

GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MUHC Glen Site: Construction and Roadwork

MINUTES

Meeting held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (7:00 p.m.)

\*Please note that a technical problem prevented the full meeting from being recorded.  
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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 Dubé  
Vicky Lachapelle (Communications  
Consultant)

**AGENCE MÉTROPOLITAINE DE TRANSPORT**

Alexandre Eyquem (Project Director)  
Karine Côté

**MCGILL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP**

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  
Gail Tedstone  
Rolland Proulx  
Peter McQueen  
Maureen Kiely  
David Sedgwick  
Gabriel Retta  
Jill Precesky  
Karen Urtnowski  
Terry O'Malley  
Malaka Ackaoui  
Ruth Roseyield

## Agenda:

- 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 minutes from the previous meeting of the Good Neighbourly Relations Committee.
- Adoption of the agenda.

## Presentation of completed and upcoming municipal work

Presentation by Marc Breton (City of Montreal)

Mr. Breton announced that he will be replacing Sonia Vibert as Planning Advisor for the Glen site project.

Presentation by Sébastien Deshaies (City of Montreal)

In recent months, construction work was completed on the retaining walls south of the railway viaduct. The temporary bypass has now been demolished, which led to the closure of a lane on Upper Lachine for a few days. The piling work north of the railway bridge and the footings are also now complete. The retaining walls north of the railway bridge are close to completion. Work on the water system and road network under the railway bridge is still ongoing. In the coming months, workers from the Commission des services électriques de Montréal will perform major work under the railway bridge. Gaz Métro will also have to hook up its network. All of this work should be finished near the end of September.

Mr. Breton announced that he is still waiting for certification from the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) for two calls for tenders for the refitting and repaving of Décarie Boulevard between Saint-Jacques and Crowley: the first involves the sidewalks, roads and rain garden while the other involves the installation of traffic lights. Some work may have to be postponed until next year, as nothing has moved forward with this project since the previous Good Neighbourly Relations Committee meeting.

In terms of water service, Mr. Breton mentioned that he wanted to perform this work on De Maisonneuve Boulevard at the same time as the water and sewer work on Northcliffe until December. The water and sewer work on Sherbrooke Street between Décarie and the borough line will be done in spring 2014. Detours will be provided to motorists. Residents and business owners will still have access to their properties. Restrictions will apply to parking in the sector for both current work and work that will be conducted on Sherbrooke Street in the spring. In relation to water interruptions, posters will be distributed 48 hours in advance to residences affected by these interruptions.

## Discussion period

ISSUE	ANSWER
(Jill Precesky) Will the speed bumps installed on Old Orchard Street be permanent?	(Sébastien Deshaies) Before installing them permanently, we need to do a test with the temporary speed bumps during the summer. If Old Orchard Street residents are satisfied, we can install permanent speed bumps next year.
Who is monitoring the impact of neighbourhood air quality from increased traffic? What measures will be taken?	(Marc Breton) I don't have an answer, but I will get back to you.
(Daniel Lambert) On De Maisonneuve Boulevard, have measures been taken so that cyclists can ride safely during the work period?	(Sébastien Deshaies) A sign indicates that cyclists must get off their bikes in order to cross the work area.
(Roland Proulx) A traffic light was installed on Girouard Avenue and Upper Lachine southbound. However, an old sign still indicates that motorists can go straight or turn right. Can this contradictory sign be taken down?	(Sébastien Deshaies) We'll see what we can do.
Could a priority left-hand turn lane be put on Girouard Avenue at the intersection of Sherbrooke Street northbound? (For the moment, anyone who wants to go straight must wait behind everyone who wants to turn left and right.)	(Sébastien Deshaies) I will forward your question to the right person and see whether this is a temporary measure for the MUHC or the Turcot interchange.

## Presentation of work at the Glen site (Chantal Sorel)

Ms. Sorel announced that work has resumed following the construction strike. The Glen site is now 75% complete. The drywall installation is a bit behind schedule and will be completed near the end of August/beginning of September. Ms. Sorel explained that most of the vinyl flooring has been installed. The water towers are also operational. Blocks F and G will be finished in the fall and therefore before the planned December date for Block F. Certain contracts have already been awarded to artists. In terms of the exterior envelope, we started with Blocks D and B. Preparing for the installation takes a long time, but we are planning to finish in spring 2014. The north road has also been paved. The first 50 trees on the south side will soon be planted, for a total of 370 trees to be planted by the end of the project.

## Discussion period

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How many parking spots will there be in Blocks F and G?	(Chantal Sorel) There will be 1270 spots in Block F and 1586 spots in Block G.
How many parking spots will be reserved for handicapped people?	(Ms. Sorel) A minimum number of spots are required by law. We will of course respect this, but I don't know the exact number.
Who will manage the parking once the hospital is finished?	(Ms. Sorel) The MUHC will manage parking.

## MUHC presentation (Pierre Major)

Mr. Major announced that the MUHC is issuing 400 calls for tenders for movable equipment and over 38,000 pieces of furniture. In preparation for the move, the MUHC is mobilizing its internal community and creating a transfer and operations plan to achieve full deployment for 2015.

## Presentation of the Ministère des transports du Québec (Martin Giroux)

Work on the interchange ramps stopped on August 16 when the contractor left the worksite. The ministry took action against the surety bond on August 27, and work will begin shortly on the ramp from the A-15 south to the A-20 west and from the A-20 east to the A-15 south. Work to definitively close Carillon Avenue began on September 16. The space is needed to reconstruct the interchange and the future Pullman Boulevard. Thereafter, traffic will be rerouted to the new Pullman Boulevard, which will be connected to Notre-Dame Street. Work is ongoing in the Turcot Yard to construct a section of the future Pullman Boulevard and the overpasses. This work will not impede traffic in any way. For the Saint-Jacques bridge, the Saint-Pierre collector is delaying the call for tenders, as repairs have to be done in December or after the holidays, as there is less water in the collector at this time. We hope to issue a call for tenders very soon, but the work will not start before December.

## Presentation of the Shriners hospitals for children (Robert Nadeau)

Approximately 100 people are currently hard at work at the Shriners site with the management team from SNC-Lavalin's construction division (approximately 20 people), which is now working out of its temporary site office on Décarie Boulevard. After receiving a permit from the City of Montreal for the building foundations on May 15, we then received the permit for the entire hospital on July 17. Mr. Nadeau explained that the work to fill the bottom of the excavation pit was completed in August, meaning that almost no more earth needs to be trucked in. The concrete for the first structural slab is scheduled to be poured on August 29; this represents an important milestone.

Work on the foundation walls up to the ground floor will continue until the end of September. The end of the structural concrete work, initially planned for December, will now be done in

January due to the strike and bomb threats; however, catch-up work is currently being done on Saturdays to minimize work during the winter.

The civil engineering work to hook up the drainage system from the Shriners to the city sewers on Saint-Jacques Street will be done in mid-September. This will require closing the highway off-ramp and completely closing Saint-Jacques for approximately 1 week. A news release will be issued once the permit to cut the road has been obtained from the borough. Once the system has been hooked up at Saint-Jacques, the civil engineering work and work to hook up the natural gas will continue on the MTQ's strip of land until the beginning of October with minimum disruption. There is close coordination on a daily basis between our team at the Shriners and the MUHC project team as well as with staff from the city and public utilities.

#### **AMT presentation (Alexandre Eyquem)**

The project to repair the railway infrastructure in Westmount, which we announced at the previous Good Neighbourly Relations Committee meeting, started in the middle of August. We are currently conducting work in Westmount. We will then move towards NDG/CDN during the fall. A precise timetable for each signal gantry has not yet been determined. When all timeframes have been finalized, we will organize a meeting with residents to provide them with this information. The new piling technique will also be presented at this meeting.

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

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.**