



September 2025

Construction Notice #1: Unfinished Arch, Sherbourne Common

Fabrication, Installation and Site Management: Eventscape

Construction for the Unfinished Arch (Art Installation) will begin Tuesday, September 30th and continue through to Spring 2026

Beginning on Tuesday, September 30th, construction will begin for the Unfinished Arch – an art installation by Rafael Lozano-Hemmer's studio, Antimodular Research. Construction will be in two phases. This notice outlines the construction details from September to December 2025 (first phase).

What to Expect as Early as September 30th:

- **Early October:** Mobilization, including installation of fencing and site signage, delivery of equipment and supplies, and installation of foundation supports.
- **Mid–Late October:** Concrete foundation work, including excavation, drilling and pouring.
- **October–November:** Electrical work to support the new installation.
- **Hours of work:** Weekdays from 7am to 5pm. Occasional weekend and overtime work may be required. Residents will be notified in advance of any change in working hours.

Impacts:

- A 125 x 100 foot section of the south end of Sherbourne Common will be fenced to provide a secure construction area.
- Construction vehicles will be accessing the site throughout the fall.
- No road closures are planned, but short-term impacts to pedestrian pathways near the site may occur.
- Residents can expect moderate construction noise during working hours.
- Some vibration may also be felt during drilling.

Note: Work will pause for the winter months. The site will remain fenced and secured, the footprint reduced to 20 by 20 feet, with construction resuming in early spring.

To ensure public safety throughout the construction period, the following measures will be in place:

- Temporary area closures around active work zones
- Sidewalk signage to redirect pedestrian traffic
- Safety spotters and flaggers to manage equipment access and movement
- Traffic control protocols during equipment delivery and soil removal operations



Above: map showing the location of Unfinished Arch's construction site in Sherbourne Common.

Location

Sherbourne Common (South) is located just east of Lower Sherbourne Street, spanning south of Queens Quay East to the lake. Unfinished Arch will be situated in the southeast corner of the park, adjacent to the Water's Edge Promenade.

Background

Unfinished Arch by internationally renowned artist Rafael Lozano-Hemmer's studio, Antimodular Research, is a large-scale interactive artwork being installed in Sherbourne Common. Situated at the southeast corner of the park, the work is a 9m-high "incomplete" arch that cantilevers dramatically over a distance of 14m. The piece is participatory, and visitors are encouraged to "complete" the arch by touching its floating edge. Once contact is made, the arch will illuminate until the participant removes their hands from the piece.



More Information

Learn more about [Unfinished Arch](#)

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at info@waterfrontoronto.ca

To learn more about the Unfinished Arch, visit

<https://www.waterfrontoronto.ca/news/waterfront-toronto-announces-destination-art-piece-for-sherbourne-common>