



## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #71 Queens Quay Revitalization

Week of October 21 to October 25, 2013

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon will be held this weekend **October 19-20**.

The race course will run past the Queens Quay construction site. For road closures and more information, please visit the Toronto Waterfront Marathon [website](#).

### CONSTRUCTION NEWS

#### **Spadina Loop Construction – Traffic Changes**

The northbound traffic lanes on Lower Spadina between Queens Quay and Lake Shore Blvd are now closed. This closure is required to accommodate the reconstruction of the Spadina Loop. Northbound traffic – including the 510 Spadina bus are now diverting via Dan Leckie Way and Fort York Blvd. Please see our Spadina Loop Reconstruction [Special Construction Notice](#) for more information about this work.

#### **Essential Services Night Work**

Overnight work will continue throughout this week for municipal infrastructure work (catch basins and manholes) on the north side of Queens Quay between the Peter Slip Bridge and Lower Spadina. Water is not scheduled to be shutoff during this work.

However, temporary water supply shutoff will be required between 10pm and 5am on the following days for the removal and installation of new fire hydrants.

- Sunday, October 20: 245 Queens Quay (PawsWay, Williams Coffee Pub, and The Amsterdam BrewHouse) and 249 Queens Quay (Radisson Hotel)
- Tuesday, October 22: 228, 230 and 250 Queens Quay

#### **Note!**

Night crews will minimize noise by undertaking noisy prep activities (e.g., jackhammering, saw cutting etc.) during the day. Crews will also use walkie-talkies to avoid the need to call to one another across the site. Small localized floodlights will also be employed at the worksite.

This notice and work has been coordinated and communicated to the property managers, businesses and residents of these properties.

#### **Queens Quay Terminal Building**

The three concrete steps at the northwest corner and leading from the landscape gardens of the Queens Quay Terminal building will be removed by the end of this week. This area will be closed to pedestrians during the demolition and reconstruction of these steps.

### ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

#### **250 Queens Quay Laneway/Parking Entrance**

The laneway/parking entrance at 250/260 Queens Quay (just east of the entrance to Rabba Fine Foods) was reopened last week following the installation of the sanitary line which crossed the driveway. The road surface in this area was also restored with the placement of fresh asphalt.

#### **Police Bike Patrols**

There will be continued activity by Toronto Police over the next week in an effort to reinforce the signage on site which directs cyclists to dismount on sidewalks and to use the detour route whenever appropriate.

## **Harbourfront Centre / Lower Simcoe**

This week, crews will continue with the drilling of the caisson foundations required for new streetlight and traffic poles at the north and south side of the Lower Simcoe and Queens Quay intersection. All work will be performed behind the protection of jersey barriers and fast fence. There will be no impact to pedestrians or vehicular traffic in this area.

## **York Ramp Area**

PLP crews have completed the installation of their final conduit placements in this area. This week, crews will begin the installation of pole foundations and modifications to the existing curb and traffic lanes for the new design of Queens Quay. Final landscape work including granite pavers will occur in subsequent weeks. The right turn lane at Queens Quay/York Street (for northbound traffic onto York Street) is temporarily closed but right turns will still be permitted from the westbound travel lane.

## **Bay Street Portal**

Crews have completed the layout and preparations of the new planter beds at the head of the TTC portal. This week crews will begin to construct the walls that will form the new raised planter beds in this area. A new catch basin is scheduled to be installed in this area as well. All work will be performed within the construction zone with no impacts to vehicles or pedestrians.

Eastern Construction has created a laydown area to accommodate crews working for the Property Managers of 33 Harbour Square as they build a new fitness centre and spa on the third floor of this property.

## **Queens Quay Granite Sidewalk Installation / Parking Laybys**

- *PawsWay/Simcoe WaveDeck:* Crews have completed the formation of the new curb, sidewalk, and bedding area adjacent to the east leg of Robertson Crescent. This week, crews will continue laying the new granite pavers (creating the maple leaf pattern) which began at the Simcoe WaveDeck and proceed west towards PawsWay.
- *West of the 208 & 218 Queens Quay driveway:* Crews will continue with the construction and concrete pour of the tree trenches and street light foundations in this area. Preparations and construction of the second layby in front of 218 Queens Quay will continue as well. A vac-truck will be required for the placement of the streetlight foundations, so intermittent construction noise can be expected with this work. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
- *Rees WaveDeck area:* The Toronto Police Marine Unit sign was removed last week and will be positioned on its new concrete base this week. Crews will continue laying the granite pavers across the face of the Harbourfront Sailing & Powerboating building. This work was slightly delayed last week due to poor weather conditions. A secondary temporary pedestrian diversion has been created through this area.

## **New Streetlight, Traffic and TTC Pole Foundations**

Crews are installing pole foundations across the corridor in the following locations:

- *York Ramp Area:* Shoring will be installed to allow for the installation of caissons for new street poles in this area.
- *North side of Queens Quay (West of Rees Street to the Rees Street Parking Lot):* Last week, crews completed a temporary pedestrian path along the north curb lane of Queens Quay from just west of Rees Street to the Beer Store entrance/driveway. This path is protected by fast fence and jersey barriers, and now accommodates crews working on the removal of soil and existing landscape materials directly in front of the Rees Street parking lot. This week, crews will also construct the footing required for the relocation of the Rees Street parking lot sign.
- *Yo Yo Ma Lane:* Shoring will continue to be placed for the installation of caissons for new streetpoles in this area. This includes the pour of concrete for the pole foundations this week.

Construction noise should be expected as crews drill and trench with a backhoe to complete this work. A vac-truck may also be used so intermittent construction noise should be expected.

### Spadina Loop Reconstruction

With the temporary closure of Lower Spadina (northbound) now in place, crews will continue work on the rebuild of the TTC splicing chamber at the northwest corner of the loop. This work extends into Lower Spadina Avenue where crews this week will begin the removal of the temporary road surface and preparation of the road sub-base in this area. The pedestrian sidewalk will be closed in this area, with an alternative path available along the southside of Lake Shore Blvd towards the covered laneway adjacent to 390 Queens Quay and the Shoppers Drug Mart.

The rebuild of a second existing splicing chamber within the loop (behind the 410 condominium) will continue as well. Crews will also continue to place and tie-in the conduit pipes on the east side of the 410 Queens Quay property. (Approximately 90% complete). Construction noise should be expected.




### TTC Splicing Chambers


Crews have completed the installation of 90% of the TTC splicing chambers outside of the loop area. Last week, crews completed the installation of the second splicing chamber, and the temporary road surface restoration located just east of Lower Simcoe (on the south side of Queens Quay).

The excavation for the next splicing chamber located near the old taxi stand at 207 Queens Quay will begin this week now that PLP crews have completed their work in this area.

### Peter Slip Bridge

Crews will complete the final details of scaffold removals in this area now that the south side of the Peter Slip Bridge facade is complete. On the bridge surface, crews have completed the grouting of the rail plates to the bridge deck. These are now curing and being allowed to dry, prior to inspections and final waterproofing. This area continues to have active construction related to Toronto Hydro works.

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
<p>Bay to York: Crews will continue with the realignment of the sanitary line and have now progressed through the driveway entrance of 55/65 Harbour Square. This week crews will clear the driveway area, and continue to track west towards York Street.</p>		<p>As crews cross the driveway, vehicular access will be maintained with some diversions required. Work is coordinated with the condominium property managers. Construction noise should be expected.</p>
<p>Simcoe to Rees: Sanitary installation work has now passed the entrance/exit laneway of 250/260 Queens Quay. At this point, the sanitary line will transition towards the south side of Queens Quay. A traffic shift will occur to facilitate the work diagonally across Queens Quay in this area. Activities and pace are heavily dependent on dewatering in this area.</p>		<p>All sanitary construction work occurs behind jersey barriers/protective fencing. Construction noise/dust should be expected. A temporary asphalt layby is located in this area to accommodate deliveries. Vehicles may enter/exit via the Rees Street laneway during this construction activity.</p>
<p>Rees Street Parking Lot to Spadina Avenue: Night work will continue in this area for the installation of new catch basins and manholes.</p>		<p>Night crews will undertake noisy prep activities (e.g., jackhammering, saw cutting etc.) during the day. A temporary water shutoffs is planned this week (see "Construction News for details).</p>

Toronto Hydro Construction Activities		What to Expect
<p><i>West of the Yonge Slip:</i> Work on the chamber in this area will continue this week. Progress is dependent on water</p>		<p>Work will occur behind the construction fencing already in place.</p>

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levels but work is expected to be complete by mid-Nov.		
<i>York/Queens Quay:</i> Trenching and duct work at the northeast corner of the York Street area has been completed. Trenching across the front of Queens Quay Terminal has also been completed.	➔	Construction will be behind fast fence. The York Slip service lane may be closed with alternative routes provided via the Ann Tindal Park and Simcoe/Harbourfront Centre service lanes.
<i>Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina:</i> Crews will continue with trenching activities west of the Peter Slip Bridge and are continuing to move west towards Lower Spadina.	➔	Crews will work within the construction zone which is protected by fast fence and jersey barriers. Some noise can be expected as crews continue their construction activities in this area.
<i>EMS/Fire Station:</i> Crews have begun work on the two cable chambers located west of the 339 Queens Quay address and the south side of Queens Quay. The tentative completion date is November 20.	➔	Excavation and construction activities are performed behind jersey barrier and fast fence. Some noise can be expected with these activities.
<i>Lower Spadina to YoYo Ma Lane:</i> PLP crews will continue trenching at the intersection of Lower Spadina/Queens Quay and proceed west to Yo Yo Ma Lane.	➔	This work continues behind the protection of jersey barriers and construction zone. Some noise should be expected as crews continue these trenching activities.

**NOTE! No Saturday Work**

Due to the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Toronto Hydro (PLP) will have no crews working on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Hydro’s Customer Operations Representative – Andrea Ramnares at [aramnares@torontohydro.com](mailto:aramnares@torontohydro.com) or 416.542.3100 ext. 30249 for information.

**TTC Portal**

TTC crews will continue with the water and leak remediation efforts within the Bay Street tunnel. Some noise should be expected from “back-up” truck alarms as they exit the top of the portal ramp. There will be little or no disruption to vehicular access along Queens Quay while this work is in progress.

**OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE AREA**

***TTC – Streetcar Platforms***

A & F Di Carlo crews, working on behalf of the City's Transportation Services & TTC are continuing with the modification work of four streetcar platforms west of Yo Yo Ma Lane to Bathurst Street. Crews are modifying existing platforms and creating the accessibility requirements to accommodate the new Queens Quay and Spadina streetcars.

**LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK**

Eastern/Waterfront Toronto:

- Sanitary sewer work will continue past the 55/65 Harbour Square entrance/exit driveway.
- The rebuild of the Spadina Loop will continue into Lower Spadina Avenue. Northbound traffic will continue to be closed on Lower Spadina (between Queens Quay and Lake Shore)
- Preparations for the construction of the new storm line west of the Rees WaveDeck will continue.
- Granite sidewalk pavers will continue to be installed between York and Simcoe and the construction of a second layby in front of 218 Queens Quay.
- Landscape work will continue in front of PawsWay and adjacent to the Simcoe WaveDeck.

- Construction of sanitary and storm services will continue between Simcoe and Rees.
- Waste receptacles will be installed in front of the Westin Hotel.
- Removal and reconstruction of steps at Queens Quay Terminal adjacent the taxi stand will begin.

Hydro: Chamber construction will continue at all locations – with some work contingent upon dewatering levels.

**Questions:**

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