



November 16, 2012

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE#25: Queens Quay Revitalization

Stage One: Week of November 19 to November 23, 2012

### TRAFFIC UPDATE

As reported last week, a change in traffic operations will be required for a short stretch of Queens Quay between Bay St and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square (east of York Street). This change, which is pending City approval, is expected to start as early as **Monday, November 19** and will accommodate work required by Toronto Hydro in the north travel lanes. Motorists can expect:

- Travel will be on the southside of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square.
- After 55/65 Harbour Square, vehicles will transition back to the northside of the street.
- A paid duty officer will be at the Bay and Queens Quay intersection to direct traffic from the north to the southside of Queens Quay.
- During the evening, the road will be plated and one lane of westbound travel will be available on the northside of Queens Quay.

#### **Safety Note!**

In order to facilitate the eastbound traffic closure, jersey barriers with fencing have been placed along Queens Quay. These barriers have been placed to protect construction workers, motorists, and pedestrians from the work zones and construction activities. Please use signalized intersections when crossing the street.

Please note that local access in and out of the 10/20 Bay parking lot/service lane – and the Ellis Don construction site– will be maintained from the northside. Hydro’s flagmen will be on the street to direct local traffic in and out of the area. Paid-duty police will also be stationed to help direct traffic.

### WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

#### **TTC Corridor Demolition**

The demolition of the TTC corridor is nearing completion from 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) east to Rees St. Crews are backfilling and laying temporary asphalt on this completed section. The next portion of demolition is expected between Rees St. and Lower Simcoe St. Crews will begin by saw cutting concrete curbs and breaking-up concrete with a hoe-ram. The debris is removed from the site by dump trucks and sent for recycling.

#### What to Expect

Construction noise should be expected with this work (within the City’s Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize each day beginning at 7am, but noisy work, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am. Two westbound travel lanes will be maintained although some localized closures may be required. There will be no disruption to pedestrians.

#### **Saturday Work**

To take advantage of favourable weather conditions, crews will work on the demolition of the TTC corridor tomorrow, Saturday, November 17. Work will begin at 9:00am and will end by 3pm between Lower Simcoe St. and Queens Quay Terminal.

#### **Storm and Sanitary Infrastructure**

Crews (Varcon Construction) will begin to mobilize this week for preliminary preparations for site services work – the construction of new storm and sanitary infrastructure – planned for Queens Quay. The first activities will be preparations for test pits which will be strategically located throughout the entire work zone.

## **TORONTO HYDRO**

Toronto Hydro is expected to work in several locations on Queens Quay.

*Westin Hotel:* Dewatering activities are underway. When the “drawdown” of water is complete, and the work zone is made safe, crews will mobilize and begin the excavation and construction of new cable chambers early in the week.

*Between Bay St. and York St.:* Crews are expected to begin the construction of two chambers in the north travel lanes of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square (pending City approval). In addition, chamber construction at the north-west corner of Queens Quay and York St. is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

*Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge:* The installation of dewatering wells may begin later in the week in the southbound lanes of Queens Quay which are currently within the construction zone. It is anticipated that this work will commence in the west and move east.

*East of Yonge Slip:* The installation of dewatering wells may begin early in the week on the south side walk.

### **What to Expect**

*Westin Hotel Area* - Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel but pedestrian access will be maintained. Pumps and settling tanks are located at the south side curb lane (which is closed to traffic in this area). Some noise can be expected during dewatering and excavation for new chambers.

*Between Bay and York Street* - Pedestrian access will be maintained at all time. Vehicular traffic will be rerouted to the southside travel lanes for a short stretch between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square. Local traffic to 10/20 Bay St. and the Ellis Don construction site (85 Harbour) will be permitted through the construction area. Paid-duty officers will be onsite to help direct traffic. The work in the northside travel lanes is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

*Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge:* Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will not be impacted by this work as it is located within the southside traffic lanes which are currently within the construction zone.

### **BELL**

Bell Canada will continue with its cable placing and splicing activities along Queens Quay with expanded crews and resources.

#### **Possible Saturday Work**

Hydro crews will work between Bay St. and York St. on Saturday, November 17, weather permitting. If necessary, work will occur between 9am and 5pm with intermittent noise disruptions. For questions, please contact Hydro's Customer Operations Representative, Maggie Mu at [mmu@torontohydro.com](mailto:mmu@torontohydro.com) or 416.542.3181.

*Splicing:* Expertech will continue splicing - or connecting - newly installed copper & fibre cables in two manholes located in the intersection of York Street and Queens Quay. A single Expertech van and crew will park near each of these manhole locations with traffic barrels and signs marking their work area.

An additional crew will continue splicing activities at 260 Queens Quay (near Rabba Foods). A single Expertech van and crew will park on the north sidewalk area adjacent to the curb lane. Orange cones and signs will mark their work area. There will be no impact to westbound traffic, and pedestrian access will be maintained.

*Cabling:* Expertech will complete its new cable installations between the two manhole locations at the York/Queens Quay area. Crews will pull new cables from their truck and between each manhole. The truck will be parked near the curb lanes adjacent to the sidewalk with traffic barrels and security cones around each work zone. There will be minimal pedestrian disruption as crews will be predominately working from the adjacent traffic lane. Paid duty police officers will be on site as necessary to direct traffic.

## **ENBRIDGE**

Link-Line, (Enbridge's sub-contractor) experienced some delays with the tie-in of gas services at the intersection of York and Queens Quay for the Queens Quay Terminal building. Crews continue to work on completing the tie-in of new gas services for 207 Queens Quay which is scheduled for the end of this week, or early the following week.

Crews also expect to complete the installation of new gas lines from Ann Tindal Park west to the Rees St. intersection. The trenching work in this zone is primarily in the sidewalk area adjacent to the south curb.

### **What to Expect**

Construction noise should be expected with this work (within the City's Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize beginning at 7am, but noisy work, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am.

Crews will not impact traffic (as they are working in the eastbound lanes which are closed to traffic).

The sidewalk will remain open but some diversion pathways may be required.

## **TTC**

The work of installing the new rails for the westbound TTC streetcar tracks has been completed.

TTC track crews will now focus on installing the new rails inside the tunnel. It is anticipated that the rail installation will be completed in 4-6 weeks. The supply of new rail for this work is already staged and ready in the tunnel. Old rail will be removed and transported out via the portal in the next two weeks.

Little or no disruption to vehicular access along Queens Quay is expected.

### **What to Expect**

Some noise should be expected from the "back-up" truck alarms as these vehicles are positioned at the top of the portal ramp, prepared to remove the old track from site.

Reminder! The TTC operates on a three-shift crew rotation, and are City noise by-law exempt.

## **LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK**

- Eastern/Waterfront Toronto: Demolition of the TTC corridor will continue from Rees Street east to Lower Simcoe.
- Hydro: Chamber construction will continue in front of the Westin hotel and just west of Bay Street. Dewatering installations between York St. and Rees St. will continue.
- Bell: Cabling & splicing activities will continue.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work within the Bay Street tunnel.
- Enbridge: Crews are expected to move to 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) and work east to Rees St. on the southside of Queens Quay.

### **Questions:**

For more information about this work, please email [info@waterfrontontario.ca](mailto:info@waterfrontontario.ca) or for urgent construction issues, contact Robert Pasut, Eastern Construction - (416) 505-3073.