

Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee Meeting
January 25, 2011
Meeting Summary

Present:

Meeting Facilitator: Bruce Davis, Public Progress Inc.

Community Members: Doug Gowans; W. Jenns; J. McKean; Tony Whitaker

Riverside Area Residents Association (RARA): L. Bourguois; Mary Kelly

Toronto Public Library Riverdale Branch: Niki Lawrence

PCL Constructors: Darius Zaccak, Project Director, Bridgepoint Hospital Redevelopment

Plenary Health: Albert Iwasaki, Manager, Project Delivery

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

D. Zaccak from PCL Constructors informed attendees that construction of the P1 and P2 parking levels, as well as the Loading and Ground Levels, is now complete. The Main Floor is about 30 per cent complete and work has also begun on the Second Floor. By June of this year, construction will have progressed to the Fifth Floor of the new hospital.

Also in June of this year, the crane on the north end of the construction site will be taken down. The middle and south end cranes will remain for the duration of the construction project.

PCL is completing a sewer connection between the new hospital and the Municipal drainage system just inside Riverdale Park. One attendee questioned if this work will impact the pedestrian pathway. D. Zaccak confirmed that there may be a temporary diversion required, but a pathway connection will always be available.

D. Zaccak reported that PCL's private, offsite parking lot on Carroll Street for PCL staff and contractors continues to function well. An attendee commented that the workers he sees in the neighbourhood are very respectful, but would like to know about the material being stored on the lot.

D. Zaccak replied that the material includes large slab formwork frames. These frames will be used to build the various floors of the new hospital. They will be transported to the construction site on flatbed trucks with police escorts about two to three times per week during the month of February. Every attempt will be made to transport them during non-peak hours.

An attendee asked about the security on PCL's offsite parking lot and questioned if more is required to monitor the material. D. Zaccak responded that there is a security guard present in the early morning hours before sunrise. He also pointed out that the frames will be moved off the lot shortly, and cannot be lifted easily. However, he will continue to monitor the security situation.

D. Zaccak updated the group about construction activities in the Administration Building (historic Don Jail). In addition to ongoing interior renovations, scaffolding has been erected around the outside of the building to facilitate brick restoration activities that will begin in the spring. One participant asked when the Don Jail restorations will be completed. D. Zaccak replied the work will be done by approximately March of 2013.

Attendees agreed that they were generally happy with the way the neighbourhood is being respected during the construction.

Next Meeting Date

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