



GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MUHC Glen Site: Construction and Roadwork

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 (7:00 p.m.)

Committee members in attendance:

MODERATOR

Pierre Tessier

CITY OF MONTREAL

Sébastien Deshaies (Planner,
Transportation and Public
Works Department)

Marc Breton (Planning
Advisor)

James Burns

CDN-NDG BOROUGH

Pascal Trottier

MCGILL UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE (MUHC)

Pierre Major (Interim
Director, Redevelopment,
Planning and Real Estate
Management)

MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS DU QUÉBEC

Guy Rivard

Vicky Lachapelle
(Communications Consultant)

AGENCE MÉTROPOLITAINE DE TRANSPORT

Karine Côté

GROUPE IMMOBILIER SANTÉ MCGILL

André Dufour (President,
Groupe immobilier santé
McGill)

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Diane Rivard

CITIZENS

Malaka Ackaoui

Donna Allen

Maureen Keily

Daniel Lambert

Minesh Patel

Shital Patel

Jill Precesky

Jean Williams

NDG Senior Citizens' Council

Karen Urtnowski

MEDIA

Denise Robertson (CTV)

Isaac Olson (Free Press)

Andy Riga (The Gazette)

Meeting

- The moderator called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He also explained that his role is to ensure that the meeting proceeds smoothly.
- He explained the committee's mandate and the goals for the meeting: to present updates on work that has occurred on the construction site over the past two months and to discuss issues relating to work that will take place over the next two months.
- The minutes from the meeting held March 25, 2014 were discussed and approved.
- The moderator introduced everyone at the table
- Two varia topics were to add to the agenda: 1) Retail space (Jean Williams); and 2) Transportation for handicapped (Maureen Kiely).

Presentation of municipal work

Presentation by Marc Breton and Sébastien Deshaies

- The MTQ brought a visuals (map) to help identify the work in progress;



- Work under the railway bridge started this week between Crowley and De Maisonneuve. It will last two months and will continue until mid-July (pavement, minimal landscaping, sidewalks);
- The opening of Décarie will coincide with surrounding roadwork on Sherbrooke and the demolition of St-Jacques bridge;
- A public call for tender was launched for surfacing, landscaping and electric work on Decarie between St-Jacques and Crowley. The work should start in July and last until December 2014. This will complete the work planned in this area.
- Road work on Sherbrooke will continue until mid-June/early July.
- At the last meeting, Mr. Russell Copeman mentioned that intersection between Upper Lachine would remain open for the next two years and that the CDN-NDG borough would analyze traffic circulation and put in place temporary mitigation measures;

Discussion period

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| (Maureen Kiely) When is Decarie going to be open between De Maisonneuve and Saint Jacques? | (Sébastien Deshaies) We do not have a precise date as we must coordinate with our surrounding worksites, but it will be within the next two months. |
| (Daniel Lambert) What will happen with the bicycle path west of Decarie? Between Addington? | (Sébastien Deshaies) It will stay as is, bi-directional (Pascal Trottier). There are two scenarios that we will be evaluating. The temporary new concept will be implemented in July (east of Décarie near Claremont). |

Presentation of work at the Glen site

Presentation by André Dufour

- There are currently 900 workers and 400 professionals onsite and 95% of the work has been completed. We are four month away from delivering the hospital on September 30th.
- We are working on both the interior and exterior. Landscaping is taking place that will make the site look more “finished.” The cold season finished late this year so the grass planting will start a bit later;
- The Call for Expression of Interest regarding retail/commercial space at the hospital was launched (closing date of June 9th) and the information is posted on a website: <http://www.gismcgill.ca/en/available-retail-spaces/call-for-expression-of-interest>
- Installation of equipment is ongoing. In some cases, heavy equipment is brought in via crane before the exterior wall is closed. Mr. Dufour presented a slideshow of different areas and equipment (research atrium, cafeteria, main entrance, MRI, Operating Room, Linear Accelerator, CT scan, etc...);



- Mr. Dufour offered a site visit/tour to 10 residents from of the Good Neighbourly Committee members to thank them for their participation and involvement in the New MUHC process over the years. The visit was scheduled for May 26th at 3:30 pm.

Discussion period

No questions were raised.

Presentation of the Ministère des Transports du Québec

Presentation by Guy Rivard

Mr. Rivard gave an overview of three Turcot Interchange projects that impact this area:

- Redevelopment of Saint-Jacques, Saint-Rémi and Pullman streets: The Saint-Jacques on-ramp towards 720 East was partially demolished; the remaining demolition (ramp over Saint-Rémi) will take place this weekend, resulting in the closure of Saint-Rémi between Saint Jacques and Notre Dame. Work will continue on Pullman which will not affect traffic in this area over the next few months. Addington between Saint-Jacques and Upper Lachine was closed to fix the aqueduct; this work will be completed by May 22nd.
- Saint-Jacques bridge: mitigation measures were presented at a meeting in Centre Saint-Raymond last week. You can visit the MTQ Turcot website to watch the video: <http://www.turcot.gouv.qc.ca>

The demolition of the bridge will take place once the following three conditions have been met:

- K & L ramps from the Turcot from Champlain Bridge (closed since end of March) are reopened;
- Sherbrooke must have at least one lane in either direction;
- Decarie must be open between Upper Lachine/Crowley and De Masionneuve;

Meanwhile, preparatory work is taking place on the deviation of the two ramps, 15 South towards 720 East, and 720 West toward 15 North. One lane in either direction will remain closed until June 11. Work on the Connecteur Saint Pierre sewer drains under the Saint-Jacques bridge will be completed before working on the bridge.

- The K (15 North towards Downtown Montreal) & L (15 North towards 20 West) ramps of the Turcot have been closed since March 31st. The K ramp will reopen June 15 and the L ramp will reopen June 29, 2014.

Discussion period

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| (Jill Precesky) When you close Saint-Jacques, what plans are in place to improve Saint-Jacques street, i.e. reduce speed, improve safety for pedestrians? | (Guy Rivard) Last Thursday, there was a meeting at Saint Raymond and all measures to be put in place were presented. You can view this on the website. |
| When I discussed this with the City, I was | Everything that affects the traffic is the |



directed to the MTQ, but the MTQ replied that it's the City's responsibility; no one is able to answer my concerns. As a citizen, I find it discouraging and unacceptable that the partners involved don't collaborate better to provide concrete plans.

responsibility of the City, but the City works in partnership with the MTQ on the Turcot project and affected areas.

(James Burns, responsible for Turcot coordination for the City of Montreal)
For the intersections at Décarie, Girouard, and Saint-Jacques, we are working with the MTQ on the traffic lights and pedestrian traffic, and are continually making adjustments.

(Malaka Ackaoui) Other than the bridge, what other measures are being taken with the increased traffic to reduce noise, improve air quality and make the area more agreeable for pedestrians on the West side of the bridge? For example, will you plant trees, reduced speed limits, and increase sidewalk size?

(Guy Rivard) The sector will change significantly as Pullman, Saint-Rémi and Saint-Jacques will be completely reconfigured. The park will be redesigned, landscaping and tree planning will occur, bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways are being designed.

(James Burns) A transport study was undertaken and the recommendations were taken into consideration in the projects.

(Jill Precesky) What about the West side of the Saint Jacques bridge (Addington to Cavendish)? And why not do the work now while the street will be closed? Would it not be more efficient?

(Guy Rivard) West of Saint-Jacques, the *Projet du quartier vert* planning and recommendations will be studied and implemented in the development of this sector. There will be greenery and landscaping. The planning process is underway and the *Projet du quartier vert* committee is meeting regularly.

(James Burns) There are no funds available at the moment, but once the funds are available, we will develop this area.

Presentation of the Shriners Hospitals for Children

Presentation by Diane Rivard

Emmanuel Rondeau, Director of Communications, is currently on the Odyssey tour across Canada to promote the Shriners hospital across Canada.

- Work is progressing well. There are approximately 160 workers, 40 professionals, and 15 subcontractors on site.
- Light work has been taking place at night, inside the building, for the past three weeks and will continue as necessary. There is no impact on the environment.

- The second crane has been dismantled. Work continues on five floors in electromechanical and architecture. They will soon begin work on the roof, connect the plumbing, and work on landscaping on the West side near Décarie. The goal is to close the exterior envelope by September 2014.
- Note that they are collecting hockey sticks and pucks to decorate a themed waiting room. Anyone who would like to donate these items can drop them off at the Shriners site.

Discussion period

No question raised.

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1) Retail Space

(Jean Williams) This new hospital is a healing environment, but the criteria on the website for retail/service providers does not make a lot of reference to this. I am concerned about food and beverages that will be coming into the hospital. There is a trend in North America to eliminate fast food from the hospitals and many hospitals have adopted this policy. Is there a policy to offer only healthy food at the new hospital? It can be expensive to make a change once you have signed a lease with new providers, so it would be wise to consider this now. As well, we should consider offering healthy foods in the vending machines and avoid soft drinks and individual water bottles.

(Andre Dufour) We are sensitive to this concern. There are new requirements by Health Canada on the type of food that you can bring into a hospital, and we are aware of this issue. We are gathering interest and offers through the website, and will respect the guidelines set out by Health Canada.

2) Transportation for handicapped

(Maureen Kiely) Has a tender been issued for the new Vendome metro? We are going to run into a problem when the hospital opens April 2015; even after the tender is signed, it will take time to build the handicapped-accessible entrance. What measures are the hospital, MTQ, STM and ATM putting in place to enable handicapped people, those with limited mobility and parents of young children to access the hospital? I suspect we will need handicapped vehicles, and I don't think there are not a lot of these vehicles available ready for rent. They would have to be ordered. Have we started to make plans for this? This is a transport issue that affects all of you.

(Moderator) That is a good question. There is no representative from the STM present. Would anyone like to comment?

(Andre Dufour) The site itself is completely handicapped-accessible.

(Maureen Kiely) Yes, but how will we get from here to there?

(Karen Urtnowski, NDG Senior Citizens' Council) I agree, we need a shuttle bus. This is a big concern for us as well. For people with limited mobility, a shuttle bus from the metro to the hospital should be considered.

(Moderator) This is a good point. We will note this in the minutes for consideration and follow up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The MTQ Good Neighbourly Committee Meeting for the Turcot will take place on May 28 at 7 pm. <https://www.turcot.gouv.qc.ca/infocitoyens/pages/comitesdebonvoisinage.aspx>

The last MUHC Good Neighbourly Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

A public information session will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7 pm