

**ST. CLAIR TTC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MEETING  
CONSTRUCTION LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)**

Meeting #8 (2006)  
Construction Trailer  
Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair

Wednesday November 8, 2006  
10:00 a.m.

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**SUMMARY NOTES**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Residents**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Joanna DeMome	Resident
Ken Rosenthal	Deer Park Residents Association
Howard Katz	CLARA
Al Pearson	South Hill Residents Association

**Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Pierre D'Aoust	Councillor Michael Walkers Office
Scott Duggan	TTC
Matthew Cowley	City of Toronto – Public Consultation
Joe Pellegrini	City of Toronto
George Rozanski	City of Toronto
Gian Sansalone	Domti Contractors
Stephen Adams	City of Toronto – Technical Services
Bob Runnings	City of Toronto
Brian Cameron	Toronto Police Service

**1. Introductions:**

- **Matthew Cowley** started the meeting.
- Committee members and staff introduced themselves

**2. Construction Updates a) work completed b) upcoming work**

**a. George Rozanski gave an update on work between Yonge St. and Avenue Rd.**

- some paving work has been done, eastbound, from Avenue Rd., also eastbound from Yonge
- as a result of this work, traffic lanes have been expanded in these areas
- sidewalk rebuilding on the south side of St. Clair is happening – Foxbar and Avenue is the only section left

- work on the streetcar tracks in this section will be finished by the end of next week
  - there is new work being done on the north sidewalk between Yonge and Deer Park
- b. George Rozanski** gave an update on work at 2 St. Clair West (home of CFRB)
- work started yesterday, but the scope of the work will change – their concerns about work on the NW corner of the street have been addressed; the extensive work planned in front of that building has been deleted
  - the existing CFRB property will remain as it is and the road widening can take place within the City property; therefore, CFRB's issues are gone
  - the work will take away 5 ft. of sidewalk that is City owned, leaving a 20ft. sidewalk
  - there will have to be some traffic closures on Yonge St. within the next month or so; likely restricted southbound traffic between 9:00 pm – 5:00 am
  - the road crews will try to coordinate this work with TTC pole work
- c. George Rozanski/Staff** update on the last major disruption on this stretch of St. Clair (Avenue – Yonge)
- Work on the roadway at Avenue and St. Clair must be done on the weekends through partial closures – the next available date is the weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting
  - This will close the north side of Avenue and St. Clair
  - It does not appear that all the work on this intersection will be done this year – weekend road closures were delayed because of the marathon, Santa Claus parade, Gardiner work, etc.
  - It may be possible to do further work on the weekend of Dec. 2 or 9<sup>th</sup>, but hard to predict because of weather
  - If necessary, they can do all the electric work (signals, lights, streetcar) this year, then come back in 2007 and finish the intersection
- d. Stephen Adams** gave an update on the Tweedsmuir – Vaughan Rd. contract
- Roadwork on the southern parts of the Bathurst/St. Clair intersection is being done this week; the north side will be done next weekend
  - Work was delayed because a road closure permit was not issued over concerns the closure would infringe on access to the advance polling for the municipal election
  - Paving between Bathurst and Avenue Rd. will be resurfaced at the end of November
  - The curb between the old asphalt and the track will go in this year
  - Both lanes of traffic between Bathurst and Avenue should be clear by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December, including U-turn lanes
  - **Joanna DeMome** had concerns over pylons – the goal is to have the work done and the pylons removed before the snow comes
  - **Stephen Adams** reminded us that partial closures may be necessary in the next year to work on poles – these will be isolated closures
  - the paving and tracks should be done by December 15th

### 3. Traffic Management

- **Bob Runnings** reported that additional signs were added along Dupont to alert people to key areas of work on Davenport
- work on Dupont should be done mid-December (the road work was on schedule, but the sewer work fell behind)
- many parking meters have been bagged along Forest Hill Rd. and Dunvegan Rd. to make parking more accessible during construction
- **Al Pearson** raised concerns about traffic – especially additional traffic – travelling up Poplar Plains Rd. to avoid construction;
- many cars travel too fast, others park in the bicycle lane to drop off their kids because the drop-off zone is so busy; this creates many safety issues because extra commuter traffic is coinciding with already busy school traffic
- **Brian Cameron** suggested that Parking Enforcement could go by more often – a call for this from a member of the public would be most effective; Brian gave attendees the number to call
- **Ken Rosenthal and Joanne DeMome** agreed that Parking staff should be more aggressive, but that a message about traffic and safety should come from the School, too
- **Bob Runnings** agreed to contact the school on this issue **(ACTION)**
- **Ken Rosenthal** noted that there should be signs warning pedestrians of sidewalk closings further in advance of the work, e.g. if work is being done closer to Deer Park and it is difficult to cross the road in that area, signage should be placed at Yonge St. so pedestrians with concerns about safety and mobility can make the choice to cross the road at a safe intersection in advance of the work area; he did not see flaggers at the site of the sidewalk work when heading to today's meeting
- **Gian Sansalone** noted that flaggers should always be there; some businesses along St. Clair were reluctant to have too many closure signs near them because of the potential for people to get the false impression that their stores or offices are inaccessible; **Gian** and **Joe Pellegrini** noted that they will add a warning sign at Yonge St. **(ACTION)**
- **Al Pearson** noted concerns about the gates to the development site on the southwest corner of Avenue and St. Clair – he noticed that there were no flagmen there earlier that day and it is very dangerous for vehicles to use those gates and cross the sidewalk; **Bob Runnings** noted this was a problem once before and would speak to them again **(ACTION)**
- **Al Pearson** raised concerns about letting cars turn left off Avenue Rd. onto Kilbarry – this is one of the only ways into the Forest Hill neighbourhood but the lack of turn lane creates traffic problems
- **Bob Runnings** noted there are some traffic and timing issues to work out in this area
- **Howard Katz** asked if it were not possible to have 3 lanes of traffic on Bathurst while work is being done?
- **Bob Runnings** noted that preserving enough space for pedestrians and construction vehicles makes it unsafe to open more than one lane in each direction
- **Howard Katz** asked if the bump between old pavement and the stripped sections of road could be softened because they make rough conditions for driving – could a temporary asphalt ramp be put down? These conditions could be hard on one's car

- **George Rozanski** noted that it would not be practical to put soften all the bumps between Bathurst and Avenue Rd. because of the extra time and disruption that would be necessary; even installing wooden ramps would not work because they are not durable enough
- he noted that this section of road should be re-paved by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Transit Service

- **Scott Duggan** noted that streetcar service between St. Clair West Station and Gunns Road is scheduled to be restored in early January 2007. The streetcar service between St. Clair West Station and St. Clair Station is scheduled to be restored in mid February 2007. Bus service will continue to operate until the streetcar service is restored.

#### 5. Other Issues/Questions

- **Howard Katz** is concerned about eastbound cars turning off Heath Street onto Spadina; there should be a dedicated left turn lane and a second through + right hand turn lane, as on Claxton
- **Bob Runnings** will look into the feasibility of this **(ACTION)**

#### 6. Action Items

- Bob Runnings** agreed to contact the school on the issue of parents illegally parking on Poplar Plains Rd.
- Gian** and **Joe Pellegrini** noted that they will add a warning sign at Yonge St. so people are aware of sidewalk closures further in advance
- Bob Runnings** will speak to developers at on the SW corner of Avenue and St. Clair about maintaining flaggers at their entrance
- Bob Runnings** will look into the feasibility of creating a dedicated left-hand turn lane on Heath St. at Spadina

**Next Meeting: November 22, 2006 – 10:00am** Construction Trailer, Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair