



## East side near neighbour meeting – March 5, 2019 Gore Road Fire Hall

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**What we heard – below is an overview of questions we heard from residents during the last east side near neighbour meeting and the project team responses.**

### Environmental considerations

- **Questions around environmental considerations specifically relating to turtles and bats in the area and species at risk.**
  - Project team spoke about environmental management plans for trees, turtles and bats. Additional field studies have been completed for Species at Risk Bats through acoustical monitoring in June 2018 and snag surveys during the tree inventory work in the fall of 2018. The team conducting the geotechnical drilling on water were briefed on turtle encounter protocols prior to commencing the work in the fall of 2018; however no turtles were encountered.
- **Comments around the previous clear cutting by Hydro One that there seemed to be no thought put into keep trees or management for the preservation of trees.**
  - Project team spoke about working with certified arborists and landscape architects and has been developing a Tree Management Plan to allow more trees to be retained and only remove the necessary trees to accommodate the bridge. Arborists completed an inventory in November 2018 as part of the plan and returned in March 2019 to identify the initial trees that need to be removed before the Species At Risk Bat season comes into effect this Spring.
- **Concerns around bats and wanting to know more about efforts made to ensure team is aware of bat roosting for common bats as well as the Species at Risk Bats.**
  - Project team confirmed bats are part of the consideration in work planning and in field work. The studies and discussions that have been completed to date are being used to prepare a Wildlife Management Plan, as part of the overall Environmental Management Plan, that will include training for field personnel, protocols to be used for minimize the risk to wildlife, and

procedures for managing encounters. For the Species at Risk Bats the project team has received a letter of Advice from the MNRF that provides that removal of snag trees cannot occur between April 1st and September 30th. Which is why the selective removal of some trees is happening in March 2019 to accommodate the bat season while allowing the team to move forward with some preparatory work.

- The Project Team confirmed with our subject matter experts after the meeting that while the focus is upon providing roost habitat in the form of bat houses for Species at Risk Bats, common bat species may also use these bat houses.
- **A question around sediment control and what provisions will be in place for proper sediment control.**
  - Project team identified that a floating silk curtains will go around the entire perimeter of the in-water activities to prevent sediment migrating throughout the river.
- **A request of the team was made to mark the trees that will remain so near neighbours are aware of which trees are remaining.**
  - The project team will conduct this as part of the arborist's review of the final construction clearing limits.

## Emergency vehicles

- **A question around emergency vehicles using the bridge and if there will be enough room for the emergency vehicles to pass other vehicles and get to where they need to go?**
  - Project team confirmed emergency vehicles will have enough room to pass vehicles.
- **Question around location of Fire Halls and future plans.**
  - Project team provided contact information for Fire Service to ask questions directly of that team.

## Multi-use pathway

- **Questions around design of multi-use pathway, what's included and how it was designed to keep vehicles and the pathway separate.**
  - Design of pathway is to include room for pedestrians, wheelchairs, cyclists and other modes of active transportation.
  - Project team identified the multi-use pathway will be designed to prevent motor vehicles from driving into the pathway. The pathway will be separated by a concrete barrier separating the motor vehicle lanes from the multi-use pathway. The paved shoulders on

the bridge can also be used for vehicles that need to pull over, should there be a vehicle break-down or maintenance vehicle stopped on the bridge.

- **Question about if the multi-use pathway be snowplowed in the winter**
  - The team confirmed the pathway will be plowed in the winter as part of the city's ongoing maintenance and operation of the bridge.

## Hwy 15 and Gore Road

- A question around access on and off the ramp from Gore Road to Hwy 15 – will there be extra ramps going on the bridge and will the road be widened to allow for the bridge approach?
  - Project team answered that there will be a reconfiguration of that intersection at Hwy 15 and Gore Road to allow easier access on and off the bridge.
  - A Class EA is currently underway for the widening of Highway 15. As part of the Third Crossing Preliminary Design project, lane arrangements selected for the Gore Road-Highway 15 intersection have been co-ordinated with the Highway 15 Class EA work to ensure a cohesive design for this intersection.
- **Comments and questions about intersection of Point St. Mark and Gore Road and what considerations are being made for access into Point St. Mark off of the bridge.**
  - Project team stated traffic monitoring of that area will begin in the spring at that intersection and as part of the Environmental Assessment another traffic assessment will occur after bridge construction. A commitment was made to engage near-neighbour residents on this subject to gather more information.
- **A question around who looks after roadways when construction starts.**
  - Project team identified the contractor, Kiewit, is responsible for road maintenance of the project area over the project construction schedule but are currently working with the City's Public Works department as after the bridge is built the asset will be handed over to the City.

## East side library

- **A question around if construction staff will use the library parking lot for parking.**
  - Project team confirmed that construction staff parking has been considered and will not be parking in the library parking lot but rather in a designated project area. Some construction activities may need to travel through the parking lot on occasion and notice

will be provided to the parking lot users through onsite signage.

## **Bridge design**

- **Comments around the new bridge design and disappointed in changes and if the new design maintains the navigable channel.**
  - Project team confirmed the new design maintains the navigable channel and has been working with the rowing club with all the design changes.

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