



JACQUES CARTIER BRIDGE GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Major steel reinforcement work on the Jacques Cartier Bridge in 2017

MINUTES

Meeting held June 6, 2017 (7:00 p.m.)

Centre St-Pierre, 1212 Rue Panet, Montreal, QC H2L 2Y7

Representatives present

THE JACQUES CARTIER AND CHAMPLAIN BRIDGES INCORPORATED (JCCBI)

- + Manon Leroux, Director, Projects
- + Andy Woo, Director, Planning
- + Julie Paquet, Director, Communications
- + Janick Bonnier, Engineer, Construction
- + Vincent Guimont-Hébert, Engineer, Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility
- + Joëlle-Ann Blanchette, Advisor, Communications

CONSORTIUM WSP-CIMA+ (WSC)

- + Yannick Lafleur, Engineer, Site Supervisor
- + Guy Lemay, Engineer, Site Supervisor

MONTAGE SAINT-LAURENT (MSL)

- + Michel Lauzier, Director, Operations

VILLE DE MONTRÉAL (VdM)

- + Pierre-André Volcy, Noise Control Technician, Permits and Inspection Division
- + Norbert Payne, Noise Control Technician, Permits and Inspection Division

SPVM – POSTE DE QUARTIER CENTRE-SUD (SPVM)

- + Christophe Van-Eyck, Officer, Poste de quartier 22

SPECTRE DE RUE

- + Jean-Denis Mahoney, Community Worker

Meeting called to order

INTRODUCTION BY JULIE PAQUET

The moderator called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She went over the committee's mandate and the goals of the meeting: provide an update about the steel work on the Jacques Cartier Bridge (Montreal sector) and temporary compensatory measures; discuss the work planned for 2018; review the public consultation exercise on the development of the land under the bridge; and present the new community partnership with Spectre de rue. The panelists introduced themselves to the committee members and residents.

Update about ongoing steel work, upcoming phases, and the implementation of temporary compensatory measures

PRESENTATION BY MANON LEROUX

The reinforcement of the metal structure of the Jacques Cartier Bridge represents the largest steel contract in the bridge's history; it involves replacing the braces and reinforcing a number of structural steel components.

The work is being done in Montreal (between Viger, De Lorimier, De Maisonneuve and Dorion) and includes removing metal rivets, performing temporary and permanent boltings, installing

scaffolding, installing steel plates, jacking the bridge, and painting certain sections. Preparatory work is always done during the day. Structural components are replaced during the evening, night and weekend (traffic lanes are closed above the work areas).

About 90% of the Phase-1 work (between Tansley and De Maisonneuve) is complete. The steel work should end in June and will be followed by painting and cleaning. The first work phase should end in July. Phase 2 (between De Maisonneuve and the bridge entrance) will start in October and continue until spring 2018. The third and final work phase (between Tansley and De Maisonneuve) will start in summer 2018 and continue until spring 2019.

JCCBI takes the comments and concerns of waterfront residents very seriously. In recent months, JCCBI has received comments about hammering noise, the work site schedule, dust caused by the work, and the reversal of traffic on Falardeau Street.

In response to these comments, JCCBI implemented the following mitigation measures:

- + Optimization of work schedules (restriction of noisy work early in the morning)
- + Cleaning of the site and sidewalk
- + A notice mailed to residents about the reversal of traffic on Falardeau Street

In spring 2017, meetings were organized with the owners of condos next to JCCBI land to consult with them about implementing temporary compensatory measures to minimize the impact and beautify the sector during the work. Agreements will be signed shortly with the parties concerned. Work to install the fences and flower boxes will take place in summer 2017.

Discussion period

QUESTION	ANSWER
Victor Balsis: Are you planning to perform water retention work in the Sainte-Catherine sector anytime soon?	Janick Bonnier (JCCBI): This work has been included in the project to redevelop the land under the Jacques Cartier Bridge (2020-2021). However, a specific date for this work has not been set for the moment.
Denis Parent: Are you planning to redevelop the bicycle path sector near Dorion Street to make it safer for users to cross in this area?	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): Discussions about the bicycle path in this sector are ongoing.</p> <p>Andy Woo (JCCBI): These safety issues must be addressed in collaboration with the Ville de Montréal. We'll contact them to clarify and possibly revamp the route of the bicycle path in this area.</p> <p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): Projects are underway to redevelop the pedestrian/bicycle paths with the medium-term goal of putting pedestrians on one side of the bridge and cyclists on the other so that we can improve equipment to ensure user safety. Discussions are also underway with the Ville de Montréal to simplify the bicycle paths in the neighbourhood and improve user safety.</p> <p>Joëlle-Ann Blanchette (JCCBI): A pilot project will also be launched this summer on the Jacques Cartier pedestrian and bicycle path network in collaboration with the SQ to make users aware of safe conduct. For the project, six SQ cadets will start patrolling the path and sidewalk starting in July.</p>

<p>Resident: Could you change the schedules so that the work starts later in the morning and finishes earlier in the evening?</p>	<p>Janick Bonnier (JCCBI): For the current work, we've optimized the schedules so that most of the noisy work is done during the day (and starts after 7:00 a.m. as much as possible) instead of at night. Unfortunately, what's being done requires night work because the traffic lanes on the bridge have to be closed. The steel work should finish in June and will be followed by cleaning and painting work. The first work phase should finish in July.</p> <p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): We are currently finishing the first phase of the work. However, new noise mitigation measures are being studied and will be implemented for upcoming work phases.</p>
<p>Ethel Laurendeau: Could the bridge be closed during the day instead of at night for the work to be done?</p>	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): In the past months, we have closed lanes during the day on weekends to concentrate as much work as possible during the day, but we can't do this during the week due to the volume of traffic.</p>
<p>Resident: Will Phase 3 (summer 2018) be in the exact same area as the current work or will it be more to the north?</p>	<p>Janick Bonnier (JCCBI): Phase 3 is scheduled for summer 2018 and will be a bit more to the north of the current work, i.e., from Tansley Street to De Maisonneuve Boulevard.</p>
<p>Léo Pelletier: What type of work will be done in the upcoming phases?</p>	<p>Manon Leroux (JCCBI): The work will be the same as what we're doing now, i.e., work to reinforce the metal structure of the bridge. However, as previously mentioned, new noise mitigation measures will be implemented during subsequent phases. We are studying a variety of methods to further minimize the noise during the upcoming work phases.</p>

Review of public consultation exercise on the plans to develop the land under the Jacques Cartier Bridge (2020-2021)

PRESENTATION BY ANDY WOO

A prefeasibility study to develop the land under the Jacques Cartier Bridge is currently ongoing. This project is part of the plan to revitalize the Jacques Cartier Bridge and make it a more seamless part of its environment. Organized jointly with the borough of Ville-Marie, the public consultation held on April 20 was attended by over 200 people who came to get information, provide information about local issues, and suggest ideas about how to redevelop the sector. Six discussion roundtables were held on various themes: the overall project (2); redeveloping the land under the bridge; traffic networks; the development of local streets and areas around the metro; and the city entrance. Overall, citizen response to JCCBI's project has been very positive. The final public consultation report will be available soon on the Citizen Forum page of www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca.

The design of the final development plans will start in fall 2017 following an analysis of the public consultation results and comments received. An update on the project will be presented at the next Jacques Cartier Bridge Good Neighbourly Relations Committee meeting. The work to develop the land near the bridge is scheduled to take place in 2020-2021.

Partnership with Spectre de rue (2017-2018)

PRESENTATION BY VINCENT GUIMONT-HÉBERT AND JEAN-DENIS MAHONEY

JCCBI recently signed an agreement with the community nonprofit Spectre de rue to help any homeless or marginalized people in the Ville-Marie borough near the Jacques Cartier Bridge.

As it wants to implement a lasting solution, JCCBI has created an intervention plan with Spectre de rue to provide ongoing support and to refer any homeless or marginalized people in the area near the bridge to the appropriate resources. Street workers will also be deployed in the sector to educate and help the local community find solutions to problems related to the presence of homeless and marginalized people in the area.

Discussion period

QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>Victor Balsis: Can we still submit our comments about the development project?</p>	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): Yes, definitely. The City hired an organization to lead the public consultation on the development of the broader sector; their report is what will be published soon. Having said that, you can always send us your comments and ideas for the project to redevelop the land under the bridge, and we will consider them during the next stages of our project.</p> <p>Andy Woo (JCCBI): It would be better if you sent us your comments as soon as possible so that we can consider them right now during the first stages of the project.</p>
<p>Mona Hanne: Could you include an art installation in the redevelopment plans instead of a pétanque terrain? We're worried that the pétanque terrain will eventually become covered in litter or get very noisy.</p>	<p>Christophe Van-Eyck (SPVM): During the summer, the Poste de quartier 22 dedicates eight police officers and six cadets to patrol Sainte-Catherine Street and the area surrounding the Jacques Cartier Bridge to make the sector safe. Rest assured that we have also requested that SPVM patrollers be assigned to the sector (once the land under the bridge has been redeveloped) to increase residents' feeling of safety. In collaboration with JCCBI and other community partners, we will provide a police presence and conduct surveillance in the area.</p>
<p>Léo Pelletier: I live at the corner of De Lorimier and René-Lévesque and our condo is landscaped so that it cuts the noise. A development that encourages people to come to this sector will create even more noise, and this worries us a great deal. Could you consider this in your final development plans?</p>	<p>Andy Woo (JCCBI): We have designed the preliminary plans so that there is a gradual progression in the urban space. Spaces that are more recreational in nature and noisier will be located closer to Sainte-Catherine, and the closer you get to René-Lévesque Boulevard, the more the space is designed for activities that are less noisy. We suggested the idea of a pétanque terrain because we thought that it wouldn't create a lot of noise. However, since some residents in the sector don't seem to agree with this proposal, we're going to review it and think of another option.</p>

<p>Resident: Is it the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) or the SPVM who will patrol the new area under the bridge?</p>	<p>Christophe Van-Eyck (SPVM): The SQ never conducts patrols under the Jacques Cartier Bridge. This territory is the responsibility of the SPVM.</p>
<p>Victor Balsis: I attended the public consultation for the redevelopment project. During one of the round tables, someone suggested creating a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Montreal, instead of having elevated ramps, to accommodate residents in the sector. Do you think that this suggestion will be taken seriously?</p>	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): The Ville de Montréal is responsible for this part of the project. During the consultation exercise, JCCBI submitted proposals to redevelop the land under the bridge (federal land) and the City presented its long-term vision to redevelop the territory (municipal land). This project, which is at a more preliminary stage, is to revamp the entrance to the city, traffic patterns, and neighbourhood life, and so the reflection process encompasses a lot more. However, I can confirm that the City has indeed heard and noted this comment. We are currently attending technical meetings for the City's project. While I can't make a commitment on behalf of the City, I can say that your proposal has been heard and noted.</p>
<p>Resident: What's going on with the snow removal for the Jacques Cartier Bridge bicycle path?</p>	<p>Andy Woo (JCCBI): We want to have the bicycle path open all winter, and we're currently studying the different available options. This project has a number of safety and maintenance coordination issues, but our goal is to eventually have the path open all winter, and we're working to make that happen.</p>
<p>Resident: Do you know when you'll be able to share this plan with us (bicycle path/winter opening)?</p>	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): I believe that we'll be able to present a more detailed action plan by the end of the summer.</p>
<p>Resident (Tansley Street): I just wanted to mention that many of us are very happy about this new redevelopment project in the sector. We have young families, and we're very positive about the creation of family-oriented recreational spaces in the area.</p>	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): Thank you very much for these comments. They're much appreciated.</p>
<p>Resident: What is the budget for the project to redevelop the land under the bridge?</p>	<p>Andy Woo (JCCBI): For the land under the Jacques Cartier Bridge, the project budget will be around \$10 million, and this amount will be fully covered by JCCBI.</p>
<p>Resident: When do you intend to implement the project to separate the pedestrian and bicycle paths on the bridge?</p>	<p>Andy Woo (JCCBI): This project is currently ongoing. The goal is to make the bicycle and pedestrian networks safe by reducing the risks related to the presence of pedestrians on the bicycle path. The work to make separate paths is planned for fall 2017.</p>
<p>Resident (Tansley Street): As a resident of the sector, I would also like to say that I'm very happy about this new partnership with Spectre de rue.</p>	<p>Vincent Guimont-Hébert (JCCBI): Thank you very much for your comment.</p>
<p>Resident (Tansley Street): I would also like to say that I'm very happy that</p>	<p>Julie Paquet (JCCBI): Thank you very much.</p>

JCCBI has partnered with Spectre de rue to implement lasting solutions.	
Denis Parent: For this partnership, how many street workers and community workers will be in the sector?	Jean-Denis Mahoney (Spectre de rue): Two community workers and two street workers will make weekly rounds in the Jacques Cartier Bridge area.
Denis Parent: Can we contact you (Spectre de rue and JCCBI) to let you know about any situation we're concerned about?	Julie Paquet (JCCBI): We will inform people soon about an email address and phone number they can use for this purpose. You can also contact us directly at communications@pjcci.ca , and we'll make sure that we follow up as quickly as possible.

Meeting adjourned

The committee meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. The meeting minutes will be available from JCCBI's website at www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca on the Citizen Forum page.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., at the Centre St-Pierre.

For any questions in the meantime, residents, business owners and users can contact JCCBI at:

- + 450-651-8771
- + communications@pjcci.ca

To stay informed about the work, people can register for the "Jacques Cartier" alert via JCCBI's website or follow us on Twitter @pontJCBridge.