

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #133 Queens Quay Revitalization

January 24, 2015 to January 30, 2015

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Lower Spadina Northbound Lanes Reopen

Last week, crews completed the demolition, removal and re-build of the old roadway at the northeast corner of Lower Spadina and Queens Quay. Work included the construction of the concrete curb cradles along the south side of the 410 Queens Quay property. Asphalt paving of this section of roadway was completed on Friday, January 23. The northbound traffic lanes on Lower Spadina, from Queens Quay will reopen on Monday, January 26. The east-west pedestrian crossing on the north side of Queens Quay at Lower Spadina and Queens Quay will also be reinstated at this time.

Temporary Harbour Square Driveway (at Bay Street) Closure

The construction of the granite promenade across the Harbour Square driveway at Bay Street begins this week. A [special notice](#) for Harbour Square residents and visitors was issued last week. During this construction, the driveway at Bay Street will be temporarily closed, with the alternate entrance/exit via York Street. There will be no impact to the 33 Harbour Square service driveway or the 55/65 or 77/99 driveways. Paid-duty officers will help direct traffic at both the Bay and York Street intersections.

This temporary closure is required to build the new Queens Quay promenade across the driveway. During this closure, crews will demolish and remove the old surface materials, pour a new concrete base and install new granite pavers and curbs. A white tent/canopy will be constructed across the southside driveway entrance to protect working crews and the granite installation from the winter elements. The expected completion date is the week of February 23, 2015.

Advance Notice: Temporary Rees Street (Northbound) Closure Begins Week of February 2

Toronto Hydro crews (PLP) are preparing for tunneling work in the Rees and Queens Quay intersection. This work will require the closure of the northbound traffic lanes on Rees Street from Queens Quay for a four week period, weather permitting. Northbound traffic from Queens Quay may use Lower Simcoe Street or Lower Spadina Avenue. A single lane of southbound traffic will be available on Rees Street from Harbour Street to Queens Quay during this work. Access in and out of the 250/260/270 Queens Quay parking garage on Rees Street will be maintained during this construction.

This work is not being undertaken by Eastern Construction. For more information, contact Dan Stanoev, Toronto Hydro at 416.542.3100.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Bay Street Intersection Landscape Work Continues

Last week crews continued with the landscaping work for the Bay and Queens Quay intersection. Crews are working on the construction of the granite curbs, sidewalks and paleo-tech pavers which are required as part of the intersection design, at both the northeast and southeast corners of this intersection. Fast fence has been erected to create a safe east-west pedestrian diversion around the work area to allow construction to occur. Generators and ground heaters are being used for ground preparations. Pedestrians are required to use the west side of the intersection in order to cross north-south during this work.

Harbour Square Area: Granite, Martin Goodman Trail and Roadwork

Last week, crews completed the majority of the granite paver installation at the 33 Harbour Square / Bay Street area. This included the pour of concrete for the curbs in this area. This week, crews will complete the curb area and tree ring that circles the large tree in southwest corner near the 33 Harbour Square entrance. A shift of the white tent further west towards York Street will allow crews to continue working on the placement of granite and paleotech pavers in the area of York Quay Fine Foods to York Street. A pedestrian diversion path has been created on the completed portion of the future Martin Goodman Trail to allow pedestrians to safely pass working crews.

Granite Sidewalk East of York Ramp

Crews began to excavate and remove a small section of concrete sidewalk just east of the York ramp to accommodate the installation of the streetlight conduits in this area. 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.

Queens Quay Granite Promenade/Sidewalks

- *Bay Street:* Last week, crews continued with pole foundation work at the north-west corner of the Bay and Queens Quay intersection. Crews also began the demolition of a small portion of the existing sidewalk along the west side of Bay Street. 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.
- *Harbourfront Centre to Ann Tindal:* Last week, crews erected a new white tent along the full length of the Bill Boyle Artport building. This week, crews will continue to work on the construction of the promenade under the protective cover of the tent, adjacent the building. Pedestrians traveling east-west are now diverted to use the recently paved Martin Goodman Trail as a safe diversion path past this work area.
- *250/260/270 Queens Quay:* This week, crews will continue their progress west towards Rees Street with the installation of the granite pavers. This work is being undertaken under the white protective tents. The scheduled completion of this portion of the public realm space is expected to occur in early February, at which point the crews will “flip” back to the west side of the Rees Parkette and begin the demolition of the sidewalk space past 250 Queens Quay properties.
- *Rees Street intersection:* The installation of granite pavers from the curb area of the Rees intersection up to the public washroom is now scheduled to resume this April. This schedule is to accommodate PLP crews who will continue working on their tunneling and ductwork in this area.
- *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 once the large white tent which was previously positioned at the Harbourfront Centre, is relocated to this area.
- *Maple Leaf Quay:* 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 in early March.
- *401 Queens Quay/Spadina WaveDeck:* PLP crews are scheduled to undertake minor repair work to a Hydro cable chamber in this area mid-week, weather permitting. When this work is complete, Eastern Construction crews will return to resume the sub-base preparations and installation of silva 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.

Landscape Work West of Spadina

Last week, Eastern crews relocated the remaining sections of fast fence south to the newly poured concrete curbs. This has 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. This week, crews will continue with the placement of the salvaged granite tiles near the entrance to the Kings Landing residences following City standards. This work is scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks, weather permitting.

Martin Goodman Trail

- *York Street to Queens Quay Terminal west driveway:* Last week, crews continued with the remediation and replacement of soil cells that were damaged by another contractor. Crews have removed the concrete lids over the damaged silva soil cells and continued to “dry-vac” the remaining soil composition out from the area. The removal of soil is expected to be completed this week, weather permitting. This soil will be stored and reused once the infrastructure has been repaired. Further investigations to evaluate the extent of damage and remediation of this infrastructure will continue. A pedestrian diversion is in place for pedestrians across the front of the Queens Quay Terminal building.
- *Radisson Hotel Area:* Crews have completed the concrete covers over the soil cells across the front of the hotel. Last week, crews completed the preparation of all the steel edging and metal tree rings that will be installed this week. Granite paver installation through this area is schedule to start in early February, weather permitting. Fast fence is currently in place along the property line, allowing for pedestrian access through this area.
- *West of Rees Street:* Last week, crews completed the demolition and removals of the old roadway (south of the TTC corridor). Crews also began the excavations for the installation of soil cells in this area, and reached the west side of the Rees Slip. Crews will continue moving west this week. There will no impact to the TTC, westbound traffic, or pedestrians travelling through this area while this work is in progress.
- *Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina WaveDeck:* Last week, crews completed the concrete covers for the silva cells in this area. Protective tarps are covering the concrete to allow it to cure. Work on the buffer zones 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.

New Roadway Construction Underway

- *Bay to RBC:* The section of roadway from the RBC west entrance west to York Street was paved late last week. Crews also began work on the north side curb lane. The excavation of the first section of roadway west of Bay Street, past 10/20 Bay and up to the loading dock of the new RBC Centre was completed last week. This week, crews are scheduled to compact, form and pour the concrete base slab, and pave this section, weather permitting. When it is complete and opened the new eastbound lane will be built. The timing for this work has been coordinated with Oxford Properties and Ellis-Don.
- *390 and 410 Queens Quay:* Last week, crews completed the rebuild and asphalt paving of the new roadway at the northeast corner of Spadina / Queens Quay as well as the section of roadway past the 390 Queens Quay property and TTC Spadina Loop entrance. The northbound traffic lanes on Lower Spadina and the 390 Queens Quay west laneway will reopen on Monday, January 26. The east-west pedestrian paths at Lower Spadina, and between the 390 and 410 Queens Quay properties will also be reinstated on January 26.

TTC – Overhead Cabling crews are preparing to return to the Spadina Loop entrance in the next few weeks to complete the connections of the overhead cabling grid to the newly installed pole in the area adjacent the Shoppers Drug Mart entrance. TTC crews will require a week to complete their work.

- *West of Lower Spadina:* Last week, crews continued with the build of the two islands that form the east-bound Queens Quay “traffic cross-over.” Crews were able to compact the ground with aid of ground heaters and generators. 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 have experienced high water levels as they continue trenching activities from west to east at York and Queens Quay. Crews expect to finalize this work in the next two weeks, weather permitting.
- **Rees/Queens Quay:** This week, PLP crews will continue east-west trenching for duct banks connecting to newly installed chambers in this area. Additional work and tunneling will be required in the upcoming weeks for the area of Rees/Robertson and the Queens Quay.

More Information:

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