

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #79 Queens Quay Revitalization

Week of December 16 to December 20, 2013

QUEENS QUAY EVENTS

Winterfest on Toronto Waterfront

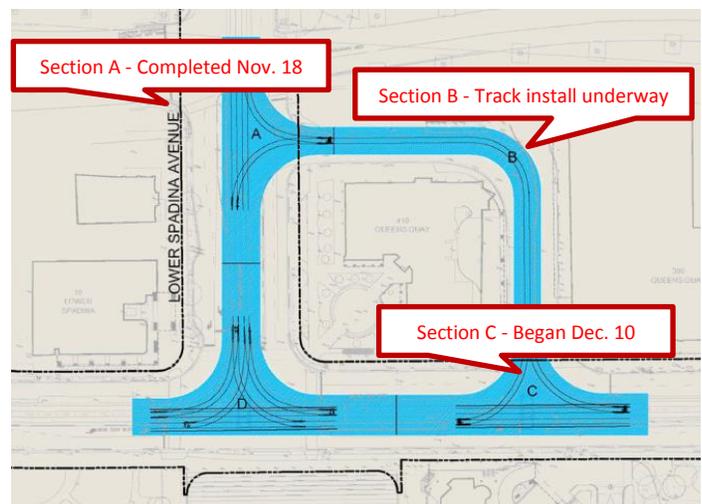
The annual Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront kicks off this weekend with many activities scheduled along Queens Quay West. Family activities include free skating at Harbourfront Centre, Mariposa's Santa Cruises, free dog sledding demos and pet photos with Santa at Pawsway and gingerbread cookie decorating inside Queen's Quay Terminal. For details, please visit www.waterfrontbia.com.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Section 'C' of Spadina Loop Construction Now Underway

Last week, crews began preparations for the installation of the third TTC splicing chamber for the Spadina Loop which is located on Queens Quay at the entrance to the 390 Maple Leaf Quay/Shoppers Drug Mart laneway. The dewatering system has been installed and is now running. Crews are expected to begin the demolition and rebuild of this splicing chamber this week.

The laneway is closed to incoming and outgoing traffic to allow crews to continue this work. Access to the Maple Leaf Quay/Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot is available from the east side of the property (at the Beer Store entrance). East/west pedestrian access along the north side of Queens Quay will be maintained at all times in front of Maple Leaf Quay and Shoppers Drug Mart.



Lower Spadina to Re-open

We expect to re-open Lower Spadina to northbound traffic by the end of the week (weather permitting). Before the street can be re-opened, crews must finish pouring concrete for the newly installed TTC rails on Lower Spadina and the concrete must cure. Lower Spadina will be temporarily closed again in mid-January when crews undertake the rebuild of Section D.

Westin Harbour Castle

Crews have returned to the Westin Hotel area to finish final construction activities at the east side of the hotel (where Toronto Hydro crews recently completed work). Last week crews worked on grading and poured the concrete slab that partially forms the east half of the service/delivery driveway for the hotel and the Toronto Island ferry docks. This week, crews expect to complete the west half of the driveway, which will restore the full driveway by the end of the week.

CONSTRUCTION REMINDERS

Enbridge Gas – Rees Street

Link-Line crews, working on behalf of Enbridge Gas, have continued to work on the installation of new gas lines in the Lake Shore Blvd/Rees Street area. Last week, crews continued with the trenching and hydro-vac operations on the east side of Rees Street, working south to the Queens Quay intersection.

This week, crews are expected to complete the tie-in of these new pipes to the control valves located within the Queens

Quay/Rees Street intersection. One traffic lane on the east side of Rees Street is closed to permit these construction activities. While this work is not part of the Queens Quay Revitalization project, construction activities are occurring within our work zone.

33 Harbour Square Fitness Centre Construction

Eastern Construction is maintaining 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 the property. Work continues on this project and the expected completion date has been scheduled for the end of January 2014.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Spadina Loop Reconstruction

Last week, crews finished pouring the concrete base structures for the interior loop. This work has been covered with tarps to allow the concrete to cure. This week, TTC crews are expected to deliver and begin installing the rails for the interior loop during day shift operations. Some short term lane closures on Lower Spadina at Lake Shore may be required when the rails are delivered. Paid duty police will direct traffic as required.

Saturday Work

Crews will be working on Saturday, December 14 within the fenced off construction area at the northwest corner of the Spadina Loop. They will be pouring and forming concrete throughout the day. For more information about this work, please contact Robert Pasut, Eastern Construction (416) 505-3073.

TTC Splicing Chambers – Outside of the Spadina Loop Area

Two pre-cast chambers remain to be installed between Lower Simcoe west to Rees Street. The splicing chamber located just west of the Rees/Robertson and Queens Quay intersection was installed late last week, which included the “stub-out” of conduit pipes leading west of this location. Backfilling and remediation work to the road surface and area is expected to be completed early this week, when crews will then shift and begin to excavate for the splicing chamber near the entrance of Ann Tindal Park. Construction noise can be expected with this construction.

York Ramp Area

Permanent caissons for poles in this area are now complete. This week, the restoration of the area will continue and remaining temporary light poles will be erected. Modifications to the existing curb and traffic lanes at the York Ramp will also continue. Bell crews are scheduled to return to complete the installation of a new OPI box after several weeks of delay. Final landscape work, including new granite pavers will follow in subsequent weeks. The right turn lane at Queens Quay/York (for northbound traffic onto York) is temporarily closed but right turns will still be permitted.

Queens Quay Granite Sidewalk Installation / Parking Laybys

- *Queens Quay Terminal:* Last week, crews completed the formation and pour of concrete for the base structures for the new granite. The area is now covered with tarps to protect the concrete, and allow it to properly cure. Installation of the new granite pavers will begin the first week of January 2014.
- *PawsWay/Simcoe WaveDeck:* Last week, crews continued with the demolition/removal of existing pavers near the building/storefront. This work will continue through the week. A pedestrian walkway has been created with access to PawsWay/Williams Cafe maintained from the west side of the front doors (the east side will remain closed).
- *West of the 208 & 218 Queens Quay driveway* Crews will continue with the sub-base bedding preparations and forming of the base structures for the new granite in this area. This includes the preparations and construction of a parking layby in front of 218 Queens Quay. Ground heaters and tarps allow for crews to continue work during frigid weather conditions.
- *North side of Queens Quay (west of Rees Street to the Beer Store):* Last week, crews continued to lay granite pavers from the Beer Store entrance east to the Rees Street parking lot entrance. The majority of granite has now been laid in this area. The construction of a new layby in this area will continue this week. Half of the parking lot entrance (east side) has been closed to accommodate reconstruction efforts in coordination with Harbourfront Centre. A temporary pedestrian path has been constructed to allow for safe passage.

New Streetlight, Traffic and TTC Pole Foundations

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

- *208 & 218 Queens Quay:* Last week, crews completed the forming and final pour of concrete for the special cantilevered foundations for the street poles in this area. This week, crews will install four temporary light poles to replace existing, which will also be removed. Crews have completed the pour of concrete for the base of the future traffic light controller for this area of Queens Quay. This week, work will continue west, towards Lower Simcoe where crews will install the remaining caissons for street poles, and pour of concrete for the removable tree trench covers. Tarps will cover completed work in this area. Pedestrian access will be maintained around the work area.
- *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.

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
<p>Bay to York: The installation of the main sanitary line to the east side of York Street is now complete. Remaining work in this area is associated with tie-ins, removals, and restoration of the temporary road surface.</p>	➔	<p>Construction noise should be expected as crews complete the decommissioning and temporary restoration of this area.</p>
<p>Simcoe to Rees: Construction of the new sanitary line has now passed the Radisson Hotel and is approaching the Rees Street intersection. A traffic shift in this area is expected (from the north side to the south side) prior to the end of the month.</p>	➔	<p>Activities and pace are dependent on dewatering. All work is occurring behind jersey barriers/ protective fencing. Construction noise should be expected. The full width of roadway and east leg of Robertson is now reopened for vehicular traffic, but will continue to be one-way only.</p>

Toronto Hydro Construction Activities		What to Expect
<p><i>West of the Yonge Slip:</i> Work on the chamber and duct bank tie-ins in this area has been completed which includes the temporary road restorations of this area.</p>	➔	<p>Work has occurred behind the construction fencing and jersey barriers, which has now been removed.</p>
<p><i>Bay Street West to York Street:</i> This week, PLP crews will continue trenching work (west to east) across the driveway and tunnel entrance of 33 Harbour Square (southside of Queens Quay).</p> <p>Crews are nearing completion of the new cable chamber west of Scotiabank. This work includes the trenching west of this chamber and leading to the service /delivery ramp of 33 Harbour Square.</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>Access to 33 Harbour Square will be maintained at all times with flagmen and directional barriers. This work has been approved and coordinated with the property management team of 33 Harbour Square.</p>
<p><i>York Street West to Lower Simcoe:</i> Crews will continue trenching activities between cable chambers west of the Queens Quay Terminal building and their west driveway.</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 /trenching activities in this area.</p>
<p><i>EMS/Fire Station:</i> Trenching activities between the newly installed cable chambers in this area will continue this</p>	➔	<p>Excavation and construction activities are performed behind jersey barrier and fast fence. Some noise</p>

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<i>Lower Spadina to YoYo Ma Lane:</i> The “roping” of the newly installed conduits and hydro infrastructure has now been completed.	→	This work has been behind the construction zone. Some noise should be expected as crews complete the remediation activities.

NOTE! No Saturday Work
 In consideration of the Winterfest events scheduled for Toronto Waterfront this Saturday, December 14, Toronto Hydro (PLP) will have no crews working this weekend.

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

Telecommunications Work

Last week, Distinct Technical Cable Services crews (the sub-contractor for Rogers, Cogeco, and Allstream) began work on the cable chamber located on the east side of the Beer Store entrance. This week, crews are expected to continue work at this location, as well as various locations along Queens Quay. All work will be performed behind jersey barriers and fast fence with no impacts to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

TTC Portal

TTC crews are continuing with the water and leak remediation efforts within the Bay Street tunnel. Some noise should be expected from “back-up” truck alarms as they occasionally 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:

- Cleanup and sanitary sewer work will continue east of the York and Queens Quay area.
- The rebuild of the Spadina TTC Loop will continue. Northbound traffic is expected to reopen on Lower Spadina (between Queens Quay and Lake Shore).
- Preparations and excavation 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 Lower Simcoe and the construction of a second layby in front of 218 Queens Quay will begin.
- Granite installation is expected to begin at Queens Quay Terminal – January 2014
- Granite installation will continue at Rees Parking Lot
- Landscape work will continue in front of PawsWay and Simcoe Slip.
- Construction of sanitary and storm services will continue at Rees.
- TTC pole installations will continue from Spadina to Yo Yo Ma

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.