

**Riverdale-Bridgepoint Redevelopment Liaison Committee Meeting  
September 23, 2010  
Meeting Summary**

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**Present:**

Meeting Facilitator: Bruce Davis, Public Progress Inc.

Riverdale Area Residents Association (RARA): L. Bourgeois; Mary Kelly

Toronto Public Library Riverdale Branch: Niki Lawrence

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

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

**Introductions and Meeting Agenda**

B. Davis introduced representatives from Bridgepoint and PCL Constructors.

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 items that members would like to discuss.

**Current Construction Progress and Upcoming Milestones**

D. Zaccak from PCL Constructors informed the group that, since the last meeting in June, all three tower cranes for the construction site have been erected. The north crane near Riverdale Park will be taken down once the new building rises above ground in the spring of 2011, but the other two cranes will stay up for the duration of the construction.

Since excavation activities ended in August, the volume of trucks traveling to and from the construction site has been reduced by 80%. It is now mainly concrete

delivery trucks which access the site. This involves, on average, daily concrete deliveries Monday to Friday of approximately 20 trucks per day three times per week, and five to 10 trucks per day on the other two days of the week.

D. Zaccak explained that concrete pours to build the underground parking areas and loading dock are currently underway. This “steady state” of building the concrete structure of the new hospital will continue for the next year.

Interior alteration work has also begun inside the Don Jail and will continue over the next several months.

D. Zaccak pointed out that the demand for parking by PCL staff and contractors is lower than anticipated, with many workers taking public transit or carpooling. As a result, the private, offsite parking lot PCL secured on Carroll Street has more than enough capacity for their staff.

In response to this update, an attendee mentioned that she sees about 50 cars parked in the PCL lot per day. She also mentioned that both she and her neighbours have been very impressed by the conduct of the PCL staff and contractors.

### **General Discussion Items**

One attendee asked why the new hospital is going to be 10 storeys instead of the 15 storeys originally announced. T Khouri replied that the hospital has been designed to accommodate the programs that will be delivered in it.

An inquiry was made regarding whether materials salvaged from the Don Jail could be made available to local residents. D. Zaccak replied 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. Any materials from the Don Jail that will not be used in the restoration or park area will be catalogued and the City of Toronto and Ontario Heritage Trust will identify historical societies to receive them. PCL and Bridgepoint will investigate if there is an opportunity for local residents to receive any remaining materials and follow up at a future Liaison Committee meeting.

An attendee presented an Ontario Municipal Board decision from January 2007, which discussed the need for underground parking for the new hospital, and any other buildings that will be developed on the site. T. Khouri replied that Bridgepoint will review the OMB decision and follow up at the next Liaison Committee meeting. However, he informed the group that future development for the additional parcels of land on the new hospital site has not been determined. Underground parking is currently being constructed for the new hospital.

## **Next Meeting Date**

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