



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #73 Queens Quay Revitalization

Week of November 4, to November 8, 2013

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Partial Closure of Eastbound Spadina/ Lake Shore Intersection

The eastbound Lake Shore Boulevard intersection at Lower Spadina Avenue will be partially closed for the start of the streetcar track construction at the Spadina Loop during the following dates and time:

- Beginning **Friday, November 1st, at 7:00 pm until Monday, November 4th, at 6:00 am**

Traffic travelling eastbound on Lake Shore Boulevard will be reduced to one lane at the Lower Spadina Avenue intersection. The Spadina off-ramp from the eastbound Gardiner will also be reduced to one lane during this time. Westbound traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard will not be impacted. Overnight work will occur during the weekend closure. Paid duty police officers will be on site to help divert traffic during this work.

Southbound traffic on Spadina Avenue wishing to turn left onto eastbound Lake Shore Boulevard will be limited to passenger vehicles only. Trucks and buses will be directed to divert via Bremner Avenue to Rees Street, Lower Simcoe Street or York Street, where they can turn south and re-join eastbound traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard.

The 510 Spadina TTC bus will not be impacted.

Reminder: A second stage of work will be carried out next weekend – from Friday, November 8th, at 8:00 pm until Tuesday, November 12th, at 6:00 am

Essential Services Night Work

Overnight work will continue throughout this week for municipal infrastructure work (catch basins and manholes) on Queens Quay between Rees Street and Lower Spadina Avenue. Water is not scheduled to be shutoff during this work.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Queens Quay Terminal Building

Last week, crews completed the demolition and pour of the concrete steps at the northwest corner and leading from the landscape gardens of the Queens Quay Terminal building. This week, crews will strip the forms of the new steps, allowing the concrete to cure.

Crews also constructed a “mock up” of the exposed aggregate sidewalk that will be installed next spring and will match existing sidewalk in this area of the Queens Quay Terminal property. This area will remain closed to pedestrians, with alternative diversion paths available.

York Ramp Area

Last week, crews continued with the installation of pole foundations, traffic signals, hand wells, and the modifications to the existing curb and traffic lanes for the new design of Queens Quay. Work will continue in this area, this week. Final landscape work including new granite pavers will occur in subsequent weeks. The right turn lane at Queens Quay/York Street (for northbound traffic onto York Street) is temporarily closed but right turns will still be permitted from the westbound travel lane.

Bay Street Portal

A new catch basin has been ordered and will be installed once received. Crews completed the layout of the new planter beds at the head of the TTC portal. This week crews will continue with both construction activities. All work will be performed within the construction zone with no impacts to vehicles or pedestrians.

Eastern Construction has also created 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 this property. Work continues on this project.

Queens Quay Granite Sidewalk Installation / Parking Laybys

- *PawsWay/Simcoe WaveDeck:* Crews have completed the formation of the new curb, sidewalk, and bedding area adjacent to the east leg of Robertson Crescent. This week, crews will continue laying the new granite pavers (creating the maple leaf pattern) which began at the Simcoe WaveDeck and proceed west towards PawsWay.
- *West of the 208 & 218 Queens Quay driveway:* Last week, crews continued with the construction and concrete pour of the tree trenches and street light foundations in this area. This week, crews will begin to lay the granite pavers and continue west towards Lower Simcoe which includes the preparations and construction of the second layby in front of 218 Queens Quay. A vac-truck will be required for the placement of the streetlight foundations, so intermittent construction noise can be expected with this work. Pedestrian access passing this area on the north side of Queens Quay will be maintained at all times.
- *Rees WaveDeck area:* Crews have completed the laying of the granite pavers across the face of the Harbourfront Sailing & Powerboating building and west side of the Rees/Robertson intersection. A secondary temporary pedestrian diversion will be constructed onto the new granite pavers, once the polymeric sand has sufficiently cured. Last week crews also positioned and electrified the Toronto Police Marine Unit sign on its new base and location.

New Streetlight, Traffic and TTC Pole Foundations

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

- *York Off Ramp Area:* Crews will continue with the installation of caissons for new street poles in this area.
- *Harbourfront Centre / Lower Simcoe:* Last week, crews completed the drilling on the majority of the caisson foundations required for new streetlight and traffic poles at the north and south side of the Lower Simcoe and Queens Quay intersection. This week, crews will continue with the drilling of remaining caissons in this area.
- *North side of Queens Quay (West of Rees Street to the Rees Street Parking Lot):* Crews completed a temporary pedestrian path along the north curb lane of Queens Quay from just west of Rees Street to the Beer Store entrance/driveway. This path is protected by fast fence and jersey barriers. Last week, crews began the removal of soil and existing landscape materials from the Beer Store entrance east and directly in front of the Rees Street parking lot. This work will continue this week, and include a small portion of the parking lot which will accommodate for new electrical services for the lot attendant booth and the relocation of the street food vendor.
- *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.
- *Yo Yo Ma Lane:* Shoring will continue to be placed for the installation of caissons for new streetpoles in this area. This includes the pour of concrete for the pole foundations this week.

Construction noise should be expected as crews drill and trench with a backhoe to complete this work. A vac-truck may also be used so intermittent construction noise should be expected.

Spadina Loop Reconstruction

Last week crews completed the removal of the temporary road surface that extended into Lower Spadina Avenue, and the preparations for the upcoming [weekend work](#). The pedestrian sidewalk has been closed in this area, with an alternative path available along the southside of Lake Shore Blvd towards the covered laneway adjacent to 390 Queens Quay and the Shoppers Drug Mart.

The rebuild of a second existing splicing chamber within the loop (behind the 410 Queens Quay condominium) was also completed. Crews will complete the tie-in of the conduit pipes to/from this splicing chamber which is located on the east side of the 410 Queens Quay property.

This week, TTC crews are scheduled to deliver and place the new rails for the Spadina Loop during the evening shifts. Paid duty Police will direct traffic which will require some short term (15-20 minute) closures. Construction noise should be expected.

Please see our Spadina Loop Reconstruction [Special Construction Notice](#) for more information about this work.

Telecommunications Work

Distinct Technical Cable Services – DTS, the sub-contractor for Rogers, Cogeco, and Allstream will return to the Queens Quay Revitalization project site. Crews will be working at various locations along the construction site as they resume their infrastructure and cabling activities. All work will be performed behind jersey barriers and fast fence with no impacts to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.




TTC Splicing Chambers

Crews have completed the majority of TTC splicing chambers outside of the loop area. Only three pre-cast chambers remain to be installed. These are located between Lower Simcoe west to Rees Street.

Last week, the splicing chamber located near the old taxi stand at 207 Queens Quay was placed, the area backfilled, and the temporary road restoration completed.

Peter Slip Bridge

Last week, Toronto Hydro completed their work in this area. This included the final placement of new buried electrical services, removal of old poles, and tie-in of new electrical services for their customers.

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
Bay to York: Crews have completed the new sanitary line through the driveway entrance of 55/65 Harbour Square. The road surface has been restored and reopened for use. This week crews continue to track west towards York Street with the installation of new manholes.		Work in this area is coordinated with the condominium property managers. Construction noise should be expected as crews proceed west to York Street.
Simcoe to Rees: The sanitary installation work has now reached the 260 Queens Quay area. The new sanitary line now transitions towards the south side of Queens Quay. A slight traffic shift is now in place to facilitate the work diagonally across Queens Quay in this area. Activities and pace are heavily dependent on dewatering in this area.		All sanitary construction work occurs behind jersey barriers/protective fencing. Construction noise/dust should be expected. A temporary asphalt layby is located in this area to accommodate deliveries to the 250/260/270 Queens Quay businesses.
Rees Street Parking Lot to Spadina Avenue: Some night work is scheduled in this area for the installation of new catch basins and manholes.		Night crews will undertake noisy prep activities (e.g., jackhammering, saw cutting etc.) during the day. A temporary water shutoff is planned for mid-week (see "Construction News for details).

Toronto Hydro Construction Activities		What to Expect
<i>West of the Yonge Slip:</i> Work on the chamber in this area will continue this week. Progress is dependent on water levels but work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.	➔	Work will occur behind the construction fencing already in place.
<i>Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina:</i> Crews have completed the trenching and duct work west of the Peter Slip Bridge to Lower Spadina, including temporary road restorations in this area. The rebuild of the cable chamber located at the northeast corner of Lower Spadina was also completed last week. The rebuild of the cable chamber located at the entrance of 410 Queens Quay (Aqua condos) is expected to be completed early this week.	➔	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.
<i>EMS/Fire Station:</i> Crews have completed work on one of two cable chambers located west of the 339 Queens Quay address and the south side of Queens Quay. The tentative completion date of the second cable chamber is November 20.	➔	Excavation and construction activities are performed behind jersey barrier and fast fence. Some noise can be expected with these activities.
<i>Lower Spadina to YoYo Ma Lane:</i> PLP crews will continue trenching activities at the intersection of Lower Spadina/Queens Quay and proceed west to Yo Yo Ma Lane. One of two cable chambers has been completed. The second chamber is expected to be completed by November 14.	➔	This work continues behind the protection of jersey barriers and construction zone. Some noise should be expected as crews continue these trenching activities.

NOTE! Saturday Work

On Saturday, November 2, Toronto Hydro (PLP) will have a single crew beginning trenching activities west of Bay Street and the portal entrance, weather permitting.

For more information, please contact Hydro’s Customer Operations Representative – Andrea Ramnares at aramnares@torontohydro.com or 416.542.3100 ext. 30249.

TTC Portal

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

- Sanitary sewer work will continue west of 65 Harbour Square.
- The rebuild of the Spadina TTC Loop will continue. Northbound traffic will continue to be closed on Lower Spadina (between Queens Quay and Lake Shore)
- Spadina and Lake Shore Blvd east lane restrictions scheduled for Nov.1-4 and Nov.8-12 weekends
- Preparations 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 Simcoe and the construction of a second layby in front of 218 Queens Quay.
- Landscape work will continue in front of PawsWay and adjacent to the Simcoe WaveDeck.
- Construction of sanitary and storm services will continue between Bay and York and Simcoe and Rees.
- Reconstruction and sandblasting of steps at Queens Quay Terminal adjacent the taxi stand

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.