

Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee Meeting
June 29, 2010
Meeting Summary

Present:

Meeting Facilitator: Bruce Davis, Public Progress Inc.

Community Members: David Hunwigs; Peter Keyser; Mary Kelly Rara; William Jenus Rara.

Plenary Health: Malcolm Lawrie, Vice President, Project Delivery.

PCL Constructors: Rob Corstorphine, Project Manager.

Bridgepoint Health: Julie Dowdie, Communications Specialist; Tony Khouri, Director, Redevelopment; Angela Wong, Executive Assistant.

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 discuss progress and challenges related to the construction of the new Bridgepoint Hospital. The Committee's [Terms of Reference](#) are available on the Bridgepoint website.

B. Davis explained that the meeting agenda would include a general "check in" on items discussed at previous meetings, an update on the current status of the redevelopment project and upcoming milestones, as well as any new questions or concerns.

Current Construction Progress and Upcoming Milestones

R. Corstorphine from PCL Constructors presented the group with a poster showing an aerial shot of the construction site to illustrate the current status of the project and key milestones over the next several months.

The work along Don Jail Roadway which had been causing lane restrictions has been complete since the end of May.

The bulk excavation for the new hospital is also complete. PCL is now working on installing caissons, which are the piles that the building sits on. The number of dump trucks at the construction site will be reduced to about 10 a day. There will still be some deliveries for the caissons, but these trucks will not arrive before 8 a.m. or after 3 p.m.

During the month of August, construction of the hospital footings will be completed and construction of the hospital structure will commence. This will involve daily concrete deliveries of about 20 trucks per day, three times per week, and five to 10 trucks per day on the other two days.

Also during the month of August, detailed excavation and waterproofing will continue around the south perimeter of the historic Don Jail progressing from the southwest corner to the south centre stairs. There will be a maximum of two dump trucks per day coming to the site for this work. This will increase to about four or five dump trucks per day in September as work ramps up. Excavated material will be retained on site for reuse.

One resident asked if materials removed from the Don Jail could be used in Riverdale Park, or given to interested residents.

R. Corstorphine responded that every attempt is being made to reuse materials from the Don Jail. Excavated materials not used in the restoration of the Don Jail will be used for landscaping the park area north of the Don Jail on the new Bridgepoint Hospital site.

PCL is putting together a catalogue for Bridgepoint Health and the City of Toronto of any materials from the Don Jail that will not be used in the restoration or park area. The City and the government agency, Ontario Heritage Trust, will identify historical societies who will receive the materials. Any materials left over after that will be taken to the Leslie Street Spit.

Residents inquired if some materials from the Don Jail could be used in the park on the new Bridgepoint Hospital site to the south of the Don Jail, as well as if all materials could be used in some way instead of being taken to the Leslie Street Spit. B. Davis said this was something Bridgepoint and PCL would look into.

General Discussion Items

One resident complimented PCL on their efforts to ensure no mud or debris is coming off the construction site. He emphasized that this was “the cleanest construction site I have ever seen.”

Another resident added that he wouldn't notice that there was a construction site if he didn't travel along Gerrard Street East and that he does not hear a lot of noise at all.

A question was asked about the plans for the Lawn Bowling Club building which sits on Broadview Avenue by Riverdale Park. T. Khouri responded that this is the responsibility of the City of Toronto and any inquiries should be directed to them. The resident added that the Lawn Bowling Club building has now become an eyesore and Bridgepoint should “be a good neighbour” and ask the City to make it more a part of the park. B. Davis said he would raise the issue with Councillor Paula Fletcher’s office.

One resident said he felt illegal parking on local side streets seems to now ebb and flow. It was improving, but lately the situation has worsened. He said he sees the same cars, some that sit there all day with no tickets on them. This resident wondered if Toronto Police Parking Enforcement can step up their efforts again. B. Davis said that a broader meeting with the City may have to be set up to rethink strategies to deal with illegal parking on side streets.

Another question was raised over rumours that a methadone clinic is being established in the offices on the east side of Broadview Avenue, just north of Gerrard Street East. B. Davis informed the group that he had checked with the City on this issue, but no one was able to confirm this information. It was noted, however, that this issue has nothing to do with Bridgepoint or its redevelopment and as such, could not be addressed through the Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee. The resident noted that the initial rumour was that the methadone clinic would be set up by 2013, and subsequent information indicated that it would be operational in the fall of 2010. He felt that the community needs to know about the facility. Again, it was noted that Bridgepoint has nothing to do with methadone clinics and as such, was not able to shed light on this issue.

A final question was posed regarding whether the park area in front of the Don Jail on the new Bridgepoint Hospital site will belong to Bridgepoint or the City. It was noted that the park area will belong to the City as part of a land exchange agreement between the City and Bridgepoint.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee will be September 23, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 415 Broadview Avenue (just north of Gerrard Street East). Meeting information will be posted on the Bridgepoint [website](#), and will also be communicated via a flyer to local residents.