



**Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #6**  
**Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track**  
January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Facilitated By:**

David Dilks, Lura Consulting

**Attended By:**

***Community Members:***

Gabrielle Byron, Caron Court, Vivien Leong , Allegra MacDonald, Janet MacDonald, Jo Oppenheimer, Chris Sidlar

***City of Toronto:***

Martin Maguire

***TTC Project Team:***

David Nagler, Elizabeth Garkowski, Niki Angelis, Paris Savides, Adrienne Long, Charles Lee, John Lee, Justin Chin (Aecom)

***Contractor (Pomerleau):***

Stephane Bernard, Clifford Mitchell, Melissa Montgomery

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*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**

Dave Dilks outlined the agenda for the meeting that included an update on work completed, the date, the follow up to action items from the previous CLG meeting, signage and safety and an overview of construction phasing. Dave asked the group if there were any outstanding issues with the Meeting Minutes from CLG #5. None were voiced. Dave then turned the attention to David Nagler to commence the presentation.



## Work To Date

David Nagler gave an overview of the work completed to date related to Leslie Barns facility itself as well as works that are in progress that include storm sewer installation, the installation of a new sanitary pipe on Leslie and Bell chamber replacement work on Leslie north of Queen Street. David briefly outlined additional signage and safety issues in the area before addressing the Action Items from CLG Meeting #5.

**Action Item No. 1:** *A site safety walk will be held on December 18, 6-7 p.m. We will meet at the Community Office*

**Response:** Site safety walk carried out on December 18 attended by members of CLG, City Transportation, TTC and Pomerleau.

- Add signage indicating south crossing is closed (*signs installed*)
- Ensure snow is cleared on Mosley (*ongoing*)
- Improve signage at the Mosley sidewalk diversion (old signs *removed December 20*)
- Add signage indicating south crossing is closed (*signs installed*)
- Improve signage at the Mosley sidewalk diversion (old signs *removed December 20*)

**Action Item No. 2:** *Any generators used during the project will be located as far away from homes as possible and will have noise mitigating materials (hoarding around it)*

**Response:** Project Team will ensure generators have noise mitigation and will be located as far away from residences as possible

**Action Item No. 3:** *Dust monitoring data will be presented to the CLG and posted on the project website*

**Response:** Dust monitoring reports posted on the project website:

[http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Projects/Leslie\\_Barns/dust-air\\_monitor.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/Leslie_Barns/dust-air_monitor.jsp)

*\* Three monitors in place on Leslie, a fourth dust is planned for installation on Leslie Street at Queen*

### DUST MONITORING PLAN

- Ongoing monitoring
- 3 monitors on Leslie Street continuously monitor “inhalable particulates” (PM10) every 30 minutes and a 24-hour average is produced
- Alert system sends e-mail to contractor and TTC construction team if contract dust level is exceeded
- Contractor and inspector then investigate, determine cause and mitigation



- Multiple dust sources exist in area in addition to Leslie construction (concrete plants etc), mitigation measures are implemented regardless of source

Dust mitigation plan

- Air and Dust monitoring control measures include:
  - Washing down of street within work site
  - Watering of site roads as required
  - Avoiding long term stockpiles, and if not possible, tarping stock piles that are not in use
  - 10 km/hour speed limit for trucks entering and exiting site for safety and dust control

Additional proactive control measures include but are not limited to:

- Truck Wheel Washing
- Tarping Trucks
- Wet cutting when cutting concrete

**Action Item No. 4:** *A safety related ticketing “blitz” at the temporary plaza entrances will take place from Monday December 16 to Wednesday December 18 and a request will be made from TTC to Police to assign an officer to monitor on Saturday as well.*

**Response:** A ticketing blitz took place from Monday December 18 to Wednesday December 18. Amount of tickets issued was not documented by PPDOs (Police)

**Action Item No. 5:** *The signage requested at CLG Meeting #4 for the next Lake Shore traffic shift, will be printed now and stored for future use.*

**Response:** Signage has been designed and on order with the print shop.

**Action Item No. 6:** *The watermain work on Leslie between Mosley and Eastern is scheduled to be completed on December 20. If it is not completed by then, the road will be restored for use. This work will be finished as soon as possible in 2014.*

**Response:** The road was back-filled and parking restored by December 20. Watermain work is currently on hold - the extreme weather does not allow the watermain to be properly flushed/chlorinated.

**Action Item No. 7:** *Baseline vibration testing results will be discussed at the next CLG Meeting.*

**Response:** Preliminary data submitted to TTC engineering on January 28, 2014 is under review. Most importantly, vibration and noise tests will be done after construction by testing streetcars directly on Leslie Street (including at Queen and Leslie intersection) to confirm exact noise and vibration levels.

**Action Item No. 8:** *Request for TTC and City Transportation to approach local City Councillors and Canada Post regarding resident request for proposed heavy truck prohibition on Leslie Street from Lake*



*Shore Boulevard north to Queen Street*

**Response:** Both Councillors offices and Canada Post were advised of this request.

**Action Item No. 9:** *Traffic Analysis presentation will be posted on the Leslie Barns Project Website with explanatory text (e.g. peak hours, dates, impact of Kingston Road closure etc.)*

**Response:** The traffic analysis is posted on the CLG page of the Leslie Barns site:

[http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Projects/Leslie\\_Barns/Construction\\_Liaison\\_Groups.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/Leslie_Barns/Construction_Liaison_Groups.jsp)

**Action Item No. 10:** *Request for traffic analysis data to differentiate between automobiles and heavy trucks, if possible.*

**Response:** City Transportation advised the traffic counts are of “volume only” and truck percentages cannot be extracted from this data.

**Action Item No. 11:** *Request for a traffic count at Lake Shore and Coxwell during next round counts*

**Response:** The City is preparing an overview of all the counts to be taken in 2014. The City contract with a private contractor for traffic counts has not yet been awarded for 2014. An update on the schedule for “round 3” will be provided when available.

**Action Item No. 12:** *In future construction notices to residents directly impacted by a road closure, indicate details of garbage pick-up.*

**Response:** Moving forward, notices will contain this information. The contractor is obligated to coordinate pick-up with City of Toronto.

**Action Item No. 13:** *Some signage indicating access to the Martin Goodman trail is now blocked by hoarding. Identify new locations for signage and install.*

**Response:** New sign is up on the southeast corner of Leslie and Lake Shore Boulevard

**Action Item No. 14:** *Sign regarding “Access to Plazas” placed on west side of Eastern Avenue is now blocked by an orange traffic arrow sign. Remount the Plaza sign so it is more visible or install a new sign if required.*

**Response:** The original “Access to Plazas” sign is now more visible at Eastern and Queen. New sign not installed due to space constraints.

**Action Item No. 15:** *A larger sign and/or flashing red light is required immediately to tell drivers that there is no southbound access to Lake Shore from Leslie. (The one lane northbound from is open from December 6 – January 6, 2014)*

**Response:** Additional signage was installed to indicate no southbound access to Lake Shore during this period. Road has since been re-closed to continue work.

**Action Item No. 16:** *Request booking of South Riverdale Community Health Centre for a Wednesday Night CLG meeting as opposed to Tuesday or Thursday.*

**Response:** South Riverdale Community Health Centre is not open on Wednesday evenings. Accessible alternatives are limited in the neighbourhood for evening meetings.



**Action Item No. 17:** i) *Follow up with the City of Toronto Water to see if there is a list of recommended contractors watermain replacement.*

ii) *Request Pomerleau to advise if their subcontractor can offer a price to residents for their private side (in a separate agreement with residents).*

**Response:** i) Toronto Water advised that The City does not get involved nor provide an “approved” contractor list for replacement of water connections that are located inside private properties when replacing the mains and connections within public the right-of-way.

Homeowners can choose to make an arrangement with a contractor to complete the private portion of the connections but this arrangement is entirely between the homeowner and the contractor. In the past, the City has retained these companies to do *similar* works: Timbel, CoXCo, Trisan, Finch Paving, Vipe, OJCR, Rabcon, Rabito Construction, Utility Force. However, the City cannot “endorse” these contractors or be involved in discussions between a contractor and homeowners for work arrangements on private property.

ii) Pomerleau indicated its subcontractor does not wish to enter into individual agreements with property owners.

## Project Overview - Update Presentation

An overview of construction phasing was presented by David Nagler that outlined the current and anticipated road closures and lane reductions that the contractor is implementing.

David outlined the work currently taking place in the area, the next phased closure that occupies Leslie Street from the north plaza entrance to Eastern Avenue, and the planned closure of the Queen and Leslie intersection in May 2014. (Request was made to include planned phasing to the end of 2014 in the next meeting).

## 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.

Q1: The north-south crossing on the east side of Leslie has accumulated a lot of mud between the Martin Goodman Trail and the sidewalk. Can this be removed/cleaned?

C1: There is a general concern over the way corners and sidewalks – especially on Mosley – have been maintained. Mosley is in bad condition in general making it harder to get around neighbourhood. I witnessed someone in a wheelchair who could not get by in snowy conditions.



A1: Contractor is to pay extra attention to sidewalks located in the active construction zone (particularly Leslie/Lake Shore intersection and the Mosley diversion) and ensure clear of snow, ice and excessive mud (**Action Item No. 1**) and ramps to be extended with cold patch at Mosley diversion as soon as weather is warm enough to do so (**Action Item No. 2**).

Q2: The construction gate at Mosley is often left open, even over a weekend. This is unsafe especially with so many children in the area. Over the weekend, is there on-site staff who is monitoring this and who will prevent it going forward?

A2: An inspector goes by twice daily to inspect the site. Unfortunately there were times when gates were left open and this is an item for crack down on the sub-contractor. Moving forward, the contractor and TTC will ensure all gates are closed at all times when no work is taking place in the area (**Action Item No. 3**).

C2: In these presentations it appears like there are few problems in the area, even though issues are being flagged by the community in between CLG Meetings. I would like to request that a summary of complaints and subsequent actions/resolutions received in between CLG Meetings be presented to the group. The contractor needs to be more pro-active on safety. (**Action Item No. 4**). Yes, a summary of complaints, issues and actions taken from complaints outside the CLG will be included at the next meeting. Q3: Generators were running all through the holiday, when will the generator be removed?

A3: The generators are required to ensure that water is pumped out of the underground work site to prevent flooding and maintain safety for construction workers. . The generator will be on site until approximately April 2014.

C3: I can hear a constant buzzing from the generator placed outside Loblaws. The mitigation measures such as the hoarding (around it) are not working well enough and more needs to be done.

A3: We will investigate additional mitigation for the pump noise (**Action Item No. 5**)

Q4: Are the dust mitigation alerts based on the 30-minute reading or the 24hour reading?

A4: Alert system sends e-mail to contractor and TTC construction team if contract dust level is exceeded based on the 30-minute reading

Q5: I still notice that vehicles often do not stop when exiting the temporary accesses off Lake Shore, even with speed humps and stop signs. . Is there another ticketing blitz planned soon to help prevent this?

A5: Yes. To enhance safety, the project team will commit to have a random ticketing blitz 4 days out of each month at the temporary plaza exits off Lake Shore. (**Action Item No. 6**) A 5-day ticketing blitz will take place before the next CLG Meeting

Q6: When will the watermain work re-commence?

A6: Watermain work should commence in March, if not earlier



C7: (Paris Savides, TTC): With respect to vibration and noise testing. A preliminary report was submitted 2 days ago. New streetcars have been tested on different streets in Toronto and data has been modeled, but the most accurate information will come with testing the new streetcars directly on Leslie after the tracks are installed.

Q7a: Will there be ongoing testing of the streetcars on Leslie, every 2-3 years for example? **(Action Item No. 7)**

Q7b: What about testing of turning streetcars? **(Action item No. 8)**

Q7c: Is there any indication of the amount of light the new streetcars will emit? **(Action Item No. 9)**

Q8: Is there any chance the old streetcars will use the track on Leslie?

A8: The new facility is designed only to repair the new streetcars, not for repairs of the old streetcars, so it is not in the plan to have old streetcars on Leslie Street. I cannot say with absolute 100% certainty that an old streetcar will never travel on the Leslie track

C8: I would like a guarantee from TTC that old streetcars will not travel along the Leslie Street track **(Action Item No. 10)**

C9a: Regarding previous request from a CLG member for City to implement a heavy truck prohibition on Leslie north of Lake Shore after construction, the request was forwarded to City Transportation, the local Councillors and Canada Post but no official response or decision has been given. We can follow up with them for the next CLG **(Action Item No. 11)** (CLG rep for Loblaws indicated concern about the request due to truck deliveries and complications with using Eastern Avenue)

C10 (regarding traffic counts): City Transportations' contract for traffic counts will be awarded in the spring. A list of locations for tests is being assembled now, if you have any requests for streets that should be monitored please submit to the CLOs. City Transportation to provide list of planned traffic count locations once confirmed **(Action Item No. 12)**

Q11: What is involved in connecting the new watermain to homes?

A11: The work required to connect homes to the newly installed watermain takes approximately 4-5 hours per home.

C11: What is the plan to maintain sidewalk to home access during this work? Can you investigate doing the work after 9am? **(Action Item No. 13)** and provide an access plan **(Action Item No. 14)**

Q12: Will Mosley Street open in the next phased closure?

A12: No, Mosley Street will remain closed

Q13: What sort of work is going to take place during the next phased closure from the northside of the Plaza entrance to south side of Eastern Avenue?

A13: A number of activities will continue including storm sewer, sanitary, watermain work that will



include digging up the road but no sheetpiling.

Q13: What about sidewalks (as part of streetscaping)?

A13: We will come back to build new sidewalks towards the end of the overall construction.

Q13: Will the tracks be put down during the upcoming closure?

A13: That is the intent but there is a possibility, with utility works, that we will return to place the tracks.

C13: In the next CLG, please present slides that show all work to be completed (utilities, tracks and streetscaping etc) to get a better overall sense of complete construction on Leslie Street and Queen St for entire project **(Action Item No. 15)**

Q14: Will street parking be impacted during the watermain work?

A14: Yes it will be impacted. During watermain work from Eastern to Queen, there will be no parking in that stretch

C14: During watermain work, please ensure work zone is as minimal as possible to maintain as much on-street parking as you can and provide detailed communication as to how the work will be carried out, whenever possible **(Action Item No. 16)**

Q15: When Leslie Street (on-street) parking is removed in the area, can you contact Police parking services to provide some leniency in issuing tickets?

A15: Yes, we will make this request. **(Action Item No. 17).**

Q15: Is it possible for businesses with private parking lots to rent out or provide spaces during the construction?

A15: We can approach local businesses again (The Duke, Loblaws, FreshCo) about providing/renting parking spaces when public parking is taken up by construction. Pomerleau employees are to use their lot at Commissioners for their private vehicles to maintain as many Leslie spots as possible. **(Action Item No. 18)**

Q15: Can future construction communications include information on alternative parking spaces?

A15: If parking spaces are displaced due to work, we can include information on alternative parking spaces available in the area in construction notices **(Action Item No. 19)**

Q16: During the Queen and Leslie intersection closure, will the sidewalk (adjacent to the Marigold Condominium) be open?

A16: We will request specific access plans during both the Queen/Leslie Closure **(Action Item No, 20)** and works on Leslie **(Action Item No. 21)** from the Contractor and present the information

Q17: Why was Eastern Avenue not considered as a route for the bus diversion during the Queen/Leslie Closure?

A17: Service Planning indicated the temporary bus route on Queen diverting via Greenwood, Dundas and Jones during the Leslie/Queen closure was chosen based on serving the most number of customers. Will confirm rationale with Service Planning and advise. **(Action Item No. 22).**

Q18: How far east/west will the temporary bus replacement run?





A18: The replacement bus will run at least as far east as Yonge, possibly to University to connect to the subway, and as far west at Kingston Rd. Previously, Service Planning was only able to commit to get the buses west to Parliament which was a major concern for the community.

Q19: Is the Broadview work before or after the Queen closure?

A19: The Broadview closure will be after. (Editor's note: Broadview is currently scheduled from June 30 to early August)

Q20: Is it possible to have a stop at Leslie Street during the closure on the Beach Express?

A20: We will make another request to TTC service planning for a Beach Express Bus stop on Leslie Street during the intersection closure. **(Action Item No. 23)**

Dave Dilks closed the discussion period by thanking those who attended. A date for the next CLG Meeting was proposed for late February.

Meeting adjourned.

## Action Items

1. Contractor is to pay extra attention to sidewalks located in the active construction zone (particularly Leslie/Lake Shore intersection and the Mosley diversion) and ensure clear of snow and ice
2. Ramps to be extended with cold patch at Mosley diversion as soon as weather is warm enough to do so
3. Ensure construction site is safe and secure – all gates must be closed at all times when no work is taking place in the area and monitored more aggressively
4. Add summary of complaints/responses/actions issued in between meetings to the CLG presentation
5. Investigate additional mitigation for the pump noise, especially as the weather improves and windows will start to open
6. To enhance safety, i. Commitment to have a random ticketing blitz 4 days out of each month at the temporary plaza exits off Lake Shore. ii. A 5-day ticketing blitz will take place before the next CLG Meeting
7. Request for ongoing streetcar testing for noise and vibration after the tracks are built on a regular schedule (e.g. every few years), to ensure MOE limits are met
8. TTC to confirm post-construction streetcar noise and vibration testing on Leslie Street will include measurements of turning streetcars at Queen Street
9. TTC to advise on past data from the environmental study and mitigation measures if there is light nuisance "light pollution" overnight from the new streetcars
10. Request to TTC (service planning) to confirm that old streetcars will not travel on Leslie street to or from the Leslie Barns.



11. Follow up with Action Item 8 (CLG #5 Request for response from local Councillors and Canada Post for heavy truck prohibition on Leslie Street after construction) for next CLG meeting.
12. City Transportation to provide list of planned traffic count locations
13. For upcoming watermain connections at homes on Leslie St, Pomerleau to confirm if they can start work at or after 9am
14. For upcoming watermain connections (Mosley to Eastern), Pomerleau to provide continuous pedestrian access and present access plan for closure at next CLG.
15. In the next CLG, present slides that show all work phases to be completed (utilities, tracks and streetscaping etc) to get a better sense of complete construction on Leslie Street and Queen St for entire project.
16. During watermain work (Eastern to Queen), ensure work zone is as minimal as possible to maintain on-street parking and provide detailed communication as to how the work will be carried out.
17. Contact Police parking services regarding construction in the area to provide leniency in issuing tickets
18. TTC to speak to local businesses again (The Duke, Loblaws, FreshCo) about providing/renting parking spaces when public parking is taken up by construction on Leslie St
19. Future construction communications to include information on alternative parking spaces (if parking spaces are displaced due to work)
20. A full staging plan for access during the May 11 – June 21 closure to be reviewed.
21. Pomerleau to provide pedestrian and vehicle access plans for all works on Leslie Street
22. Follow up again with TTC service planning as to the possibility of Eastern Avenue being a bus replacement route during the Leslie/Queen Intersection closure and confirm rationale for using Dundas between Greenwood and Jones.
23. During Leslie/Queen Intersection closure, request to TTC service planning (again) for a Beach Express Bus stop on Leslie Street.