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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE#27: Queens Quay Revitalization

Stage One: Week of December 3 to December 7, 2012

WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

TTC Corridor Demolition

The demolition between Rees St. and Lower Simcoe St., and from Lower Simcoe to York St. will continue. Sections of the York St. and Queens Quay intersection are also being demolished.

What to Expect

Two crews are breaking-up concrete with a hoe-ram and removing old TTC rails. The debris is removed from the site by dump trucks and sent for recycling. Construction noise and vibration should be expected with this work (within the City's Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize each day beginning at 7am, but noisy concrete removal, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am.

Intersection work will be undertaken one half at a time to maintain access. Two westbound travel lanes will be maintained although some localized closures may be required and access to the York St. laneway will be restricted. In addition, some pedestrian crosswalks may be reduced.

Traffic is now moving on the former TTC corridor between 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) east to Rees Street where the demolition, backfilling and paving has been completed.

Reminder! Construction Hours

Construction crews are permitted to work between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. As agreed with local stakeholders, noisy concrete demolition work will not begin until 8am.

Storm and Sanitary Infrastructure

Crews (Varcon Construction) continue to mobilize to site and have started their 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.

Electrical Work

Overhead electrical wires are being strung and new traffic signal heads are being installed in preparation for future phases of construction and traffic patterns. Crews from Stacey Electric will be in a variety of locations along the corridor with limited disruptions to traffic or pedestrian access.

TORONTO HYDRO

Toronto Hydro crews are working in a number of locations along the corridor.

Westin Hotel: Crews will continue the construction of a new cable chamber at the west side of the Westin. This chamber is expected to be completed and backfilled this coming week. Work is also expected to begin on one of two chambers on the east side of the Westin. Half of the laneway, which services the Westin and the Ferry Docks, will remain open during this construction activity.

Possible Saturday Work

Hydro crews will work outside the Westin Hotel and aim to complete the chamber at the northwest corner of York and Queens Quay on Saturday, December 1, weather permitting. Work is scheduled to occur between 9am and 4pm with intermittent noise disruptions. For questions, please contact Hydro's Customer Operations Representative, Maggie Mu at mmu@torontohydro.com or 416.542.3181.

Between Bay St. and York St.: The chamber construction at the north-west corner of Queens Quay and York St. is expected to be completed by the end of day this Saturday. The area will be backfilled and the fencing will be removed. Construction will continue on the two chambers in the north travel lanes of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square.

Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge: The installation of dewatering wells is expected to begin this week in the southbound lanes of Queens Quay which are currently within the construction zone. This work will commence in the west and move east along Queens Quay.

East of Yonge Slip: The installation of dewatering wells will begin early in the week on the south side walk area. A rebuild of a secondary cable chamber in the parking lot area west of Yonge will also begin.

What to Expect

Westin Hotel Area - Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel. Pedestrian access at the west end of the hotel is expected to be restored this week.

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 and cyclist traffic will be rerouted daily 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 as directed by paid duty police officers. The work in the northside travel lanes is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge: The installation of dewatering wells may start east of the Peter Street Slip heading east along QQ. 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 completed its cable placements and will continue with splicing activities along Queens Quay with expanded crews and resources.

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

ENBRIDGE

With the new gas line from Ann Tindal Park to the intersection of Rees Street and Robertson Crescent now complete, crews will begin to “tie-in” gas services for buildings along Queens Quay. Enbridge plan to “energize” (fill) the new gas line late in the week and expects to transition gas services without interruption to clients. The exception will be the PawsWay building, EMS/Fire Station and the Police Marine Unit. These properties have been notified and gas services will be scheduled directly with Enbridge.

Possible Saturday Work

Enbridge crews plan to work this Saturday, December 1, from 9am to 4pm at the Rees St./Robertson Crescent and Queens Quay intersection area. Crews also plan to work west of Rees St. to 350 Queens Quay on the north side of the street.

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 have minimal impact traffic (as they are working in the eastbound lanes which are closed to traffic). Access to the private laneway at York St. will remain closed through the end of the week. Service vehicles that use this laneway may access the water's edge via the lane west of Harbourfront Centre. Some intersection work will also be required at Robertson Crescent/Rees St. and Queens Quay.

TTC

TTC track crews are focusing work efforts on the installation of new rails, and water leak remediation within the tunnel. It is anticipated that both 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 to three 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.

REMINDER: TRAFFIC CHANGE

The change in traffic operations which began on November 26th will continue for the short stretch of Queens Quay between Bay St and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square (east of York Street) to accommodate work required by Toronto Hydro in the north travel lanes. Motorists and cyclists will be directed to the southside of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square and will then transition back to the northside of 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.

LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK

- Eastern/Waterfront Toronto: Demolition of the TTC corridor will continue from Rees Street east to Lower Simcoe, and Lower Simcoe east to York St. As well, small section of the York & Queens Quay intersection. Traffic is expected to divert to the centre lanes (former TTC corridor) as demolition is completed.
- Hydro: Chamber construction will continue in front of the Westin hotel, west of Bay Street, and east to Yonge St. Installation of dewatering wells will continue from the east side of the Westin to east of Yonge St. Dewatering installations between York St. and Rees St. will continue.
- Bell: Splicing activities will continue at the current locations.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work within the Bay Street tunnel.
- Enbridge: Crews are expected to complete the energizing of the new gas lines along Queens Quay.

Questions:

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