

**MINUTES OF MEETING
THE WATERFRONT BIA AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011**

Attending:

The Waterfront BIA

Kevin Currie, Acting Chairman
Carol Jolly
Lynn Haderlein

WBIA Area Planning Committee Members

Blair Keetch, Pawsway
Christina Medeiros, Maple Leaf Quay
Cindi Vanden Heuvel, Mariposa Cruises
Dermot McKeown, Radisson Admiral Hotel
Kathi Bonner, Brookfield Properties
Kevin Keirstead, The Westin Harbour Castle
Shey Clark, Great Lakes Schooner

City of Toronto

Henry Byres, Economic Partnership Advisor
Raj Kumar, Streetscape Designer/Capital Projects Coordinator

Waterfront Toronto

JD Reeves
Chris Glaisek
Bruce Sudds
Adam Nicklin

Eastern Construction

Luigi Cifa

Kevin opened the meeting and indicated that several issues had been sent to Chris Glaisek for discussion and update but we would address the construction issue as the first item due to scheduling issues for meeting attendees.

Chris Glaisek introduced the Construction Manager, Luigi Cifa of Eastern Construction. Eastern has worked with Waterfront Toronto on Sugar Beach, Sherbourne Common and many other projects.

The initial staging plans were rolled out for review with the group.

It is currently anticipated that the TTC/Hydro work will start at the same time with an anticipated 2 ½ year time frame with shovels in the ground March, 2012 and be over a 3 summer/2 winter schedule.

All drawings are being circulated between Eastern/Hydro (and other utilities)/TTC. Bell/Enbridge will also be involved in the coordination of construction.

There was a suggestion that Eastern could come each month or the WBIA representative on the Construction Committee BIA could do a report to the Area Planning meeting.

Eastern is recommending 2-lane traffic Westbound only all of 2012 including public transportation (bus). Comments on traffic light sequencing.

Waterfront Toronto doing replacement water pipes for City Water department.

Question as to problems in other areas where work is done and then has to be dug up due to accommodate uncoordinated services. Adam Nicklin advised that the City has a 5 year moratorium on digging up new construction.

Question as to Eastern /Waterfront website? Link? Traffic Flow? Waterfront Toronto says website will be updated weekly and any immediate notices will be posted as necessary.

Stage 1 proposed to be York to Rees due to hydro/TTC work. South side of street will be closed. Hoarding and fencing will be the length of the construction zone with one way traffic (2 lanes westbound) on the North side and TTC buses diverting eastbound on Lakeshore Blvd. This will be reversed in 2013 anticipating full TTC service and the south side under construction ending Fall of 2014 but could be December of 2014 and perhaps tree planting in early 2015.

Stage 2 Construction will be from January to December 2013. North side – rebuilding the road and sanitary sewers. Traffic will switch to Eastbound .

Waterfront Toronto was asked about the change in timeline and full construction hoarding instead of a phased approach which was presented to the Waterfront BIA Board of Management for their support and summarily approved based on plans and timelines submitted at that time. Chris Glaisek advised that the plans presented to the WBIA were before the Construction Manager was hired and certain factors known resulting in the plans being presented at this December 6 meeting.

How does a City walkout affect this timeline? Waterfront Toronto is currently waiting on permits. Need by December 31 to start on schedule in 2012. What happens if inspectors not available....contractors can self inspect.

What about Hydro disruptions? There will be some disruption when hydro switches to new system. Sufficient notice will be given and should be in off times (late night/early morning) and probably 4 hour downtime. Timing could be in August, 2012.

TTC budgeted for portal to one street East of Spadina.....first year to Peter Street bridge and stop. Waterfront Toronto doing rip up for TTC. TTC will do railwork....6 months to have this done.....TTC will open again and shut down the next year when Spadina loop gets done. TTC entire length will be out of commission. How does configuration of traffic work....entire South side of QQ....WT says probably segments. TTC has an approved budget for next year. Their work must stay on schedule for 2012. Asked if it was conceivable that there could only be 1 lane of traffic Westbound at some times? Goal is to have 2 lanes in one direction or the other.

Comments as to Cruise ships/hotels....2 to 3 year advance bookings. Eastern/Adam Nicklin advised that all north/south crossings will be maintained. Major destinations will have North/South access. Eastern needs to know where and when for access. Several committee members commented on the unmarked spots for ship and building deliveries to be added to the next set of drawings.

What about traffic? Traffic consultants will be monitoring traffic flow and access....24/7 and information will be available and also posted to the construction website.

Any chance TTC will use Lakeshore....yes....stops will be necessary. There could be safety issues with boarding and dropping passengers. Special lane per highway GO Bus lane. Probably not feasible with heavy traffic load on Lakeshore.

Tourism Toronto to advise on what will be happening as far as visitor traffic. Hotel information on conferences and meetings not on the TT schedule. Waterfront Toronto has Tourism Toronto information. Hotels need to provide conferences other than Tourism Toronto information. WBIA newsletter lists upcoming conference information.

Bus parking/holding zone – to be discuss with HFC (Helder Melo)/City (Mike Williams).

- Top of Harbourfront Centre garage....Waterfront Toronto to speak to Helder Melo
- Part of Rees Street Lot
- Under the Gardiner as previously proposed

Eastern reviewed the hoarding which will be constructed the length of the construction on the south side at the north side of the curb. Presently 10 feet....is 6 feet possible?

Construction will be Monday to Saturday inclusive. Hours for construction per City by-laws is 7 am to 7 p.m. Can this be changed to 8 am to 7 pm? Waterfront Toronto suggested no heavy equipment noise between 7 am to 8 am.

What about regular weekends? Long weekends? Festivals? Ferries for Islands every weekend.

Meeting early 2012 with Mike Williams of the City and TTC.

Noise issues will be early 2012 through June.

Signage – Lakeshore/Gardiner/North and South corridors....early as possible advising on closures and re routing.

Target for completion end of 2014....but may be early 2015.

City supporting Waterfront for Nuit Blanche in October 2014....keep this as target.

Core Issues – Business Interruptions – key businesses keep track of economic impact. Mike Williams has indicated there may be assistance from Council as the construction could destabilize the area.

Change APC meeting to late January/early February to allow time for new presentation to APC.

BIA Programming Elements

Review of BIA Elements Unit Costs from Waterfront Toronto.

City representatives at the meeting said there is no surety that Cost Share will remain for the BIA. \$554,000 is the total cost for the BIA. Support from local residents. BIA elements unit costs document to be distributed to WBIA Area Planning Membership via email.

City advised that if the banner and arm supplied by the BIA could be integrated with the pole being used by Waterfront Toronto it would be an easier issue with Toronto Hydro permits.

Carol and Kevin met with City and further meeting will be held in January 2012.

Schedule of Area Planning Meetings – January to June 2012

Time: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Maple Leaf Quay, 370 Queens Quay West, Second Floor Party Room

Dates:

Tuesday, January 10

Tuesday, February 7

Tuesday, March 13

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, May 8

Tuesday, June 12