

Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee Meeting
April 28, 2011
Meeting Summary

Present:

Meeting Facilitator: Bruce Davis, Public Progress Inc.

Community Members: Charles Bruere; Huong Deu; C. Fletcher; Sheila Furness; Mitzi D'Souza; John Wilson.

Toronto Public Library Riverdale Branch: Niki Lawrence; Theresa Moulds

PCL Constructors: Sandro Marcuzzi, Project Manager.

Bridgepoint Health: Jocelyn Brodie, Chief, Corporate Communications and Community Relations; Julie Dowdie, Communications Specialist; Tony Khouri, Director, Redevelopment.

Introductions and Meeting Agenda

B. Davis introduced representatives from Bridgepoint, PCL Constructors, and Plenary Health.

B. Davis noted that the purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for community organizations and neighbours in the immediate vicinity of Bridgepoint to be updated on and to discuss the progress of the construction of the new Bridgepoint Hospital.

The Committee's [Terms of Reference](#), as well as information about Bridgepoint's redevelopment, is available on the Bridgepoint website. The group was also reminded about Bridgepoint's redevelopment community newsletter, [Changing the Landscape](#), and the construction hotline (416-305-1663) and e-mail (construction@bridgepointhealth.ca) as other ways to keep updated and provide feedback on the project.

B. Davis explained that the meeting agenda would include an update on the current status of the redevelopment project and upcoming work over the next several months. There would then be time to hear any new questions or concerns.

Current Construction Progress and Upcoming Milestones

S. Marcuzzi informed the group that construction of the concrete for parking level 2 to the third floor of the hospital is now complete. The fourth floor is 80% complete and the fifth floor is 40% complete. By October, PCL will have completed up to the top of the building.

PCL is beginning the drywall and masonry wall construction on the completed floors and this will continue as the other floors progress. In addition, installation of the curtainwall (the glass that surrounds the outside of the building) will commence in June.

Renovations are ongoing in the Administration Building (historic Don Jail). Activities include structural steel installation and the construction of new concrete floors and walls. Scaffolding has also been set up around the outside of the building to facilitate exterior renovation work. These activities will continue over the next three months. In addition, drywall installation will commence in the building. Over the summer, a new air handling unit will also be installed in the ventilation towers at the top of the building.

One attendee questioned whether the ventilation tower was going to be an eyesore on the Administration Building. T. Khouri replied that the ventilation towers are going to be re-installed as they were originally and as per the heritage plan and they will not look any different.

Another attendee inquired about what is happening to materials that are not being used from the Administration Building. S. Marcuzzi replied that many of the materials are being recycled. In addition, because the new hospital is LEED certified, it follows very strict guidelines for how any material is disposed of.

A question was posed about what level of LEED certification the new hospital has. T. Khouri replied that it has general LEED certification.

New Questions and Concerns

One attendee wondered about what historical elements will be preserved in the Administration Building. T. Khouri replied that under heritage agreements with the City of Toronto and Ontario Heritage Trust, Bridgepoint will be preserving one cell block in the basement, as well as the gallows. The public will also have access to the rotunda during the day, which will have historical information on the Don Jail.

Another attendee asked if access for film and TV crews will be maintained. T. Khouri replied that these decisions will be made on an individual basis.

An individual questioned if the exterior of the Administration Building will be preserved. S. Marcuzzi replied that the brick will be cleaned and there will be nothing new on the façade.

A meeting participant wondered about the status of the construction at the north end of the site close to Riverdale Park. S. Marcuzzi informed the group that the work was to complete a sanitary connection for new hospital to the main line that ran into park. The work is now complete and the area will be resodded to its original condition shortly.

A local resident asked if there will still be new stoplights on Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street East that connect to the hospital's new site. A representative from Councillor Paula Fletcher's office informed the group that she will check into the status of the new stoplights and report back at a future meeting.

The status of Bridgepoint's response to the Riverside Area Residents Association (RARA) presentation at the January 2011 meeting was raised. B. Davis informed attendees who may not have been at the January meeting that RARA made a proposal and slideshow on traffic and parking controls in the neighbourhood post-construction. A request was made for Bridgepoint to support their proposal to the City.

Bridgepoint has responded with a formal letter to RARA thanking them for the presentation and informing them that traffic studies were conducted in the initial development phases of the project. Bridgepoint has recommended that RARA independently share their recommendations with the City as any changes would be led by the City.

An attendee wonder if there will still be a trail connection to park. T. Khouri replied that yes the new site will still have a connection with the park. .

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee will be held in late September or early October 2011. Meeting information will be posted on the Bridgepoint [website](#), and will also be communicated in Bridgepoint's community newsletter, [Changing the Landscape](#).