

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #74 Queens Quay Revitalization

Week of November 11, to November 15, 2013

Reminder: Monday, November 11th is Remembrance Day.

Normal construction activities will continue throughout the day, however, all crews will stop work at 11:00 a.m. to observe a moment of silence in respect of those that have fallen.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Partial Closure of Eastbound Spadina/ Lake Shore Intersection

The second stage of construction work is scheduled for this weekend. The eastbound Lake Shore Boulevard intersection at Lower Spadina Avenue will be partially closed for the start of the streetcar track construction at the Spadina Loop during the following dates and time:

- Beginning **Friday, November 8st, at 7:00 pm until Tuesday, November 12th, at 6:00 am**

Traffic travelling eastbound on Lake Shore Boulevard will be reduced to one lane at the Lower Spadina Avenue intersection. The Spadina off-ramp from the eastbound Gardiner will also be reduced to one lane during this time. Westbound traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard will not be impacted. Overnight work will occur during the weekend closure. Paid duty police officers will be on site to help divert traffic during this work.

Southbound traffic on Spadina Avenue wishing to turn left onto eastbound Lake Shore Boulevard will be limited to passenger vehicles only. Trucks and buses will be directed to divert via Bremner Avenue to Rees Street, Lower Simcoe Street or York Street, where they can turn south and re-join eastbound traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard.

The 510 Spadina TTC bus will not be impacted.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Essential Services Night Work

There are no scheduled overnight work activities for essential water services this week.

Queens Quay Terminal Building

Crews have completed the restoration of the concrete steps at the northwest corner and leading from the landscape gardens of the Queens Quay Terminal building. The concrete used to create the new steps will now be allowed to cure for the next two weeks before final sandblasting is performed.

The “mock up” of the exposed aggregate sidewalk that will be installed next spring to match existing sidewalk in this area of the Queens Quay Terminal property has been reviewed by the design team. This area will remain closed to pedestrians, with alternative diversion paths available.

York Ramp Area

This week, crews will continue with the installation of pole foundations, traffic signals, hand wells, and the modifications to the existing curb and traffic lanes for the new design of Queens Quay. Final landscape work including new 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 of the new planter beds at the head of the TTC portal. This area has now been turned over to Toronto Hydro and PLP crews working on the trenching and duct bank activities from the Scotiabank east to Bay Street. All work is performed within the construction zone with no impacts to vehicles or pedestrians.

Eastern Construction has maintained 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. Work continues on this project.

Queens Quay Granite Sidewalk Installation / Parking Laybys

- *PawsWay/Simcoe WaveDeck*: This week, crews will continue laying the new granite pavers across the front of the 245 Queens Quay property (creating the maple leaf pattern). This work began at the Simcoe WaveDeck and will proceed west towards the east leg of Robertson Crescent.
- *West of the 208 & 218 Queens Quay driveway*: Last week, crews continued to lay the granite pavers across the front of the 208 Queen Quay property. This work will continue west this week, towards Lower Simcoe which includes the preparations and construction of the second layby in front of 218 Queens Quay. 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 passing this area on the north side of Queens Quay will be maintained at all times.
- *Rees WaveDeck area*: Crews have completed the laying of the granite pavers across the face of the Harbourfront Sailing & Powerboating building and west side of the Rees/Robertson intersection. Last week, this area was opened to the public, allowing for pedestrians to travel on the new granite pavers. An area just south of the south curb of Queens Quay has now been fenced off allowing crews to complete their landscape work.

New Streetlight, Traffic and TTC Pole Foundations

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

- *York Off Ramp Area*: Crews will continue with the installation of caissons for new street poles in this area.
- *Harbourfront Centre / Lower Simcoe*: Crews have completed the drilling and placements of the caisson foundations required for the majority of new streetlight and traffic poles at the north and south side of the Lower Simcoe and Queens Quay intersection. The area west of the 207 Queens Quay west entrance has now been turned over to Toronto Hydro and PLP crews to resume their trenching and duct bank activities.
- *North side of Queens Quay (West of Rees Street to the Rees Street Parking Lot)*: A temporary pedestrian path protected by fast fence and jersey barriers has been put along the north curb lane of Queens Quay from just west of Rees Street to the Beer Store entrance/driveway. Last week, crews continued with the removals of soil and existing landscape materials from the Beer Store entrance east and directly in front of the Rees Street parking lot. This week, work will continue and include a small portion of the parking lot which will accommodate for new electrical services for the lot attendant booth and the relocation of the street food vendor. Half of the parking lot entrance (east side) will also be closed to accommodate for the demolition and removal of materials. Over the next two weeks, this area will be reconstructed with new bedding materials, concrete base, and granite pavers. Once completed, crews will flip to work on the other half (west side) of this entrance. This work has been coordinated with the support and approval of the Harbourfront Centre management team.
- *Peter Slip Bridge west to Lower Spadina*: Crews will continue to place pole foundations required for the new TTC, streetlight and traffic poles in this area.
- *Yo Yo Ma Lane*: The installation of caissons and pour of concrete for the new street pole foundations in this area is complete. This area of Queens Quay has now been turned over to Toronto Hydro and PLP crews to begin their work activities.

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

Spadina Loop Reconstruction

Last week, crews completed the first stage of work for the TTC Spadina Loop reconstruction. Crews will continue with the preparations for the upcoming [weekend work](#). This second stage of construction work will end at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12 with the restoration of all eastbound Lake Shore Blvd traffic lanes.

The pedestrian sidewalk remains 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 Queens Quay condominium) has been completed. This week, crews will continue with the tie-in of the conduit pipes to/from this splicing chamber which is located on the east side of the 410 Queens Quay property. Crews will also begin preparations for work on the third splicing chamber located at the southeast corner of the 410 Queens Quay property, adjacent the Shoppers Drug Mart.

This week, TTC crews are scheduled to deliver and place the new rails for the Spadina Loop during the evening shifts. Paid duty Police will direct traffic which will require some short term (15-20 minute) closures. Construction noise should be expected.

Please see our Spadina Loop Reconstruction [Special Construction Notice](#) for more information about this work.

Telecommunications Work



Distinct Technical Cable Services – DTS, the sub-contractor for Rogers, Cogeco, and Allstream will return to the Queens Quay Revitalization project site. Crews will be working east of the Peter Slip Bridge on their infrastructure and cabling activities. All work will be performed behind jersey barriers and fast fence with no impacts to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.


TTC Splicing Chambers

Crews have completed the majority of TTC splicing chambers outside of the loop area. Three pre-cast chambers remain to be installed between Lower Simcoe west to Rees Street. This work will be scheduled to begin once sanitary crews complete their work in this area.

Peter Slip Bridge

Toronto Hydro crews have completed their work in this area. This included the final placement of new buried electrical services, removal of old poles, and tie-in of new electrical services for their customers.

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
Bay to York: This week crews will continue with the installation of the new sanitary line and manholes and track west towards York Street.		Construction noise should be expected as crews proceed with construction west to York Street.
Simcoe to Rees: The new sanitary line installation has now reached the 260 Queens Quay and PawsWay area. A traffic shift is now in place to facilitate the construction work as it progresses west and diagonally across Queens Quay in this area. Activities and pace are heavily dependent on dewatering in this area.		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 to the 250/260/270 Queens Quay businesses.

Toronto Hydro Construction Activities		What to Expect
<i>West of the Yonge Slip:</i> Work on the chamber in this area will continue this week. Progress is dependent on water levels but work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.		Work will occur behind the construction fencing already in place.

Toronto Hydro Construction Activities		What to Expect
<p><i>Bay Street west to York Street:</i> Last week, PLP crews mobilized to this area. Crews will continue the trenching activities directly in front of the Scotiabank.</p>	→	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>Lower Simcoe/Harbourfront Centre:</i> Last week, crews mobilized to this area of Queens Quay, and began preparations for the start of construction of a new cable chamber this week. Tentative completion date is November 15.</p>	→	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>Lower Simcoe to Rees Street:</i> Crews began the rebuild of a cable chamber located east of Rabba Foods (north side of Queens Quay). Tentative completion date is also November 15.</p>	→	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina:</i> The rebuild of the cable chamber located at the entrance of 410 Queens Quay (Aqua condos) was completed last week.</p>	→	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>EMS/Fire Station:</i> Crews will continue work on the second cable chamber located west of the driveway of 339 Queens Quay address and the south side of Queens Quay. The tentative completion date is November 20.</p>	→	<p>Excavation and construction activities are performed behind jersey barrier and fast fence. Some noise can be expected with these activities.</p>
<p><i>Lower Spadina to YoYo Ma Lane:</i> PLP crews will continue trenching activities at the intersection of Lower Spadina/Queens Quay and proceed west to Yo Yo Ma Lane. The second chamber in this area was completed last week.</p>	→	<p>This work continues behind the protection of jersey barriers and construction zone. Some noise should be expected as crews continue these trenching activities.</p>

NOTE! Saturday Work

On Saturday, November 9, Toronto Hydro (PLP) will have three crews working at these locations, weather permitting:

- Between Bay & York Street (Scotiabank area) - trenching activities
- East of 260 Queens Quay (Rabba Foods) – cable chamber rebuild
- West of 339 Queens Quay (EMS/Fire Station) – new cable chamber construction

For more information, please contact Toronto Hydro’s Customer Operations Representative – Andrea Ramnares at aramnares@torontohydro.com or 416-542-3767.

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.

LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK

Eastern/Waterfront Toronto:

- Sanitary sewer work will continue west of 65 Harbour Square.
- The rebuild of the Spadina TTC Loop will continue. Northbound traffic will continue to be closed on

Lower Spadina (between Queens Quay and Lake Shore)

- Spadina and Lake Shore Blvd east lane restrictions scheduled for the Nov.8-12 weekend.
- 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 Bay and York and Simcoe and Rees.
- Sandblasting of steps at Queens Quay Terminal adjacent the taxi stand

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 or for urgent construction issues, contact Robert Pasut, Eastern Construction - (416) 505-3073.