain the same?

A: The size will remain the same, and the users of 88 Queens Quay's parking garage will continue accessing it in the same manner. The City and Contractor will have a similar set up for fencing when the move to the north side in front of the Menkes building at 1 York Street happens.

C: The pedestrian movement along Lower Simcoe Street is great. We are pleased that it has steadily been maintained throughout the construction. We find it ideal to manage.

Q: Overall, is the project on schedule?

A: Any project manager would like to see the project move faster than expected. The work to date has been complicated by 3 delays that were out of the project teams control (the sewer, other developments). The Contractor and City are working to get the ramp open in time as promised. The streetscaping work still needs to be completed. Sidewalks, bikepaths, trees, etc., will have to be put in next spring. We want as much work on the south side to be completed this year. However, all that work consists of granular material, concrete and asphalt that cannot be put in when it's too cold. All work has limits as the weather is fluctuating, but we will push to get it done. The team plans to work until the weather prevents them from doing so.

4. Parks Forestry and Recreation

Q: Why hasn't the land transfer from Transportation Services to Parks Forestry and Recreation happened already?

A: The land transfer from Transportation Services to Parks Forestry and Recreation has not happened because the soil / space needs to come up as safe for residential use in

the tests. This all needs to be completed before the transfer happens by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

Q: What will happen to the path that existed in the space where the old York ramp was? When Grascan completes their work, will they restore this path that ran from the southeast corner to the northwest corner?

A: The path from the southeast corner to the northwest corner will be reinstated, and so will the grass areas.

Q: Is there any merit in reinstating that path because pedestrians are not actually supposed to cross from the south side of Queens Quay to get to the path to then go north and access Harbour Street?

A: We will have to review with the MOECC. It could turn out that we cannot let pedestrians cross through the former ramp area. However, there is merit in reinstating the path because it is used frequently by those who use the RBC building. A sidewalk is part of this works contract.

Q: Is there a contact from Waterfront Toronto that will be managing the consultation and construction of the new park where the former York ramp existed?

A: We will put them in contact with the CLC in the New Year.

C: The YQA is interested in being involved in the consultation and construction process of the new park.

Q: Can Waterfront Toronto have the group responsible for the new park send the CLC information?

A: The team definitely wants to touch base with the stakeholders.

5. Other Business

Q: There was a discussion earlier this year regarding traffic going through the Waterclubs driveway via Harbour Street, just before York Street, to the right. Was this on record? There are 3 buildings and 2 entrances, and they already have a lot of traffic going through them. That includes tourists, contractors and others who park there illegally. On behalf of Waterclub condos, I want to make sure no one accesses our driveway who is not supposed to.

A: The conversation that happened was not during the meeting, there is no discussion on record in our minutes. If the turn is not permitted there will not be any infiltration. Infiltration is dependent on drivers following the rules.

C: Is there any way we can get a sign that says no right turn onto this private property?

Action: Brian to request a sign for Waterclub Condominiums from Transportation Services.

Post-meeting note: the City does not provide signage pertaining to private property. The condominium can provide a sign but it must be placed on its property.

Q: The obstruction of the parking garage closure for RBC WaterPark Place has affected business. We currently have a sign that is tucked against the building as south side of Harbour Street is being reconstructed. It is not the nicest sign at the moment, but it will change when the construction is complete. When work moves to the northside, will this

be relocated to a more visible location so that when drivers are coming from the east, they use our parking garage?

A: There is one lane and tree planting beds that will exist where your sign is currently located. We cannot move the sign any farther north than it already is because the cycle path will exist there when this side of the street opens.

Action: Brian to ask Transportation Services for sign placement rules on the roadways.

Post-meeting note: Signage pertaining to private property cannot be located on City property.

Q: Are there any other partial closures happening between now and the holidays?

A: There is nothing major, but the asphalt will be completed using rolling closures, which will be several hours at a time. The intersections will be Bay Street, York Street and Lower Simcoe Street. All the closures are weather dependant, and as soon as we know we will email send an email out.

Q: Would everyone be in favour of a January CLC end-off meeting?

A: Yes.

6. Action Items

1.	Request a sign for Waterclub Condominiums from Transportation Services.	Brian
2.	Ask Transportation Services for sign placement rules on the roadways.	Brian / PCU

7. Next Meeting Date, Location and Time

Wednesday, December 13th 2017