



Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #15
Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track
February 12, 2015

Facilitated By:

Jim Faught, Lura Consulting

Attended By:

Community Members:

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

TTC:

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

Contractor (Pomerleau):

Imad Zaoude

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 first CLG of 2015 and outlined the agenda that included an update on work completed, the follow up to action items from the latest safety walk and 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/Action Items

David gave an overview of the work currently taking place in the closure area and other sites on Leslie Street including pole installation along Leslie Street and the utility relocation work between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street.

On January 19, 2015 a Safety Walk was held to discuss any potential concerns with the sidewalks or bike lanes in the construction zone. There were 18 action items identified, largely regarding the removal or repositioning of signage.

Two key Action Items carried forward:

- I) Include space for pedestrians to stop/wait for crossing at SE corner of Eastern & Leslie
- Fencing cannot be adjusted yet for safety, until Toronto Hydro foundation is completed. Contractor to adjust fencing ASAP when safe (**Action Item No. 1**)
- II). Widen crosswalks at Leslie and Lake Shore during construction per the final design (**Action Item No. 2**).

The completed action items are as follows:

- 1) Replace laminated 'ped/cyclist detour' sign with double arrow at SE corner of Queen/Leslie (right arrow is faded). **Complete**
- 2) Re-positon 'road closed' + 'access to the Duke only' signs at Queen/Leslie for improved visibility. Add larger 'Duke is Open' sign below road closed sign. **Complete**
- 3) Replace three Pomerleau branded 'sidewalk closed' signs adjacent to 29 Leslie with laminated 'do not enter' signs. **Complete**
- 4) Ensure noise mitigation is placed around generator beside 802 Eastern, just south of the Marigold garage (if this generator is to remain in place for night). **Complete - generator removed**
- 5) Orange traffic arrow sign is down beside Tim Horton's- reposition upright. **Complete**
- 6) Relocate sign at NW corner at Mosley/Leslie 'trail to Leslie spit open' to pole just north of the SW corner of Lake Shore/Leslie. Face north for SB pedestrians/cyclists. **Complete**
7. Add ped/cyclist signage at the plazas intersection. **Complete**
 - place 'pedestrians/cyclists cross here' at the SW corner and at the NW corner. **Complete**



8. Switch smaller stop sign at the NW corner (for SB traffic) with the large stop sign currently in the Loblaws median. **Complete**
9. Add 'watch for pedestrians' sign to all stop signs at the Tim Hortons/Loblaws plaza intersection 4-way stop. **Completed**
- 10) Add Pomerleau barricade at the SW corner of Lake Shore/Leslie to ensure pedestrians are using correct sidewalk. **Complete**
11. Add 'sidewalk closed south of plaza driveway' sign at the SW corner of Lake Shore/Leslie (adjacent to Canadian Tire). **Completed**
12. SE corner of Lake Shore/Leslie: remove 'narrow path' sign; re-position 'construction ahead' sign at this location (for MGT users travelling south on the Trail from Lake Shore toward Commissioners). **Completed**
- 13) NE corner of Lake Shore/Leslie: Remove two 'ped/cyclist detour' signs. **Completed**
- 14) NE corner of Lake Shore/Leslie: add cold patch to level off ramp/curb (could be difficult for wheelchairs or walkers to pass). **Completed**
- 15) Request repainting of hatched crosswalk at plaza intersection when weather permits. **(Action item when weather permits)**
- 16) Request 'watch for pedestrians' sign to be installed on fencing to face vehicles exiting The Duke Parking lot. **Completed**

Following the review of the Safety Walk, David followed up on the action items from the previous CLG Meeting:

The 3 Action Items from the *previous* CLG Meeting were discussed:

Action Item No. 1: Provide a sequencing plan of lane occupations for streetscaping activities in 2015

Response: Streetscaping specific activity sequencing to be confirmed pending weather (carried forward)

Action Item No. 2: Confirm with TTC Service Planning if the 83 Jones bus route will change in the new year.

Response: The route will remain as is until a minimum of one lane in each direction is restored permanently on Leslie Street between Queen St East and Commissioners Ave

Action Item No. 3: Add signage to temporary poles indicating that they are temporary and that the locations are not final



Response: Signs have been added to temporary posts along Leslie Street

Community Feedback

The following summarizes complaints, concerns and suggestions from the period of the last CLG (period of December 4, 2014 to February 12, 2015).

The complaints documented range from:

- Vibration complaints
- Sidewalk safety
- Traffic concerns

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

Construction Phasing Update

An overview of construction phasing was presented by David Nagler.

David also outlined the expected schedule for work during the remaining winter months. Pending weather, the track installation and temporary road reconstruction north of Eastern Avenue will take place in March and April. 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.

Community Feedback

A discussion occurred regarding the extent of the vibrations experienced by residents of the Marigold Gardens (adjacent to the current work zone). During concrete breaking of a Bell encasement, vibrations were felt and the Community Office received 4 complaints from residents. As a result of this work a meeting was held on site the same afternoon that concerns were expressed and another meeting was held with the Marigold Gardens representatives at the community office following the site meeting. Arrangements were made to stop construction and use a different excavation method to lessen vibration.



Concerns discussed during the meetings are outlined in the Feedback summary at the end of these minutes. The Marigold Gardens representatives requested that some concerns and action items that were discussed during this meeting be added to the feedback summary.

The Marigold Gardens representatives asked that vibration monitors be installed in individual units for a trial period to capture what is felt in units during construction – in addition to the monitors at ground level and in the underground parking garage. The additional vibration monitors were not installed as fast as possible due to concerns expressed by the contractor about the integrity of monitoring results of placing monitoring units in above ground condo units. TTC stepped in and ordered the contractor to install the additional monitors regardless (the monitors were subsequently installed on February 20, 2015).

A request was made that no additional excavation take place on the bell duct until the monitors are installed (**Action Item No. 3**)

A request to have data available from the trial period within one week was requested. The project team agreed to provide monitoring results as soon as possible. Results were provided on March 27, 2015.

C: A pothole by the Marigold parking entrance has opened again.

A: The contractor will inspect the area and make any necessary repairs. Inspections at this site will take place weekly (**Action Item No. 4**)

Phasing and General Discussion

C: There is a local traffic only sign at Leslie and Eastern. I think it should be removed as a lot of people are seen making the turn only to have to make a u-turn to leave again.

A: The local access sign will be removed (**Action Item No. 5**)

Jim asked the group a preferred date for the next CLG meeting. The next available date that does not conflict with upcoming holidays (March Break, Easter, Passover), will be confirmed as soon as possible. Jim Faught closed the discussion period by thanking those who attended.

Meeting adjourned.

Action Items

- 1) Improve space for pedestrians to stop/wait for crossing at SE corner of Eastern & Leslie (previous action item)



- 2) Widen crosswalks at Leslie and Lake Shore during construction per the final design (previous action item).
- 3) Install additional vibration monitors at Marigold Gardens inside units prior to contractor re-commencing bell duct excavation – *completed February 20*
- 4) Pomerleau to check road conditions outside of Marigold Gardens parking entrance on a weekly basis to ensure no potholes are forming.
- 5) Remove “local traffic only” tab from the “road closed” signage on Leslie, north of Eastern.

Community Feedback Log

The following log shows concerns raised by the community in the last month:

Topic	Concern	Action
<p>Dust/Noise/ Vibration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High levels of vibration felt inside units of the Marigold Gardens – some on these units were located on the Queen Street side and in areas that were not identified by AECOM as impacted prior to construction - Concerns raised over impact of vibrations on foundation - Concern over method used to break Bell encasement - Alert level warning was issued on vibration monitor and the Marigold Gardens reps were not informed. 	<p>Four vibration complaints from residents of the Marigold were received Jan 21' 2015. Meeting held on same day 2:30pm with condo board rep, regarding changing construction method to reduce vibration (back hoe vs. jack hammering) Method changed next day to use jackhammer to break concrete.</p> <p>Subsequent meeting held with the Marigold Gardens representatives, who expressed disappointment with the backhoe construction and vibration concern.</p> <p>On the day of the initial complaint, an “alert” level was registered on the vibration monitor. This alert was not flagged in real time by the contractor to the TTC. The Pomerleau rep was sick and there was no one backing up her role. The TTC is rectifying this issue with the contractor to ensure this is not repeated and issued written directive to ensure this does not occur again.</p> <p>Agreed Action item to have monitors moved and installed in individual homes not yet completed as discussed, due to the availability of the contractor. Ongoing action to install ASAP with written agreement from Marigold Gardens.</p> <p>At the request of the Marigold, TTC reduced vibration alert threshold by 25% (this is a <i>suggested</i> threshold value when working adjacent to a historic site – the Marigold Gardens Condominium is not a historic site but the request was agreed to be the right thing to do).</p>



Sidewalk/ Pedestrian Safety	During pole installation, a small bobcat was parked in the pedestrian detour and backed up on one occasion without a flag person	The flag person was assigned to this duty but was assisting another workman at that moment. He apologized to the pedestrian. The issue was escalated with the TTC and Pomerleau inspectors.
	<i>Concern brought up at a previous CLG Meeting and later directed to City Planning for response, as City oversees decisions on sidewalk width:</i> City's failure to meet the AODA clear width minimum of 1.5 m at the specified location on Leslie Street (west side) between Mosley and Eastern.	<u>Response from City Planning:</u> Along the remainder of the Leslie Street sidewalk, on the west side of the street, between Mosley and Eastern the 2.1 metre wide sidewalk will not be widened in response to discussions with the adjacent land owners, and in recognition of the anticipated impacts on their properties. Here the pedestrian clearway at poles will be between 1.25 and 1.35 metres wide.
Traffic /Road Safety	Three westbound lanes opened on Lake Shore. Initially lane markings were unclear and "merge" signage was still in place.	Lane markings were re-painted and all non-applicable signage removed. Due to cold weather, lane markings may fade – touch-ups will take place as required.
	Request from various residents and local stakeholders including Marigold Gardens to have Knox Avenue left turn restrictions lifted during City's westbound closure on Eastern Avenue from Woodfield to Knox.	Request provided to City Transportation. City advised they will lift turn restriction starting Feb 17 th when Eastern westbound is scheduled to close.
Other	During Bell relocation work across the Marigold driveway, a large pothole at the entrance had formed.	This was flagged and contractor was instructed to improve the condition of the road at this location.
	Snow has been piled on sidewalk on Sears (presumably by the City or private snow removal). The site is slippery with no clear path	The TTC requested that Pomerleau remove the accumulated snow at this location and the sidewalk cleared.