

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #114 Queens Quay Revitalization

For the week of August 30 to September 5, 2014

**Reminder:** Monday, September 1 is the Labour Day holiday. No construction activities are scheduled.

### CONSTRUCTION NEWS

#### **TTC Resumption of Streetcar Service: 510 Spadina**

Last week, the TTC completed testing of their streetcar operations through the Spadina/Queens Quay loop in preparation for the resumption of service this Sunday, August 31. The 509 Harbourfront line will resume service on October 12, 2014.

#### **North Side Granite Work Begins: 250/260/270 Queens Quay**

Mid-week, crews will begin the demolition of the concrete sidewalks and public space in front of the 250/260/270 Queens Quay properties. Fast fence will be erected along the colonnades of the building to protect passing pedestrians from the construction work. Crews will also continue work on the granite curb placements, city standard brick gutters, TTC concrete buffers and all manhole and catch basin adjustments from 260 Queens Quay west to Rees Street.

#### **Fire Hydrant Relocation**

Last week, crews completed the demolition and preparations for the relocation of a fire hydrant located east of the Beer Store entrance. The hydrant will be moved this week and will not require a water shutoff for local residents. Last week, crews created a pedestrian diversion path around this work area, using fast fence in the area adjacent to the Rees Street and Beer Store parking lots.

#### **Weekend Work: August 30/31**

There will be crews working at several locations this weekend:

- *250 Queens Quay to Rees Street:* Continued road preparations for asphalt pour.
- *Spadina Loop area:* TTC crews attending to final details prior to resumption of 510 streetcar route.
- *Spadina west to Yo Yo Ma Lane:* Completing the pour of concrete to set the last section of rails in this area.

### ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

#### **Rees Street Parkette**

Last week, the asphalt path was removed from the Rees Parkette and replaced with new sod. The fence will remain in place in order to protect the new sod. The new parking layby adjacent to the Rees Parkette is also now open for use.

#### **Peter Slip Bridge**

Construction crews began the drilling and coring the Peter Slip Bridge structure for the placement of anchor bolts that will support the new vehicular crash barriers which will be installed on both the north and south side facades of the Peter Slip Bridge in subsequent weeks. In addition, with the scaffolding now removed from below the bridge, Harbourfront Centre crews were able to access the basin to clean up debris.

#### **TTC Track Installation**

Work is nearing completion on the final section of track installation between Lower Spadina and Yo Yo Ma Lane. TTC crews will finish pouring concrete to permanently set the rails in this area. Final concrete work was also completed last week between Shoppers Drug Mart and the Peter Slip Bridge.

### **TTC Streetcar Platforms and Furnishings**

- *Rees Street:* The eastbound platform has been formed and poured with concrete, and curing. New curbs, adjacent to the TTC corridor will continue to be installed this week.
- *Rees Street west to Peter Slip Bridge:* Last week, TTC crews continued with the placement of new cantilevered poles that support overhead streetcar cabling in this area. Work will continue this week.
- *401 Queens Quay* – The eastbound Lower Spadina platform has been formed with concrete and will be operational for the resumption of streetcar service this weekend. The installation of the handrail and permanent TTC shelter will be completed at a later date. In the interim, a temporary barrier will be installed for safety purposes.
- *Lower Spadina Platform* – The installation of the glass partitions that formed the shelter for the north/south Spadina streetcars was completed last week.

### **Harbour Square Area: Granite, Martin Goodman Trail and Roadwork**

Crews are working on several different activities between Bay Street and York Street in front of the Harbour Square condominiums.

- *Bay Street to 33 Harbour Square service driveway:* Crews began installing granite for the new promenade at Bay Street and will continue working west this week. Concrete pours will continue to cover silva cells which are fully installed. Sidewalks behind the protective fencing in the Scotiabank area will be demolished in preparation for upcoming granite installation. Crews will also pour the concrete base slab for the new service road in this area.
- *33 Harbour service driveway to York Street:* Last week, crews began to form the concrete base slabs over the completed silva cells in this area. Concrete pours are scheduled to continue this week. The promenade area will also be backfilled and receive a granular sub-base in preparation and in advance of the granite landscaping work.

### **Queens Quay Granite Promenade/Sidewalks**

- *Northwest Corner of York/Queens Quay:* A section of this area was reopened to the public last week as the pedestrian path was shifted onto the new granite pavers. This shift also allowed crews to continue work on the street pole foundation and base located at the corner of the intersection. This week, an additional pour of concrete will take place near the BIXI bike stand area. Two additional tree trenches have also been completed and filled with soil. These new trees will be planted later this fall.
- *Northwest corner of Lower Simcoe/Queens Quay:* Crews will continue with sub-base preparations, a concrete base slab pour and installation of granite pavers.
- *Rees Street Parking Lot:* This week, crews will continue to lay granite pavers to the curb area of this intersection and up to the public washroom location. New sod was placed along the buffer area adjacent the Rees Street parking lot last week.
- *West of Lower Spadina:* Last week, crews completed the placement of granite pavers for the Music Garden southside promenade, and the cleanup of the area which included repairs of the concrete retaining wall. A small area of this promenade will be re-opened this week to the public. Access will be available only from the steps leading from within the Music Garden and adjacent the Spadina Wetland.

### **Martin Goodman Trail**

Work is underway in several locations:

- *York Street to Queens Quay Terminal west driveway:* Crews will continue removing asphalt and old road base from York Street west towards the Queens Quay terminal driveway. Once removals are complete, the deep excavations required for the installation of silva cells will begin.
- *Queens Quay Terminal west driveway to Lower Simcoe:* Silva cells are fully installed in this area. This week, crews will continue with the sub-base preparations, the forming of the tree trenches, and pour of the concrete slabs to cover the new silva cells which have been installed up to the entrance of the Harbourfront Centre driveway.

- Lower Simcoe to Robertson Crescent (east leg): Crews will continue with asphalt removals and excavations for silva cells from Lower Simcoe to about Ann Tindal park. In addition, silva cell installations will continue from west of Ann Tindal park to just east of Robertson Crescent.

#### **New Roadway Construction Underway**

- *Lower Simcoe to Rees:* Crews will continue work on the excavation of 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 all manhole and catch basin adjustments in this area.
- *Ann Tindal Park:* The Ann Tindal Park entrance will be closed following the Labour Day long weekend to accommodate for road excavations.

#### **Toronto Hydro**

Toronto Hydro crews (PLP) will return to Queens Quay to finish their duct bank work in the Rees Street area once the final two utility “locates” are received. This work, which also includes the construction of two cable chambers on the southeast and southwest corners of the Rees Street intersection, could not be completed until the TTC corridor was rebuilt in this area.

#### **More Information:**

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