

GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MUHC Glen Site: Construction and Roadwork

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Meeting held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 (7:00 p.m.)

Committee members in attendance:

CITY OF MONTREAL

Sébastien Deshaies (Planner,
Transportation and Public Works
Department)

Marc Breton (Planning Advisor)

MUHC

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

MODERATOR

Pierre Tessier

MINISTÈRE DES TRANSPORTS DU QUÉBEC

Alain-Marc Dubé

Vicky Lachapelle (Communications
Consultant)

SOCIÉTÉ DE TRANSPORT DE MONTRÉAL

Philippe Parenteau

GROUPE IMMOBILIER SANTÉ MCGILL

Chantal Sorel (Vice President and Project
Director, MUHC Glen Site, SNC-Lavalin)

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Emmanuelle Rondeau (Director of
Communications)

Robert Nadeau (Project Director, New
Shriners Hospitals - Montreal)

CITIZENS

Donna Allen

Peter McQueen

Jill Precesky

Luciano Michetti

Malaka Ackaoui

Maureen Kiely

Louise Sansregret

NDG Cyclist and Pedestrian Association

Meeting

- The moderator called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
- He explained the committee's mandate and the goals for the meeting: the issues discussed must only relate to the work for the next two months.
- He also explained that his role is to ensure that the meeting proceeds smoothly and asked everyone in attendance to be courteous to each other.
- The moderator presented everyone at the table for the presentations.
- Adoption of the agenda.

Presentation of municipal work

Presentation by Marc Breton and Sébastien Deshaies

The construction of the railway bridge finished in November 2013. Since then, the work site has been closed until the next round of construction work begins. The city is launching another call for tenders in February for the reconstruction between Saint-Jacques and De Maisonneuve. Just before the holidays, we closed the two work sites on Northcliffe and De Maisonneuve. In March, we should finish the connections on Sherbrooke and Northcliffe. Once complete, the team will do the permanent paving on De Maisonneuve. They will then go back to Sherbrooke. A more specific work schedule will be announced at our next meeting. The traffic lights at the intersection of Girouard and Sherbrooke were upgraded in mid-December. The intersections at Marcil, Clifton and Grand Boulevard will have to be upgraded in February 2014. For the reconstruction of the intersection at Décarie and De Maisonneuve, a validation analysis is currently being conducted.

Discussion period

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(Jill Precesky) Would it be possible for you to show visuals during your presentations?	(Sébastien Deshaies) We usually have visuals, but unfortunately not tonight.
(Jill Precesky) When you are planning the closure of Saint-Jacques between Girouard and Décarie, could a plan be implemented to ease traffic? Will you use the SPP recommendations?	(Marc Breton) The city's urban planning department is continuing with its planning process based on the recommendations of the Office de consultation publique de Montréal.
(Neighbour) Will you consider putting bike lanes in the middle of the roads?	(Marc Breton) The recommendation is to have bicycle lanes on either side of the road. I will forward your question to the city's specialists.
(Peter McQueen) Is the sewer work under the viaduct finished?	(Marc Breton and Sébastien Deshaies) Yes, this work is finished. The surface work still has to be done. Gaz Métro also has to come back in February to connect their network.
(Citizen) Will work on De Maisonneuve near Vendôme be finished for the summer?	(Marc Breton) Yes, we think so.

Presentation of work at the Glen Site

Presentation by Chantal Sorel

There are currently 1300 workers and 400 professionals working at the construction site. We are in the final sprint to conduct inspections, correct deficiencies, and complete the work; 88% of the work is finished. A lot of departments are almost finished. The flooring and furniture have been installed and the doors and hardware are also advancing quickly. All of the finishing work is being conducted. Right now, the ventilation systems are being balanced and in some sectors, the ventilation is completely controlled. In November, we started the vapour system for the humidity tests in the building. The exterior panelling is now 60% complete. Only the blue panels remain to be installed. The installation of 28,000 panels will be finished in the spring. If everything goes as planned, the call for tenders for businesses will be launched at the end of winter 2014. Thirty businesses will be located at the hospital. There will be a convenience store, a café, a florist, a pharmacy, etc.

Discussion period

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(Maureen Kiely) Will the pharmacy at the Glen site be open 24 hours a day?	(Pierre Major) We will do what we can to ensure that it is.
(Jill Precesky) Will you include local businesses that already exist?	(Robert Nadeau) Businesses that want to come to the Glen site can make a request. It's open to anyone.

Presentation of the McGill University Health Centre

Presentation by Pierre Major

The MUHC is hard at work preparing the schedule for the move. In 2015, we have to move the entire Montreal Children's Hospital, Montreal Chest Institute, Royal Victoria Hospital and part of the Montreal General Hospital. This is a complex operation that means coordinating the transfer of all kinds of equipment and patients (the challenge is to move as few patients as possible). We will have more details in the spring about the move schedule. In collaboration with our partners, we are delivering an enormous amount of equipment to the Glen (medical imaging, radiography, MRI machines, swivel arms, etc.). At the same time, we have over 300 calls for tenders open for movable medical equipment. We are responsible for part of the furniture for which the calls for tenders have ended. We are also delivering a lot of information technology equipment (servers, networking systems, etc.).

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(Jill Precesky) How was the community supported during construction?	(Chantal Sorel) During the construction phase, we were in contact with community organizations. We are also supporting the

	Generations Foundation, to which we are donating the proceeds from events.
(Peter McQueen) Would it be possible to show us where businesses will be located in the hospital?	(Robert Nadeau) There will be a café in the atrium of the Research Institute. At the junction of the employee parking lot and the entire campus, there will be a public market that sells fruit and vegetables. There will also be businesses in the atria of each building. On the upper floors, there will be hairdressers and florists as well as a wig shop with other oncology-related products. The businesses will be spread throughout all buildings.
(Peter McQueen) While we are waiting for the second metro access at Vendôme station, will people have to go outside from the metro to enter the hospital?	(Pierre Major) The report for the second Vendôme entrance has been submitted and is awaiting approval from all partners (the MUHC, the STM and the AMT) before it will be formally submitted to the government. For the short term, mitigation measures will be implemented to ease traffic flow in the existing station and users will be allowed to use the existing tunnel to reach the plaza on the Glen Site.

Presentation of the Ministère des Transports du Québec

Presentation by Alain-Marc Dubé

We reopened the “J” ramp of Autoroute 20 westbound towards the Champlain Bridge just before the holidays. Work started again in the Turcot Yard. As announced, there was asbestos in the soil. The worksites that were affected were re-opened with protection measures for workers. No asbestos fibres were detected in the air, only in the soil. Two major construction sites will start in the coming months. The first is the reconstruction of Saint-Jacques, Saint-Rémi and Pullman, which will start on February 3, 2014 and last 2 years. There will be no hindrance to traffic for the first part of the month. However, in the second half of the month, the Saint-Jacques ramp towards Autoroute 720 will be definitively closed and demolished, which will lead to short-term closures on Autoroutes 15 and 720. Access to Notre-Dame-de-Grâce towards the downtown area will be created during a future project phase. In the first months, work will be concentrated in the Turcot Yard. During this period, there will be some hindrances to traffic on Saint-Jacques and Saint-Rémi, but a lane will be maintained for traffic. The second major construction site in the sector will be the reconstruction of the Saint-Jacques bridge. The closure of Saint-Jacques between Prud’homme and Addington is scheduled for the beginning of April. We are continuing our discussions with the city and the

STM to establish measures to decrease the impact on traffic. An information session will be organized specifically for this work. The current work on the 720 will finish on February 3.

We are going to set up a Good Neighbourly Relations Committee in the Sud-Ouest borough. An information session will be held at the Centre Saint-Zotique on February 11 at 7:00 p.m. We are also continuing to participate in the MUHC's Good Neighbourly Relations Committee. When we are ready to present the measures for Saint-Jacques, we will organize a special meeting on this topic.

Discussion period

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(Citizen) What will you do to decrease the impact of the closure of the Saint-Jacques ramp?	(Alain-Marc Dubé) We are currently modelling traffic in the neighbourhood, and we will address each problem raised. You will be informed of the results over the next meetings.
(Jill Precesky) Will cars be able to access Saint-Jacques by taking Upper Lachine, crowley and then South Décarie?	(Alain-Marc Dubé) Yes, this is one of the alternatives.
(Peter McQueen) Mayor Copeman said that Mr. Coderre had accepted the resolution to ask the MTQ to postpone the work on the Saint-Jacques bridge until the work on Décarie and Sherbrooke is finished. Can you confirm this?	(Marc Breton) I was at the Executive Committee meeting last week, and I was not informed of this.
(Citizen) What can the city do to protect pedestrians during the work?	(Marc Breton) I will contact the borough to see if something can be done.

Presentation of the Shriners Hospitals for Children

Presentation by Robert Nadeau and Emmanuelle Rondeau

Because of the weather, we cannot pour the concrete, which is causing some delays. Concrete is being poured on Level 7; we therefore have 5 more areas where concrete needs to be poured. We are 20% finished after 9 months with the help of 125 workers. We have poured the walls of the therapeutic bath in the basement. Right now we are closing the exterior building envelope. The forms have been removed from three floors and the outdoor embankment will be completed in March-April. At this time, we will also complete the work to connect the water and sewer systems on Décarie. The goal is to deliver the building in summer 2015.

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(Peter McQueen) In terms of the reserved lane on Sherbrooke, what is the timeframe for the bus?	(Philippe Parenteau) It will be in the spring, but we do not have a specific date. Route 420 will be detoured via Sherbrooke to downtown.
(Peter McQueen) How soon can the STM paint the lines on Sherbrooke?	(Philippe Parenteau) We need at least five days of thaw, which normally starts in April.
(Peter McQueen) Will the final paving on De Maisonneuve in front of the Vendôme metro be finished soon?	(Marc Breton) It will be finished after the thaw period.

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

Next meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.