

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #118 Queens Quay Revitalization

For the week of September 27 to October 3, 2014

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

York Street Partial Closure Continues

The temporary closure of York St. between Queens Quay and Harbour St. will continue until Friday, October 3. Please read the [Special Notice](#) for more details.

Traffic Shift – Rees Street West to Lower Spadina

Last week, the base asphalt paving was completed from Rees Street west to the Peter Slip Bridge. This weekend, westbound Queens Quay traffic will be shifted to use the north lanes of the new roadway.

Fast Fence and Concrete Jersey Barrier Removals

Last week, Eastern Construction began the removal of the fast fence and jersey barriers that line the TTC right of way from the Bay Street Portal through to the Spadina Loop. This work—which is part of the final preparations for the resumption of the 509 streetcar service—will continue this week.

TTC Streetcar Testing

In advance of the resumption of the 509 streetcar route scheduled for October 12, TTC crews will begin a number of tests of the new infrastructures along the Queens Quay from the Bay Street Portal to the Spadina Loop. Streetcar testing will also begin the week of October 6.

New Pedestrian Diversion: 55/65 Harbour Square

To accommodate window washing at 55/65 Harbour Square, the portion of the new sidewalk from the 33 Harbour Square service driveway to the York Quay Fine Foods will be temporarily opened this week. The pedestrian diversion path will be reinstated for October 6 when crews will begin the demolition and removal of the concrete sidewalk crossing the 33 Harbour Square Service driveway. This driveway will be closed for a 2-week period.

Weekend Work: September 27/28

Crews will be working at several locations this weekend:

- *Across all of the QQ project site:*
 - Beacon crews completing all underground TTC transit power conduit installations, and temporary intersection traffic signal installations.
 - Eastern Construction crews removing fast fence and concrete jersey barriers in preparation of the upcoming traffic management shift from Rees Street west to the Spadina Loop.
 - Black & MacDonald crews pulling new TTC electrical cabling through the underground conduit infrastructure.
- *Bay Street Portal and Spadina Loop to YoYo Ma:* TTC Overhead Cabling crews working on the installation of poles, cantilever arms, and overhead cabling.
- *Rees Street west to Peter Slip Bridge:* Final details regarding asphalt work for the new roadway.

Gardiner Expressway Closure:

The City has announced that the Gardiner Expressway will be closed in both directions between Carlaw Avenue and Highway 427 from Friday, September 26 at 11 p.m. (eastbound), 11:59 p.m. (westbound) to Monday, September 29 at 5 a.m.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Kings Landing Landscape Work Continues

All of the existing street poles have now been removed and new permanent pole foundations are underway. Last week, crews began work on the last catch basin to be installed in the shared laneway area of 10 Lower Spadina and 460 Queens Quay – Kings Landing. Minimal interruptions can be expected for the entrance/exit of the respective loading dock areas. Once the catch basin and new foundations are complete, crews will begin preparing for the new sidewalks in this area.

Promenade/Martin Goodman Trail Work Begins: EMS Driveway to Peter Slip Bridge

Pedestrians will continue to be diverted around the grass mounds in HTO Park from the EMS driveway to the east side of the Peter Slip Bridge as crews continue with the removals and excavations in the sidewalk area. Last week, the two reinforced concrete benches were removed from the park. This week, crews will begin the deep excavations of the old eastbound Queens Quay traffic lanes for the installation of the silva (soil) cells in this area. In the coming weeks, crews will prepare this area for granite installation.

TTC Streetcar Overhead Wiring, Platforms and Furnishings

- *Platforms and Shelters:* The majority of the new streetcar platforms are now complete and shelters have been installed. The two remaining shelters, located at the eastbound platform at Rees Street and the Queens Quay Terminal building will be installed this week. Construction of the remaining platform, west of Lower Spadina, will also begin this week.
- *TTC Overhead Cabling:* TTC crews are nearing completion of overhead cabling in two final locations (between Bay Street/York Street and between Robertson Crescent/Rees Street) in preparation for the resumption of streetcar service on October 12.

New Pedestrian Diversion: Harbourfront Centre

The structures and furnishings on the west side of the Bill Boyle Artport building have been removed and work continues on the promenade in this area. Crews have created a pedestrian diversion (using fast fence) from just west of Lower Simcoe to Ann Tindal Park. This diversion will ensure east-west pedestrian access is maintained while allowing crews to continue with the demolition of the current sidewalk area up to the HFC building face.

Toronto Hydro: Pole Removals

Toronto Hydro crews completed the removal of the primary overhead poles from Robertson Crescent to Rees Street last week. The majority of these poles were located along the southside of Queens Quay near the Radisson Hotel.

Harbour Square Area: Granite, Martin Goodman Trail and Roadwork

Crews are working on several different activities in front of the Harbour Square condominiums.

- *Bay Street to 55 Harbour Square:* The first section of granite promenade between 33 Harbour Square and the Scotiabank is now open. This week, crews will continue to work on two small sections of promenade construction: at the corner of Queens Quay/Bay Street and at the ramp area just east of the Scotiabank. Granite paver installation will also continue west to the 33 service driveway.
- *33 Harbour Square Service Driveway:* In coordination with the property managers of 33 and 55/65 Harbour Square, the service entrance and driveway located at 33 Harbour Square will be closed from October 6 to 17. This will allow crews to complete the landscaping work within this area.
- *55 Harbour Square to York Street:* The sidewalk area between the 55/65 Harbour Square driveway and the York Fine Foods is now re-opened allowing crews to continue landscaping, Martin Goodman Trail and road work in this area.

Queens Quay Granite Promenade/Sidewalks

- *Northwest corner of Lower Simcoe/Queens Quay:* Work in this area is nearly complete and the sidewalk is scheduled to reopen shortly.
- *250/260/270 Queens Quay:* The demolition of the concrete sidewalks/public space in front of these properties is now complete. Excavation between Rees Street and the 250 Queens Quay/Rabba driveway is also complete.

Last week, crews completed the demolition of the driveway entrance, and pour of the new concrete base in preparation for granite installation at a later date. This week, crews will backfill and begin to place the granite curb cradles in this area. Crews will also continue to excavate east to the Parkette.

- *Rees Street Parking Lot:* Crews are completing the road base in this area prior to installing granite pavers to the curb area of this intersection and up to the public washroom location.

Martin Goodman Trail

- *York Street to Queens Quay Terminal west driveway:* Crews completed the installation of silva cells in this area which were also filled with new planting soil. This week, crews will prepare the granular sub-base and tree trenches that run adjacent to the silva cell structures, and also form the concrete pads which will cover this landscaping infrastructure.
- *Queens Quay Terminal west driveway to Lower Simcoe:* This week, crews will continue with sub-base preparations, forming tree trenches and pouring concrete to cover the new silva cells up to the entrance of the Harbourfront Centre driveway. Crews are scheduled to begin the installation of granite pavers.
- *Lower Simcoe to Robertson Crescent (east leg):* Silva (soil) cell installations are complete from west of Ann Tindal Park to just east of Robertson Crescent. Crews will continue with silva cell installation moving east from Ann Tindal Park to Lower Simcoe. A pedestrian diversion path has been constructed to safely pass this construction activity.
- *EMS Driveway to Peter Slip Bridge:* The structures and furnishings on the west side of the Bill Boyle Artport building were removed last week in preparation for promenade work to begin in this area. This week, crews will create a pedestrian diversion (using fast fence) from just west of Lower Simcoe to Ann Tindal Park. This diversion will ensure east-west pedestrian access is maintained while allowing crews to demolish the current sidewalk area up to the building face.

Peter Slip Bridge

- Last week, crews completed the waterproofing of the deck of the Peter Slip Bridge. Crews also completed the drilling of the anchor bolts on the north side of the bridge that will secure the vehicular crash which will be installed at a later date. This week, crews will begin to drill the anchor bolts required for the installation of the south side crash barriers. Crews will also begin to install the new north side granite curbs from the bridge east to the EMS/Fire station.

New Roadway Construction Underway

- *Rees Parkette to Rees Street:* This week, crews will continue work on the north side concrete curb cradles, and new granite curb placements past the 260/270 Queens Quay properties. Crews will also work to complete the city standard brick gutters, TTC concrete buffers, and final manhole and catch basin adjustments in this area.
- *Rees Street to Peter Slip Bridge:* Crews completed the pouring of the concrete road base in this area, in advance of the asphalt paving, which was also completed late last week.

Toronto Hydro

Toronto Hydro crews (Power Line Plus) are undertaking the trenching and duct bank work just west of Rees Street in front of the Rees WaveDeck. Crews are progressing east to the south west corner of Robertson and Queens Quay. Once complete, crews will begin work on the two remaining cable chambers at the Rees Street intersection. This work could not be completed until the TTC corridor was rebuilt in this area.

More Information:

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