



December 7, 2012

## **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE#28: Queens Quay Revitalization**

**Stage One: Week of December 10 to December 14, 2012**

### **WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION**

#### **TTC Corridor Demolition**

The major portion of the TTC corridor demolition is complete. Crews will continue backfilling and asphalt resurfacing between Rees St. and Lower Simcoe St. and from Lower Simcoe St. to York St.

The next phase of work is the demolition of the TTC corridor at intersections and entrances/laneways to southside properties. Crews will demolish these areas one half at a time to ensure access is maintained throughout the demolition and repaving process.

#### **What to Expect**

Two crews will continue to break-up concrete with a hoe-ram and remove old TTC rails at intersections and entrances/laneways. 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. Some pedestrian crosswalks may be reduced.

In future weeks, when the backfilling and repaving is complete, traffic will move to newly repaved centre section of the roadway between York St. and Rees St. to enable crews to work on both the north and south side of the street.

#### **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. The construction of test pits will begin on the southside of Queens Quay between Rees Street and 350 Queens Quay (The Beer Store).

#### **Electrical Work**

Crews from Stacey Electric will continue to work on the installation of overhead electrical wires to accommodate new traffic signal heads for future phases of construction and traffic patterns. Crews will work at the York St., Lower Simcoe St. and Rees St. intersections with limited disruptions expected to traffic or pedestrian access.

#### **ENBRIDGE**

The installation of the new gas line is complete. Crews are now working to energize (fill) the new line. Crews are also working to "tie-in" and transition gas services to buildings along Queens Quay. Enbridge expects to be completely finished their activities on Queens Quay by mid-week. This includes backfilling and restoring the trench on the southside of Queens Quay at the York St. Slip.

#### **Saturday Work**

Enbridge crews plan to work this Saturday, December 8, from 9am to 4pm at various points along Queens Quay for "tie-in" work. Crews also plan to work west of Rees St. to 350 Queens Quay on the north side of the street which may require the temporary closure of one traffic lane.

### 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 already closed to traffic).

### TORONTO HYDRO

Toronto Hydro crews will continue working in a number of locations.

*Westin Hotel:* Crews will continue with the construction of a new cable chamber at the west side of the Westin. Some technical issues prevented this chamber being completed as planned last week. Work is expected to begin on one of two chambers on the east side of the Westin with coordination and approval of the Westin management team. Half of the laneway, which services the Westin and the Ferry Docks, will remain open during this construction activity.

*Between Bay St. and York St.:* The chamber construction at the north-west corner of Queens Quay and York St. was completed last Saturday with the full sidewalk area restored for pedestrian use. 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 will 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 on the southside of the street.

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

### What to Expect

*Westin Hotel Area* - Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel.

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 times. 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 two to three more weeks to complete.

*Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge:* The installation of dewatering wells will start east of the Peter Street Slip and crews will work east along Queens Quay. 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 and 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

#### **Possible Saturday Work**

Hydro crews will continue to work outside the Westin Hotel and aim to complete the chamber at the west corner of the hotel on Saturday, December 8, weather permitting. Work is scheduled to occur between 9am and 4pm with intermittent noise disruptions. Please note, the traffic light at Rees St. will be out between 8am and 2pm to accommodate required Hydro work in the area. For questions, please contact Hydro's Customer Operations Representative, Maggie Mu at [mmu@torontohydro.com](mailto:mmu@torontohydro.com) or 416.542.3181.

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

## **TTC**

TTC track crews continue with work efforts on the installation of new rails, overhead wiring, 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.

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

## **REMINDER: TRAFFIC CHANGE**

The change in traffic operations which began on November 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

- TTC Corridor Demolition (Eastern): Demolition of the TTC corridor will continue for the intersections and property entrances along Queens Quay. Traffic is expected to divert to the centre lanes (former TTC corridor) as demolition is completed.
- Road Work (Eastern): A new taxi stand at Queens Quay Terminal will be constructed on the west laneway of the property in coordination with Queens Quay Terminal management.
- Electrical (Eastern): Work expected to be complete by December 17.
- Storm and Sanitary Infrastructure (Eastern): Construction of test pits will continue.
- Hydro: Chamber construction will continue at Yonge St., in front of the Westin hotel and west of Bay Street. 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.

## **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.