

Subject: Fwd: Re: construction dirt on Shuter Street

From: "Tom Burr" <Tom.Burr@torontohousing.ca>

Date: 11/08/2011 12:50 PM

To: "Pam Councillor McConnell" <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>, <bill@unbeldi.com>

Dear Mr Eadie,

I apologise for the time it has taken to respond. Daniels construction co-ordinator was initially on vacation, and we wanted to meet with the Ministry of Environment to agree the best way forward.

The measures for dust control are all outlined in the Phase 2 Construction Management Plan (CMP), and, in response to concerns earlier in the year, we had increased the frequency of the various methodologies outlined in the CMP. The meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Environment took place yesterday. During this meeting we all recognized that given the recent weather conditions, the ability to control dust has become more difficult. In order to deal with the mud tracking and dust from the Phase 2 construction projects the following additional measures were agreed to:

1. Placement of Calcite along sections of St. David and Sackville in order to help keep the dust to the ground.
2. Scrapping of the dirt along the section of Sackville south of St. David to Shuter;
3. Placement of signage along Sackville to decrease truck speed.

In addition, we will continue with the mechanism that were being implemented before which included:

1. Street Sweeping along Shuter, Regent and Dundas (when applicable). Frequency has been twice a day and will be monitored;
2. Street washing along Shuter, Regent and Dundas (when applicable). Frequency has been twice a day and will be monitored;
3. Placement of filter cloth within all catchbasins along Regent Street, St. Bartholomew, Shuter and Dundas Street (where applicable). Checking and cleaning/replacing filter cloth on a weekly basis.
4. Use of mud mats for trucks leaving the site.

It should also be noted that we have been advised of dust happening along Dundas, which seems to be coming from the Aquatic Centre and future park. The Ministry was going to speak to the contractor Atlas regarding their mitigation measures.

These steps are being formally recorded as an addendum to the CMP, but given the delay, I wanted to give you earlier knowledge of the actions.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

regards,

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Subject: Re: construction dirt on Shuter Street

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Date: 10/17/2011 12:12 PM

To: "Bill Eadie" <bill@unbeldi.com>, councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca

CC: "Jason Chen" <Jason.Chen@torontohousing.ca>

Mr Eadie,

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

As discussed, we responded to earlier concerns by doubling the frequency of street cleaning, which we have kept going.

I have raised the matter in strong terms with the builder, and will be reverting back to you this week with a considered response. As you acknowledge, this may also be impacted by the Nelson Mandela project, and we are also liaising with the TDSB project team to ensure the approaches taken are comprehensive.

Regards,

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>>> Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com> 10/13/2011 2:54 PM >>>
Following up on our emails from 2 months ago.

TCHC and the City of Toronto should be making more effort to promptly clean construction dirt from streets surrounding the Regent Park re-construction.

Private construction sites:

- have staff who immediately shovel / sweep mud from the street access to their construction sites
- install "barrier cloth" to prevent dirt from clogging the sewers

Why doesn't TCHC do the same? See these 5 photos (below) taken Oct 12-13.

For the past month:

- the sewer at the north-west corner of Sackville and Shuter has been clogged with mud
- as a result, the street remains flooded for a week after each rainfall, and the sidewalk is impassible to pedestrians
- the street hasn't been washed, so passing motorists create clouds of dust, and accumulated dirt makes the bike lane unsafe
- when street was washed in the past, mud just accumulated at the side of the road, since parked cars, and inadequate parking restrictions prevent sweeping all sections of the street
- today, the dirt is 3-4 inches thick, on the road at the construction entrance immediately west of Nelson Mandella School

TCHC's site supervisor should be taking the initiative to promptly remedy such problems, without requiring ongoing complaints from Shuter St residents.

I hope you can take steps to resolve this problem, and prevent it from re-occurring.











On 07/25/2011 6:55 PM, Tom Burr wrote:

Thanks for your note Bill. I was moving house on Friday, hence the delay in responding.

I think the extra movement is from one of our contractors, Correydale, who is excavator on Block 20. So far they have made a dedicated effort to wash that section of road once a day, in the afternoon. We have now asked Coreydale to split the site watering that keeps the dust down, and put a second wash on the street.

I hope the response generates satisfactory results. Let me know if there are any further issues.

regards,

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>>> Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com> 7/22/2011 10:53 PM >>>

To: Tom Burr

Project Director, Regent Park Revitalization Project

For the past several weeks, construction vehicles (eg. dump trucks) have been making increased use of Sackville, running north off Shuter, to access the Regent Park site. As a result, large amounts of dirt / gravel have fallen off these vehicles as they travel east on Shuter.

Today (Friday), the street was "washed" off by water truck around 4pm, but that was not effective; most of the dirt remained on the road. See photo taken a few hours later (at 7:30pm), looking east on Shuter, in front of Nelson Mandela school (between Sackville and Sumach). If you could arrange for street sweeper to regularly clean this section of Shuter Street 2-3x a week, (similar to street sweeping currently done on Regent St), that would help control the dirt on Shuter.

looking forward to your reply, and assistance with this request.



Attachments:

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