

October 24, 2022

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #10: York Street Park (*Love Park*)

Background

York Street Park (*Love Park*) will be a 2-acre park located at the southern foot of York Street and Queens Quay West in the southern Financial District and Harbourfront neighbourhood. Reclaimed as public space from its former use as the Gardiner's York-Bay-Yonge eastbound off-ramp, the park will be the ultimate ode to connection, community, and nature.

Updates

Tree Removal

Due to an unforeseen site condition, our contractor, Somerville Construction, will remove one (1) Siberian Elm tree on site near the southwest corner of the site as shown in Figure 1. This work is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022. On-site investigations of the soil and root conditions of the existing tree by an arborist in coordination with Urban Forestry revealed that the tree is unstable due to its shallow root conditions. Despite best efforts to save the tree, mitigation of the tree's instability is not feasible and tree removal was recommended so it will not become a hazard in the future park. The tree will be replaced with a large shade tree to contribute to the future tree canopy in the park.

Over 37 new trees will be planted in the park, exceeding the City of Toronto's bylaw regarding tree removals, which are subject to a replacement ratio of 3:1.

What to expect

- Moderate noise is expected.
- Construction vehicles will be active on-site.



Figure 1 – Location of the hazardous tree to be removed following an investigation of its soil and root conditions.



Timeline

The landscape portion of the park is expected to be complete in December 2022, as indicated in [Construction Notice #9](#). To accommodate the necessary commissioning of the water feature, the park will be opened to the public in spring 2023.

About York St. Park (Love Park)

Construction of York Street Park (*Love Park*) began in July 2021 with completion anticipated in spring 2023 to accommodate the commissioning of the water feature.

For more detail about York Street Park (*Love Park*), head to our [project page](#).

Ownership and operations: Site owned by City of Toronto and operated by Parks, Forestry, and Recreation on completion.

QUESTIONS

Please send your questions to info@waterfrontoronto.ca