



October 12, 2012

**CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #20: Queens Quay Revitalization
Stage One: Week of October 15 to October 19, 2012**

WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

As the “locates” process is still underway, demolition activities which were scheduled to begin the week of October 9th will now begin the week of October 15th. The demolition of the TTC corridor will begin at Rees Street and crews will work east to York Street.

What to Expect:

Crews will begin the demolition by saw-cutting the concrete curbs. They will then use a hoe ram (an excavator with a jackhammer-type head) to break up concrete. The debris and materials will be removed from the site by a dump truck and sent for recycling. 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.

Two-way traffic will continue on Queens Quay but localized lane restrictions should be expected in the work zone. Short stretches (30m) of a single eastbound and westbound lane, adjacent to the TTC corridor, will be closed to traffic. Traffic barrels will be used to mark these localized work zones. Two lanes of traffic will be restored for both east and westbound traffic at the end of each day. There will be no disruption to pedestrians.

TORONTO HYDRO

Toronto Hydro will be working on dewatering activities in two locations on Queens Quay: outside the Westin Hotel and on the south side of Queens Quay between Bay St. and York St. Dewatering allows crews to maintain a dry and stable condition during excavation and construction.

At the Westin Hotel, Toronto Hydro is ready to start its dewatering now that the drilling of test pits and well heads are complete. Between Bay St. and York St., crews will begin drilling test pits in preparation for future dewatering.

What to Expect:

At the Westin, the “jetting of the wells” is scheduled to start mid-week. This is the method used to clear the original drill holes, then place and secure the dewatering pipes into position. Construction noise can be expected with this work as hydro-vac trucks and high pressure water jet hoses are used. Fast fence will be erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel. There will be minimal pedestrian disruption as crews will be predominately working from the eastbound traffic lane (closest to the south curb) which will be closed to traffic.

Between Bay St. and York St., crews will drill exploratory test holes (which are about 4” in diameter) in preparation for dewatering. Construction noise can be expected with this work as hydro-vac trucks are used. Pedestrian access will be maintained. Crews will occupy short stretches of the westbound curb lane around the work zone.

At both work sites, traffic barrels and security cones will be used and paid duty police officers will be on site (as necessary) to direct traffic.

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Splicing: Expertech will continue splicing - or connecting - newly installed copper & fibre cables in the telecom room of 207 Queens Quay. They will also begin splicing activities in two manholes located on York Street between Harbour and Queens Quay. Splicing will occur at a third manhole, located on the north curb lane by Rees Street. A single Expertech van and crew will park near each of these locations with traffic barrels and signs marking their work area.

Cabling: Expertech will also continue and complete its new cable installations between two remaining manhole locations at York and Harbour Streets and the north side of Queens Quay and York St. Crews will pull new cables from their truck and between each manhole. The truck will be parked near the curb lanes adjacent to the sidewalk with traffic barrels and security cones around each work zone. There will be minimal pedestrian disruption as crews will be predominately working from the adjacent traffic lane. One section of the westbound traffic lane will be closed to vehicular traffic at each location. Paid duty police officers will be on site as necessary to direct traffic.

TTC

Work continues within the Harbourfront Portal. Little or no disruption to vehicle access along Queens Quay is expected.

LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK

- Eastern/Waterfront Toronto: Demolition of the TTC corridor will continue east of Rees.
- Hydro: Final preparations for dewatering in front of the Westin Hotel.
- Bell: Cabling & splicing activities will continue.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work will continue in the Harbourfront Portal.
- Enbridge: Road-cut permit to be issued with an October 22 scheduled start date.

Questions:

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