



GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MUHC Glen Campus: Construction and Roadwork

MINUTES

Meeting held on Thursday, December 7, 2011 (7:00 p.m.)

Committee members in attendance

CITIZENS

Donna Allen
Jill Precesky
Luciano Michetti
Nick Patulli
Mario Santangelo
Malaka Akaoui

Michel Therrien (Head of Communications,
Assistant Director, CDN-NDG Borough)
Nathalie Rheault (Division Manager, Public
Works Department, CDN-NDG Borough)
Valérie Legris (Technical Officer, Traffic
and Circulation, Public Works Department)

MUHC

Pierre Major (Director [Interim],
Redevelopment, Planning and Real Estate
Management)
Robert Hamilton (Senior Director, Glen
Campus Development)
Charles Chebl (Senior Vice-President and
General Manager, SNC-Lavalin)

CSEM

Albert Bastien

STM

Gary Bernard

SPVM

Sgt. Mira Lévesque (Service de police de la
Ville de Montréal)

CITY OF MONTREAL

Alain Trudeau (Associate Director, Project
Management Office)
Sébastien Deshaies (Urban Planner, Public
Works Department)

MODERATOR

Pierre Tessier

- The moderator welcomed everyone to this last meeting of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee for 2011.
- He also mentioned that insults or offending or aggressive language would not be tolerated and invited all participants to show restraint during the discussions.
- Adoption of the agenda and addition of other business.
- Adoption of the minutes of the last Good Neighbourly Relations Committee meeting (Sep. 22, 2011).

Information items

Announcement of an MTQ public consultation for that night and the day after about work in the sector of Cazelaïs Street in south-west Montreal. The consultation will be held at 75 Sir-George-Étienne-Cartier Square in Saint-Henri.

Announcement of the next public information meeting for the MUHC project, which will take place on January 24, 2012 at the Crowley Arts Centre from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Opening of the MHIG/MUHC Project Office at the Crowley Arts Centre. The hours are Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 or by appointment.

Update on municipal work

Mr. Alain Trudeau (City of Montreal) thanked the citizens in attendance and the members of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee for their patience during the work. He indicated that the construction work of the embankment wall should finish that week or the week after particularly so that the area can be cleaned. The traffic lanes on Upper-Lachine that are currently closed will be reopened. The engineers are trying to find solutions to cover the embankment to prevent erosion during the winter months.

The City has no plans to conduct work over the next month.

Mr. Trudeau explained that the mitigation measures implemented to reduce the impact of the overpass construction work have worked very well and that no complaints have been lodged with his department.

Discussion period: Municipal work

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| (Luciano Michetti) When will trains start running on the overpass? | (Alain Trudeau) Actually, the railway tracks have not yet been transferred to the overpass. CP is waiting until the end of the cold weather, in the spring, to carry out the work. This work must be carried out over two weekends. |
| (Donna Allen) If the City is not carrying out the work, then who is currently working on Décarie Boulevard? | (Alain Trudeau) Gaz Métro is conducting work at the request of the Commission des services électriques de Montréal (CSEM). These two public utilities need to move their lines and cables before work on the water and sewer systems can be carried out on the west side of Décarie Boulevard in the spring. |

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| <p>(Peter McQueen) I would like to congratulate the City for the good work done on the overpass construction project. Will the sidewalks on the south side of Upper-Lachine Road be accessible when the work is over?</p> <p>Will the new railway bridge have only three tracks? There are rumours that an additional track will be added.</p> | <p>(Alain Trudeau) Yes and Upper-Lachine will be reopened in both directions as soon as the City has made the necessary verifications.</p> <p>(Alain Trudeau) The City's railway bridge construction project consists of three components. The AMT is in a better position to respond to these questions. (Pierre Major) AMT management will be present at the public information meeting on January 24. You can ask this question at that time.</p> |
| <p>(Jill Preceski) I want to sincerely thank the City for installing pedestrian lights at the intersection of Upper-Lachine/Girouard. This has improved neighbourhood safety by 100%.</p> <p>However, I believe that the street cleaning measures are insufficient.</p> | <p>(Michel Therrien) Pedestrian safety is a priority for the borough.</p> <p>The MIHG will answer this question. Charles Chebl answered that he will talk to the subcontractors.</p> |
| <p>(Valérie Legris) Would it be possible to increase the green light at the intersection of Crowley/Upper-Lachine?</p> <p>This poses a problem for employees leaving their shifts at the end of the day.</p> | <p>(Charles Chebl) The green light was shortened as much as possible to help east-west traffic on Upper-Lachine. At the end of the work, the traffic light will be reset to its normal time. However, the Crowley/Upper-Lachine intersection is not a truck route, as these streets are reserved for local traffic. We want trucks to take Saint-Jacques instead.</p> |
| <p>(Nick Patulli) Motorists do not respect the lane markings on the new Crowley access to Upper-Lachine; as a result, they block Crowley for cars coming from Upper-Lachine.</p> | <p>(Valérie Legris) The space is currently too narrow to have two cars side-by-side. We will ask the borough to post a sign prohibiting motorists from doing this.</p> |

Presentation of the Commission des services électriques de Montréal (CSEM)

Mr. Albert Bastien indicated that work is currently being carried out on the west side of Décarie Boulevard, north of the Crowley intersection. Starting January 9, the CSEM will begin work that will last two months. This work will require excavating the road and sidewalks in two locations.

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| (Donna Allen) Will the sidewalks be completely removed? How will we get in and out of our homes? | (Albert Bastien) Yes, they will be excavated, but walkways will be installed in front of residences. |
| (Mario Santangelo) Do I need to close the barrier for the parking lot on Décarie Boulevard when work on this road starts? | (Albert Bastien) We can install steel plates during evenings and on weekends so that customers can get in and out. (Valérie Legris) Customers who want to access your store from Saint-Jacques Street to the east can always make a U-turn at the intersection of Décarie Boulevard, and a sign to this effect will be installed soon. |

Presentation of work at the Glen Campus

Work presented by Charles Chebl (SNC-Lavalin)

Mr. Chebl gave an update on the current status of the work:

- The excavation work on Blocks G and F is still ongoing.
- The building construction is going well.
- A twelfth tower crane has been installed on site.
- Block A - The foundation is finished and the slab for Level S1 will be finished before Christmas.
- Block B - The ground floor is completed and the teams are working to finalize N2.
- Block C - N3 is finished and the teams are working to complete N4.
- Block D - The majority of the work is being conducted on N5.
- Block E - N6 will be finished before the holidays.

All concrete paving will be finished by June 2012. There are a lot tradespeople on site (electricians, plumbers, masons, etc.). The construction of the power station is well under way (Block E).

Discussion period: Work at the Glen Campus

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| (Jill Percesky) The streets in our neighbourhood are really dirty due to the constant truck traffic. Can't more measures be put in place to ensure that trucks leaving the MUHC site have clean tires? | (Charles Chebl) Measures are in place to clean trucks at the site exit. A grated basin system was also installed at the truck exit, but the rain we've had recently has filled the basin to the maximum. |

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| (Mario Santangelo) Since the change was made to parking regulations in the neighbourhood, Mazda employees have been getting parking tickets. What's more, available parking spaces are taken by MUHC workers. Can you not force them to park somewhere else? | (Charles Chebl) I do not have on control over the conduct of workers outside of the MUHC, but I will issue a guideline asking them to use the parking lot located on the east side of the site, which has 900 spots. Unfortunately, there is not enough room for everyone and in 2012, there will be a lot more workers at the site, for a maximum of 1800. According to an in-house survey conducted among newly hired workers, 45% of them use public transit. |
| (Nick Patulli) Can they not park in the new lane on Décarie Boulevard? | (Valérie Legris) No, because this lane is reserved for trucks. It is a matter of safety. (Michel Therrien) People in the neighbourhood asked for changes to parking signage in the sector. However, I have noticed that the problem has only been partially solved, as business owners have not benefited from the changes. We will think about other solutions to help you. |
| (Santangelo) Would it be possible to move the bus stop near the Mazda dealership since no one is using it? | (Garry Bernard) Yes, we could indeed move it given that no one is using it anymore. This will create a few more parking spots on Saint-Jacques Street. |
| (Ms. Ackaoui) Would it be possible to turn the lights at the MUHC site off at night ? | (Charles Chebl) These lights are required for site surveillance. However, we can redirect the lights so that they don't bother you at night. |
| (Donna Allen) Will the Shriners be invited to come talk about their project to the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee? | (Pierre Major) Yes. |
| (Mario Santangelo) Have plans been made for snow removal? | (Michel Therrien) Yes. |

Adjournment of the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.