



Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #14
Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track
December 4, 2014

Facilitated By:

Jim Faught, Lura Consulting

Attended By:

Community Members:

Gabriella Byron, Adriano Costa, Michael Holloway, Vivienne Leong, Allegra MacDonald, Janet MacDonald, Jo Oppenheimer

TTC:

David Nagler, Elizabeth Garkowski, Niki Angelis, Charles Lee, Paris Savides, Claire Oh

Contractor (Pomerleau):

Melissa Montgomery, Dominique Hotte

These meeting minutes were prepared by TTC community liaison staff. These minutes are not intended to provide verbatim accounts of discussions. Rather, they summarize and document the key points made during the discussions, as well as the outcomes and actions arising from the CLG meetings.

Welcome and Agenda Review

Jim Faught welcomed the group to the final CLG meeting of 2014 and outlined the agenda for the that included an update on work completed, the follow up to action items from the previous CLG meeting and an overview of upcoming preliminary construction phasing.

Jim asked the group if there were any outstanding issues specific to the previous meeting that they would like to discuss. None were voiced. Jim then turned the attention to David Nagler to commence the presentation.



Work To Date

David gave an overview of the work currently taking place in the closure area and other sites on Leslie Street including pole installation at Queen and Leslie and road base concreting in preparation of opening a section of Leslie Street to vehicular access. The action items from the previous CLG Meeting were reviewed.

The 9 Action Items from the *previous* CLG Meeting were discussed:

Action Item No. 1: Provide reports to Marigold Gardens of vibration data from monitors at 77 Leslie

Response: Reports from the vibration monitor located at 77 Leslie* were provided to the Marigold.

**This monitor has been relocated to 73 Leslie due to space and safety constraints*

Action Item No. 2: Provide vibration report from previous complaint with explanation/summary for 30 Leslie

Response: Report sent to resident

Action Item No. 3: Investigate duct cleaning for homes on Leslie Street

Response: Homes that front the construction on Leslie Street will be offered reimbursement for one-time duct cleaning as requested.

Action Item No. 4: Clarify with Project Team when garage cleaning at Marigold Gardens will take place (to clean debris left over from flooding)

Response: Project team has approved reimbursement to Marigold Gardens for garage cleaning required (as result of underground garage flooding from temporary watermain).

Action Item No. 5: Watering/sweeping of streets at Leslie/Lake Shore, Eastern/Leslie and Queen/Leslie

Response: Watering of the streets has been done following CLG and will continue on an as-needed basis and at request of CLOs and residents

Action Item No. 6: Send notice to residents on Leslie, Mosley on project update, expected completion dates for Mosley to Lake Shore.

Response: Notice sent to residents south of Eastern in late November. Notice for residents north of Eastern will be provided once work details are confirmed.

Action Item No. 7: Pomerleau to request their sub-contractors to observe 2 minute of silence for Remembrance Day

Response: TTC and Pomerleau staff, as well as majority of sub-contractors observed 2 minutes of silence on Remembrance Day

Action Item No. 8: Provide a sequencing plan of lane occupations for streetscaping activities in 2015



Response: The contractor will not block both sidewalks at the same time, as per their contractual agreement. Their sequencing plan is not confirmed yet and will be shared as soon as available (*Action Item carried forward – Action Item No.1*)

Action Item No. 9: Investigate plan of curb height at Commissioners (at North Service Road)

Response: The design shows a depressed curb for the full width of the cross walk and bike crossing at North Service Road (the east leg of Commissioners/Leslie intersection).

Community Feedback

The following summarizes complaints, concerns and suggestions from the period of the last CLG (period of October 31 to December 4, 2014).

The complaints documented range from:

- Dust , vibration and noise complaints
- Communications
- Aesthetics of the Leslie Barns facility

A full list is available at the end of this document.

Construction Phasing Update

An overview of construction phasing was presented by David Nagler. He outlined the work that remains before the end of the year and what will be continued into 2015. By the end of the year, two lanes on Leslie Street between Lake Shore Boulevard and Eastern Avenue will be open to vehicular traffic. David also outlined the expected schedule for work in 2015. Pending weather, the track installation and temporary road reconstruction north of Eastern Avenue will take place starting in January . The remaining utility, pole installation and streetscaping will continue into the spring.

CLG Discussion Period

The CLG is a forum for open discussion. As such, questions were posed throughout the presentation. Questions are indicated with a Q, answers with an A, and Comments with a C. Answers were provided by the members from the Leslie Barns project team and City of Toronto Transportation staff. Questions that require follow up will be added to action items.



Action Items

C1.1: With respect to Action Item 7, a CLG member expressed gratitude towards TTC and the contractor for respecting 2 minutes of silence for Remembrance Day.

C1.2: Melissa from Pomerleau relayed that the majority of workers (when safe to do so) stopped work and paid their respects during the 2 minutes of silence.

Community Feedback

One of the issues flagged on site within the last month included the removal of blue mesh. The blue mesh was removed on some sections of fence due to high winds (the mesh can make a sort of sail that could cause the fence to fall over). The issue however is how long it took to address and have the mesh reinstalled and it should have been done faster.

With respect to the issues flagged with a recent communication, the CLG member would like to reiterate that the confusion could have been avoided if the contractor provided the CLOs with sufficient notice.

C2: The construction fencing east of the Leslie and Lake Shore intersection (by Loblaws) has been left open when no workers are present.

A2: The issue of the fencing is an issue that is consistently flagged with the sub-contractors. Melissa will flag the issue with the Health & Safety Officer to ensure it is brought up at meetings. The security guards who monitor the site will also be asked to pay extra attention to that corner.

C3: Many thanks to the project team for reinstating a north pedestrian crossing at Leslie/ Lake Shore. It was however narrow. In future can this be wider so that bi-directional flow can be accommodated
A3: Given the space constraints, the path was made as wide as possible. However by the end of the month it is possible that the north crossing will be reinstated to pre-construction conditions (with respect to width and location).

C4: People had become accustomed to the crossing being there. Now that it is gone* people are walking into traffic to cross at the north side of the intersection. Can more signage be added?

A4: Thank you for bringing that up. It was flagged with the Health and Safety officer today and additional signage will be added.

**On December 3, the north pedestrian crossing was removed to accommodate track work into the intersection. The crossing will be returned by December 23.*

Phasing and General Discussion



Q5: What will the condition of the sidewalks on the east side be over the winter holiday season?

A5: Sidewalks on the east side that have been removed for utility work will be temporarily asphalted and accessibility ramps added where necessary during the holidays.

Q6: What about snow removal during the winter time?

A6: If the City cannot access areas on the project site to remove snow, the contractor will be responsible.

Q7: What about on the bike trail along Lake Shore?

A7: Last winter, the City cleared the bike trails throughout the work zone.

Q8: What will the 83 Jones bus route be like in the New Year?

A8: We will have to confirm with service planning, but it seems unlikely the route will differ from the current diversion (**Action Item No. 2**).

C9: Will there be better lighting is required at Commissioners and Leslie? Prior to construction it was dark

A9: The facility will be running 24/7 so there will be more lighting in the area overall.

Q10: What will the Commissioners and Leslie intersection look like during the track work?

A10: It would not be a full intersection closure, but details on this are not finalized.

Q11: In the phasing, it shows that Bell work has to take place on the west side of the sidewalk on Leslie (north of Eastern), what does this mean for sidewalk access?

A11: Bell lines run under the sidewalk and so the whole side walk will need to be removed at once. We know that some people require the access from the north Marigold gate and we will do our best to find solutions for a sidewalk diversion. Luckily, by the time it is time to do this work, the activities on the road will be a lot less invasive (no massive holes in the road) and therefore it will be easier to provide a diversion.

Q12: Is there any update from the City about making the final sidewalks between Eastern and Mosley wider on the west side? A12: The City has informed the TTC that they will not be pursuing a change in width at this time.

C12.1: I understand that a commitment was made to the 5 residents in that stretch, but it does make sense to make the sidewalks wider now to meet City accessibility standards since you are re-building them. On behalf of Ward30 Bikes and the community, it is important to feel safe on a dangerous street. Wider sidewalks provide a sense of security to users of the space.

Q13: The wooden pole on the southwest corner of Leslie and Queen appears to be in a weird spot – will this be the final location?

A13: All wooden poles are temporary until the new poles can be installed

C13: Maybe signage on these poles indication they are temporary would be helpful (**Action Item No. 3**)



Q14: Is there a list somewhere that shows the types of species to be planted along the Barns and on Leslie Street?

A14: This information can be found on the project website (link)

Q15: Are there are details on the public art completion?

A15: Not yet, once the City confirms the details on the art competition we will provide the group/public on these details

Jim asked the group a preferred date for the next CLG meeting. Given that no work will be taking place between December 23 and January 5, it was decided that there would be a Safety Walk in January and the next CLG would take place in the first Thursday of February (venue availability permitting).

Jim Faught closed the discussion period by thanking those who attended.

Meeting adjourned.

Action Items

- 1) Provide a sequencing plan of lane occupations for streetscaping activities in 2015
- 2) Confirm with TTC Service Planning if the 83 Jones bus route will change in the new year
- 3) Add signage to temporary poles indication that they are temporary and that the locations are not final

Community Feedback Log

A CLG member requested a summary of construction feedback and complaints between CLG meetings to be presented. The following log shows the concerns raised by the community in the last month:

Topic	Concern	Action
Dust/Noise/ Vibration	Noise from overnight work heard at 4 a.m.	TTC track team completed work on the tracks at Mosley and Leslie Street. Track work is done overnight to prevent warping of the track.
	Vibrations felt from interior units of the Marigold Gardens	CLOs offered to have inspectors visit these units. Concern speaks to need to recognize more fulsome effects of construction to adjacent buildings and lessons learned. (e.g. study phase did not recognize all units of Marigold being effected, definition needs revisiting, also given impacts to Marigold parking garage which effects full building)



	Blue mesh dust mitigation was removed from the the gate directly adjacent to Marigold Gardens Leslie Street main gate and from the homes across the street on the West side of Leslie	Mesh was removed due to high winds (mesh can create a sail that can cause the fencing to become unstable causing a safety hazard). The contractor was requested to re-install ASAP after winds no longer an issue. It was reinstalled on Dec 3.
Communications	Notices provided to the Marigold regarding a storm sewer connection to their building included instructions to residents on access points within the condo’s property lines.	The CLOs provided notice to the residents regarding this work as soon as it was received and provided instructions on which entry points were accessible in effort to be helpful. In future, notices will only detail what accesses are closed as a result of construction activities due to liability issues.
Other	Water shut to Brick Court unexpectedly during a scheduled shutoff for other streets.	A planned water shut was communicated to residents of Leslie (between Sears and Memory Lane) however the shut also unexpectedly impacted residents on Brick court. Water bottles were delivered ASAP and water was restored by 2 p.m.
	Bag covering a one-way sign at Laing and Queen is being removed (not by contractor) despite the street being two-way from Queen to Memory Lane. Complaint from businesses and residents.	The City granted permission to the contractor to have the entire sign removed to resolve. The sign will be reinstalled once access from Leslie Street to the laneways is restored.
	Is the grey wall around the Leslie Barns permanent or is there more to complete? It looks daunting as is.	The final wall will have colourful decorative panels designed by Brown and Storey Architects, with viewing panels. The entire area will be landscaped around it. The wall is a sound barrier and a Ministry of Environment requirement to ensure the facility meets noise limits.