

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #131 Queens Quay Revitalization

January 10, 2015 to January 16, 2015

Happy New Year – We are now entering the final stretch of construction as we approach the official opening in June 2015. Thank you to everyone for your patience during construction.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Temporary Closure: 390 Queens Quay West Laneway

This week, crews are scheduled to continue work on the rebuild of the roadway along the front of 390 Queens Quay and Shoppers Drug Mart. The 390 Queens Quay west laneway, adjacent the Shoppers Drug Mart will be closed for the week of January 12 to accommodate this construction. The east driveway at 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) will remain open at all times. Crews have created a pedestrian diversion path adjacent to the Shoppers Drug Mart using fast fence. Pedestrians will be directed to walk under the building colonnade and along the north side of the Spadina Loop/ 410 Queens Quay property to Spadina Avenue. The laneway will re-open – and the pedestrian diversion fencing will be removed – the week of January 19.

Advance Notice: Temporary Spadina Northbound Closure Week of January 19

Planning is underway for the demolition, removal and re-build of the old roadway at the northeast corner of Lower Spadina and Queens Quay. The construction of the concrete curb cradles along the south side of the 410 Queens Quay property will also be formed at this time.

This work will require the closure of the northbound traffic lanes from Queens Quay for a one week period (weather permitting). Northbound traffic may use Dan Leckie or Bathurst St. During this work, pedestrians will only be able to cross north-south from the west side of the Lower Spadina intersection – the crossing on the east side of the intersection will be closed.

Preparations Begin for Soil Cell Installation West of Rees Street

This week, crews will begin the demolition and removals of the old roadway (south of the TTC corridor) west of Rees Street. This work is in preparation for the excavations that will be performed in following weeks for the installation of soil cells in this area. There will no impact to the TTC, westbound traffic, or pedestrians travelling through this area while this work is in progress.

Bay Street Intersection Landscape Work Begins

Last week crews began landscaping work for the Bay and Queens Quay intersection – starting with the east side of the intersection. Crews began to mobilize to the northeast and southeast corners to prepare for the granite curbs, sidewalks and paleo-tech pavers required as part of the intersection design. Crews have now installed fast fence and created a safe east-west pedestrian diversion around the work area to allow demolition and removals to occur. Pedestrians will be required to use the west side of the intersection in order to cross north-south during this work.

Jersey Barrier Removals

Crews will continue to remove concrete jersey barriers from the Queens Quay site. Next week, flatbed trailers will pick-up and transport a stockpile of jersey barriers from Rees Street (north of Queens Quay) and the Music Garden (south of the TTC Corridor) areas.

Roadwork Completed West of Spadina

Phase Two of the road rebuild and asphalt paving in front of the Kings Landing buildings and up to Yo Yo Ma Lane was completed on Friday, December 19. The westbound traffic lanes west of Lower Spadina were fully re-opened early Monday morning, December 22. The final topcoat paving for this section of roadway will be completed this spring, once asphalt plants reopen for the season.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Granite Sidewalk East of York Ramp

Crews will begin to excavate and remove a small section of concrete sidewalk just east of the York ramp, mid- January. Once the excavations are complete, crews will prepare the sub-base in advance of installing new granite pavers that will connect to the previously completed sections of granite sidewalks in this area. An asphalt pedestrian diversion is in place to allow safe passage around the construction area.

Bay Street Work

Last week, crews completed the pour of the concrete pole foundations at the north-east corner of the Bay and Queens Quay intersection. The demolition of a small portion of the existing sidewalk in this area will follow in subsequent weeks, weather permitting. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. The TTC bus stop in front of 10/20 Bay Street has been moved just north of Harbour Street to accommodate this construction work.

Telecommunications Work at Bay and Queens Quay

DTS – Distinct Technical Services, working on behalf of several telecom companies, have completed their work in both the southwest and southeast corners of Bay and Queens Quay. Some additional work and details may require DTS crews to return and complete additional work this spring. This work is not being undertaken by Eastern Construction.

Harbour Square Area: Granite, Martin Goodman Trail and Roadwork

This week, crews are scheduled to complete the granite paver installation at the 33 Harbour Square / Bay Street area. Once complete, crews will relocate and continue working on the placement of granite and paleotech pavers in the area of York Quay Fine Foods and 77/99 Queens Quay west to York Street. A pedestrian diversion path has been created on the completed portion of the future Martin Goodman Trail to allow pedestrians to pass working crews.

Queens Quay Granite Promenade/Sidewalks

- *Harbourfront Centre to Ann Tindal:* Last week, crews relocated the large tent further east towards Lower Simcoe. Pedestrians traveling east-west were then diverted to use the recently paved Martin Goodman Trail as a diversion path past this work area. This week, crews will continue to work on the construction of the promenade under the protective cover of the large tent adjacent the Bill Boyle Artport building.
- *250/260/270 Queens Quay:* Last week, crews completed the new layby at the entrance area of 260 Queens Quay and continued with the installation of the granite pavers on public realm space west towards Rees Street. This work is being undertaken under the white protective tents.
- *Rees Street intersection:* The installation of granite pavers from the curb area of the Rees intersection up to the public washroom is scheduled to resume by the end of January.
- *EMS Driveway to Peter Slip Bridge:* Last week, crews completed the sub-base preparations and steel edging for the new granite pavers. The installation of the pavers for this area is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.
- *Maple Leaf Quay:* Crews completed the final Toronto Hydro/streetlight pole connections on the south and north side of the Peter Slip bridge in December. Crews will resume work on the sub-base for the new granite pavers near the 350 Queens Quay property and the steps leading to the Maple Leaf Quay Basin, weather permitting.
- *401 Queens Quay/Spadina WaveDeck:* Last week, crews began to fill the silva cells with the new soil composition. This week, PLP crews will occupy this construction area to undertake minor work on a Toronto Hydro cable chamber. Crews expect to complete this work by the end of the week, weather permitting. For the week of January 19, construction crews will return and continue with the sub-base preparations and the installation of the silva soil cells in this area. A diversion pedestrian path has been created for this work to continue. Pedestrians may pass under the colonnade using the 401 Queens Quay staircase – or may use a fully accessible pedestrian diversion located south through HTO Park West along the water's edge and north along the Spadina Slip. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Landscape Work West of Spadina

Last week, crews completed granular sub-base preparations and concrete pour in preparation for granite installation at 10 Lower Spadina. The concrete sidewalks along the Kings Landing and reopening of the new concrete layby at 470 Queens Quay were also completed. This week, crews will continue with the placement of the salvaged granite tiles near the entrance to the Kings Landing residences following City standards.

Late last week, Eastern crews completed the move of the fast fence south to the newly poured concrete curbs which widened the pedestrian paths past the Kings Landing condominiums. Four tree pits will remain fenced off until then spring when the new trees will be planted in this area.

Martin Goodman Trail

- *York Street to Queens Quay Terminal west driveway:* Last week, crews mobilized to site to begin the remediation and replacement of soil cells that were damaged by another contractor. With the approvals of the Queens Quay Terminal property management team, fast fence and a pedestrian diversion path has been constructed which will route pedestrians across the front of the Queens Quay Terminal building. Crews removed the concrete lids over the damaged silva soil cells and began to “dry-vac” the soil composition out from the area. This soil will be stored and reused once the infrastructure has been repaired. This week, further assessments will be undertaken on the extent of the repairs required.
- *Radisson Hotel Area:* Crews completed the form and pour of the concrete covers over the soil cells across the front of the Radisson Hotel. This week, crews expect to complete placement of the steel edging and metal tree rings prior to the installation of the new granite pavers through this area. Fast fence is in place along the property line, allowing for pedestrian access through this area.
- *Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina WaveDeck:* Last week, crews resumed work with the placement of ground heaters which assisted with the pour of the concrete covers for the soil cells west of the Peter Slip and HTO Park West to the driveway entrance of the 401 Queens Quay property. Work included the pouring of the concrete curbs for this area. This work will continue this week, weather permitting. A pedestrian detour through HTO Park West is in place. Heavy rubber mats have now been placed on the Spadina Wavedeck for safe pedestrian passage past this construction area. We apologize for the inconvenience.

New Roadway Construction Underway

- *Bay to RBC:* The section of old roadway from 85 Harbour and the RBC west entrance west to York Street has been removed and the concrete road base has been poured. The catch basin heights within this section of roadway have also been adjusted. The excavation of the section of roadway west of Bay Street, past the 10/20 Bay and the new RBC Centre, is being discussed and coordinated with Oxford Properties and Ellis-Don. Once schedules have been approved, the north side curb lane (westbound lane) will be built and opened first followed by the new eastbound lane.
- *390 and 410 Queens Quay:* The concrete base slab for the new roadway west of the 410 Queens Quay driveway entrance was poured prior to the holiday break. Crews are now planning for the rebuild of the new roadway at the northeast corner of Lower Spadina and Queens Quay during the week of January 19.
- *West of Lower Spadina:* Crews completed work on the asphalt paving of the new roadway in front of Kings Landing in late December. The final topcoat paving for this section of roadway will be completed this spring. Last week, crews continued with the build of the two islands that form the east-bound Queens Quay “traffic cross-over.” The construction of these concrete islands will continue over the next few weeks with the forming and placement of rebar prior to concrete pour, weather permitting.

Toronto Hydro

Work is currently underway in several locations:

- York Street: PLP crews are nearing the completion of trenching from west to east at York and Queens Quay and the associated connections to new cable chambers. Crews expect to finalize this work in the next two weeks, weather permitting.
- Rees/Queens Quay: The new cable chamber at the southwest corner of this intersection (in front of Harbourfront Sailing) has been completed and backfilled. PLP crews completed the form and pour of the top of the chamber at the southeast corner (Tim Hortons), and the strip down of forms for this chamber prior to the holiday break. The next phase of work will be the east-west trenching for the duct banks connecting these new chambers. This work is expected to begin by the end of January.

More Information:

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