



GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MUHC Glen Campus: Construction and Roadwork

MINUTES

Meeting held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 (7 pm to 8:50 pm)

Attendees

- Donna Allen (citizen)
- Phil Bergeron-Burns (citizen)
- Charles Chebl (Senior Vice-President and General Manager, SNC-Lavalin)
- Alain Cormier (Technical Officer, Traffic and Circulation, Borough of CDN-NDG)
- Alain-Marc Dubé (Director, Turcot project office, Ministère des Transports du Québec)
- Mario Duguay (Division Supervisor, Development and Operational Services, Public Works Department, City of Montreal)
- Mathieu Durand (Service de police de la Ville de Montréal)
- Louise Fournier (citizen)
- Valérie Legris (Technical Officer, Traffic and Circulation, City of Montreal)
- Pierre Major (Associate Director, Facilities Development & Construction, Redevelopment Project, McGill University Health Centre)
- Gordon Nelson (merchant, Garage Nelson)
- Wanda Potrykus (citizen)
- Jill Precesky (citizen)
- Mario Santangelo (merchant, Mazda Gabriel)
- Gail Tedstone (citizen)
- Pierre Tessier (independent moderator)
- Michel Therrien (Assistant Director, CDN-NDG Borough, Head of Communications, Borough of CDN-NDG)
- Alain Trudeau (Project Manager, Project Management Office, City of Montreal)

Meeting called to order

- Word of welcome from Pierre Tessier
- Introduction of attendees
- Adoption of the agenda and addition of items to Miscellaneous
- Adoption of minutes of previous meeting of Good Neighbourly Relations Committee (December 9, 2010)

Update on roadwork

Alain Trudeau explained that due to heavy snowfalls, the closure of Décarie Boulevard was delayed until early January. Work will begin on January 28 and will end on June 24, 2011. Work being done by Constructions Louisbourg under the rail line (Phase 1), by Infrabec on Décarie (Phase 2), and by Constructions Garnier at the intersection of Décarie and Saint-Jacques (Phase 3) is having an impact on traffic. The following measures have been put in place:

- The opening of a new access between Upper Lachine Road and Crowley Avenue in response to requests from the owners of Garage Nelson and the KoSA Arts Centre
- New signage on Décarie and Girouard in both directions effective December 7

Phase 2 - Alain Trudeau explained the reasons for the closure of Décarie Blvd.:

- The size of the pit being dug
- The dimensions of the pipe (3.6 m in diameter and 14 inches in thickness) delivered in 6-foot sections and positioned using a crane
- The presence of the crane on the pavement
- Frequent truck movements north and southbound, which prevent the flow of other vehicles around them; as Décarie Boulevard will be closed, the trucks can drive southbound and take Crowley to enter the site, with the assistance of the MTQ
- To minimize the number of trucks in the area, there will be signage and flaggers to allow only trucks to pass

Discussion on roadwork

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| (Louise Fournier) It is difficult to cross the intersection at Sherbrooke and Décarie. | (Alain Cormier) This is due to work currently being done by the Commission des Services électriques de Montréal (CSEM). (Valérie Legris) The traffic lights along Sherbrooke are not linked to the construction site. The engineers are aware of the issue. No answer at this time. We will first look at what is happening on Côte-Saint-Luc. |
| (Jill Precesky) She has noticed that pedestrians (seniors, children, etc.) may be in danger at the two intersections at Saint-Jacques and Girouard. Why is there no crossing guard at this location? She has seen fire trucks and ambulances stuck in traffic on Girouard. | (Michel Therrien will study the situation and get back to her.) (Johanne Emmanuel, MUHC) On behalf of the school board, Marie-Josée Mastro Monaco, from the Commission scolaire de Montréal (CSDM) has added a bus, at the cost of \$70,000/year, to transport children from the St-Raymond district. (Valérie Legris) We have advised Urgences Santé |

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| | to find alternate routes; the law allows fire trucks and ambulances to drive against the traffic flow. |
| (Gordon Nelson) Will traffic lights be installed to ease traffic at the intersection of Saint-Jacques and Prud'homme? When will signage be in place for merchants? | (Valérie Legris) In the absence of lights at the corner of Saint-Jacques and Décarie, there is an opening on Prud'homme to allow motorists to make a U-turn. With respect to traffic lights, the City is currently studying this. (Alain Trudeau) The signs displaying the names of the merchants are currently being produced. |
| (Mario Santangelo) Where can we turn on Prud'homme? | (Valérie Legris) The U-turn is permitted directly in front of Mazda Gabriel. Everything is clearly explained on the Web site. She also mentioned that a notice was published in The Gazette. |
| (Louise Fournier) Francophones make up 25% of the population of NDG, but I haven't seen any notices in the French-language press. | (Alain Trudeau) We will keep this in mind. |
| (Phil Bergeron-Burns) What steps have been taken for cyclists on Décarie? | (Alain Trudeau) We have a long term plan but nothing for the coming months. |
| (Donna Allen) Can a solution be expected for motorists? | (Alain Trudeau) The north-south lanes will alternate for motorists on Décarie. |
| (Jill Precesky) She has noticed increased traffic on Old Orchard, and she expects that more people will use this street to access Saint-Jacques. Will speed bumps be installed to replace the bollards, which are less effective? | (Valérie Legris) We installed the bollards to slow down traffic without the need for constant braking. (Michel Therrien) The borough has demonstrated its desire to reduce the impact of traffic. We have a plan to this effect, and each year we enhance it. |
| (Wanda Potrykus) Westmount has speed bumps, and they seem more effective than bollards. | |
| (Question from the floor: Peter McQueen) Is the construction behind schedule? | (Alain Trudeau) Phases 1 (under the rail line) and 2 (installation of the pipe) are not behind schedule. A call for tenders for the railroad viaduct is planned for this spring. This work should begin in May and end in the fall of 2012. |
| (Mario Santangelo) Has Prud'homme | (Michel Therrien) Yes. |

been put on the priority list for snow clearing?

(Louise Fournier) Will the pipe be connected by this summer, or will it take until 2012?

(Alain Trudeau) The pipe will be installed but not operational. Other work has priority.

Glen Campus construction update

Charles Chebl explained that Blocks A and B correspond to the Montreal Children's Hospital, Block E to the MUHC Research Institute, and Blocks C and D to the adult hospital (Royal Victoria Hospital, Cancer Centre and the Montreal Chest Institute).

- Excavation of Blocks A, B, C, D and E will be completed by the end of January
- The concrete pouring has already begun
- The service tunnel remains to be dug as well as excavation of the underground parking garage (Block G) under the Plaza
- Installation of the pipes (5,300 in total) is 40% complete; installation of the piles will be completed in April 2011
- The concrete pouring and formwork for Blocks D and E (foundations) has begun; the concrete pouring will continue for the other blocks
- Four (4) cranes of a total of ten (10) have been installed
- An opening was made in the wall along Saint-Jacques to allow eastbound cement trucks access to the construction site
- The temporary parking lot for construction workers has been completely finished
- 1,000 trips/day are needed for the excavation operations
- Trucks make 100 trips/day for the cement work

Discussion on the Glen Campus construction

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(Question from the floor: Peter McQueen) How do the 200 workers get to and leave the site?

(Charles Chebl) In two or three weeks, access to the site will be via Décarie. For now, there are no particular controls with respect to how workers access the site.

(Louise Fournier) What kind of soil is being excavated? Will the tunnel still be used?

(Charles Chebl) The soil being excavated is clay, sand and dirt, some of which is being used as backfill.

Kudos for the new newsletter. Why was there no mention of the partnership agreement signed in 2004?

As the MTC is not here, he will check and get back to her.

(Julie Paquet, MUHC) The partnership with the Inter-Neighbourhood Coalition was not mentioned

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| | in the first issue, but we will ensure that we talk about it in subsequent issues. |
| <p>(Wanda Potrykus) The lights are very bright, blinding in fact; why are they not turned off when work stops for the day?</p> <p>The noise made by the pile driving is constant and even rattles the pipes. The effects will end up being physical and psychological. Why are boreholes not being used?</p> | <p>(Charles Chebl) We will look into the light situation.</p> <p>Boring holes is not the best approach, as it is a complex process and would take longer.</p> |

Miscellaneous

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| <p>(Louise Fournier) I would like more discussion about the arrival of the MUHC and its impact on the area. The City is keeping citizens informed as best it can, but there are other subjects we want to talk about.</p> | <p>(Pierre Major) We already have another forum in the Inter-Neighbourhood Coalition. Creating more forums is something we can consider. We are open to suggestions.</p> |
| <p>(Question from the floor: Peter McQueen) Is there a way to build bike paths at the same time as the rail line?</p> <p>(Phil Bergeron-Burns) Will the decision be discussed with citizens?</p> | <p>(Alain Trudeau) We are currently looking at a number of proposals, including the construction of bike paths. Once this exercise is finished, we can meet with the stakeholders involved to present the plan. For now, however, our assessment is still underway.</p> <p>We will examine how best to present the proposal: there are many City and borough departments that must be in agreement.</p> |
| <p>(Wanda Potrykus) What is the status of the Westmount request that an 8-foot fence be built around the construction site?</p> | <p>(Charles Chebl) An 8-foot fence will be erected and painted green.</p> |
| <p>(Gail Tedstone) She is hoping that the City will consult with citizens on a decision regarding bike paths and that the discussions will be open and transparent.</p> | <p>(Alain Trudeau) You know that we have always been very transparent. The project specifications cover the rail line and not bike paths, but the proposal has not been rejected; we will wait to see if it is accepted.</p> |

Adjournment of the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 pm. The dates for the upcoming meetings were distributed.