



GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MUHC Glen Campus: Construction and Roadwork

MINUTES

Meeting held Tuesday, February 22, 2011 (7 pm to 8:30 pm)

Attendees

Pierre Tessier (independent moderator)
Charles Chebl (Senior Vice-President and General Manager, SNC-Lavalin)
Alain Trudeau (Project Manager, Project Management Office, City of Montreal)
Valerie Legris (Technical Officer, Traffic and Circulation, City of Montreal)
Alain Cormier (Senior Technical Officer, Public Works Department, CDN-NDG Borough)
Mario Duguay (Division Supervisor, Development and Operational Services, Public Works Department, City of Montreal)
Michel Therrien (Assistant Director, CDN-NDG Borough, Head of Communications, Protocol and Public Relations)
Sgt. Mathieu Durand (Service de police de la Ville de Montréal)
Louise Labre (Westmount Independent)
Pierre Major (Associate Director, Facilities Development & Construction, Redevelopment Project, McGill University Health Centre)
Isaac Olson (NDG Free Press)
Derek Robertson (citizen)
Wanda Potrykus (citizen)
Donna Allen (citizen)
Gordon Nelson (merchant, Garage Nelson)
Jill Precesky (citizen)
Louise Fournier (citizen)
Phil Bergeron-Burns (citizen)
Maureen Kiely
Thomas Gagné
Genevieve Soly
Nasar Omar

Meeting called to order

- Word of welcome from Pierre Tessier
- Introduction of attendees
- Adoption of agenda and addition of items to Miscellaneous
- Adoption of minutes of previous meeting of Good Neighbourly Relations Committee (January 18, 2011)

Update on roadwork

Alain Trudeau (City of Montreal) presented an update on the construction and the work planned for the coming month. He also clarified a point regarding the closure of the Saint-Jacques exit from westbound Highway 720:

He explained that, as part of the initial construction plan, the developer expected to close Saint-Jacques completely. The developer then proposed closing one lane in each direction, which in turn required that the exit be closed. Mr. Trudeau said he did not mention these details in the previous meeting of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee, as there remained some uncertainty.

The detour routes (Côte Saint-Luc) are still difficult, but the City is working with the MTQ to find solutions.

During March, the work will continue at the intersection of Saint-Jacques and Décarie. There is still a design problem with the collector sewer, and the City expects to begin Phase 1 at the beginning of March, following verification of the pipes.

Valérie Legris explained how traffic would be routed effective February 28.

Lot1 will begin on Monday, February 28, and will itself be conducted in 3 phases:

- Phase 1: One lane will be closed on the east side of Décarie Boulevard, and the ramp will also be closed. Access to the construction site will be via the west lane of Décarie Boulevard, as it is wide and safe. Décarie southbound will be closed to local traffic, which will be detoured via Prud'homme and Saint-Jacques. Girouard will be reserved for construction trucks. No changes to Crowley. Marshalls will be on site.
- Phase 2: Excavation work will be conducted at the intersection of De Maisonneuve and Décarie. Traffic will be diverted to the north side of Upper Lachine Road. Given that the south side will be closed, congestion is expected at first. The alternate route will be via Girouard. Pedestrian access will be via the north side of De Maisonneuve only. For this reason, pedestrians will have to follow a new route. An analysis will be carried out to assure the safety of the bike path.

Discussion period: roadwork

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(Louise Fournier). Safety is of great importance (teens do not pay attention to the signs posted). Increased police presence is suggested. The police did good work at the intersection of Côte-Saint-Luc during the initial days of the Saint-Jacques exit closure.	(Pierre Major) Yes, we are concerned, and we are working with our partners to ensure they are aware of the safety issues. (Michel Therrien) The request has been made, and we are working on it.
(Jill Precesky) Reminded everyone about the LEED Silver Certification and how a project gets more points if it well integrated into a neighbourhood. She asked Mr. Major if he is concerned about security and what he plans to do. She also reminded everyone of the file	(Valérie Legris) Our department is working with the SPVM team (traffic and circulation team) and not with the district police. Any district police teams wanting to work in a specific neighbourhood must make a special request to their supervisors. Suggests making police aware of the problems in the area.

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she opened (#07270495) in 2007, where she reported the problem with Girouard.	
(Donna Allen) Three trucks were blocking the parking lot of her building, which is unacceptable.	(Valérie Legris) Yes, this may occur. (Mario Duguay) I will follow up on this complaint.
(Derek Robertson) Realizes that two different construction sites are involved and congratulates those coordinating the work.	
(Jill Precesky) Water was cut to her house on Saturday, but neither she nor her neighbours had been advised.	(Mario Duguay) He believes this was simply an unexpected leak; when it is necessary to cut the water, the City always provides 48 hours' notice.
(Nasar Omar) How long will the work last, and when will Décarie Boulevard south be re-opened?	(Mario Duguay) 2 or 3 weeks. (Alain Trudeau) The work has been spread over a number of phases: six months of work has been scheduled for Décarie; following this, the railway viaduct will be done and is expected to take a year and a half. As for the intersection of Crowley and Saint-Jacques, we are studying solutions to minimize the impact of the work.
(Nasar Omar) The signs for the businesses are too small and risk not being noticed. (Derek Robertson and Gordon Nelson) Support Mr. Omar and suggest that the signs be made larger and in orange (like the traffic signs).	(Alain Trudeau) We will review the format of the signs.

Glen Campus construction update

Construction update provided by Charles Chebl (SNC-Lavalin)

Mr. Chebl presented the current status of the work:

- Excavation of Blocks A, B, C, D and E is 85% complete.
- Installation of the pipes is complete for Block E and 60% complete for Blocks C and D.
- 3,200 of the 5,300 pipes have been installed.
- In March, concrete will be poured for Blocks C and D. Foundation work will continue for Block E.

- Six (6) cranes are now installed, and two (2) others will be installed in March.
- During the next two weeks, the north access road will be set up.
- The construction office is finished, and the team will be moving in next week.
- The lights in the parking lot are now turned off at night.

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(Question from the floor) What solutions are you planning to create other ways to access the Vendôme metro station, which is also a hub for trains and buses?	An agreement has been reached to build two walkways (on west side). An underground walkway linking the hospital to the metro station and an above-ground walkway linking the Glen Campus to 5100 de Maisonneuve West will be built (this second link does not lead to the Glen Campus). However, the MUHC is working with the AMT and STM to find a way to build a second link between the Glen Campus and the metro station. They are studying the feasibility of the project: it poses certain problems, and funds are lacking at the moment. Once the plan has been finalized, they will ask the provincial government for financial assistance.
(Louise Fournier) When will the tunnel for the metro station be ready?	(Charles Chebl) Soon. The south platform is already finished.
(Maureen Kiely) Will the walkway be covered?	(Pierre Major) No, the walkway will be above ground and therefore not covered. There will be two elevators: one on either side of the walkway.
(Wanda Potrykus) One of her inside windows (72 York Street) fell out due to the vibrations cause by pile driving, and she wants to file a complaint.	Mr. Chebl said he would speak with her at the end of the meeting to enable them to discuss it one-on-one.
(Wanda Potrykus) Suggests that all communications refer to the Glen Campus rather than simply to Glen in order to avoid confusion with Glen Road.	The suggestion has been noted.

Miscellaneous

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(Derek Robertson) Residents in the Place	Noted.

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Saint-Henri area are not receiving notices of construction from the City.	

Adjournment of the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The dates of the upcoming meetings were distributed.