



October 26, 2012

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #22: Queens Quay Revitalization

Stage One: Week of October 29 to November 2, 2012

WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

All “locates” are received and demolition activities are underway on the TTC corridor near 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store). Crews will continue to work east to York St.

What to Expect:

Crews are saw cutting concrete curbs and using a hoe ram (an excavator with a jackhammer-type head) to break-up the concrete. The debris is removed by dump trucks 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 each day, 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 east bound and west bound 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 continue with its dewatering activities in two locations on Queens Quay: outside the Westin Hotel, and on the north side of Queens Quay between Bay St. and York St. Dewatering, allows crews to maintain a dry, stable, and safe condition during excavation and construction.

What to Expect:

Westin Hotel Area: When final approvals are received from the City, the “draw-down” of water will begin. Instrumentation to measure settlement monitoring will also be installed this week outside the Westin which will have no impact to pedestrians or traffic. Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel. There will be minimal pedestrian disruption as crews will be predominately working from the curbside eastbound traffic lane (which is closed to traffic in this area).

NOTE! POSSIBLE SATURDAY WORK

PLP may work at the northeast corner of York St. and Queens Quay on Saturday, October 26, weather permitting. PLP is scheduled to begin the construction of a cable chamber in this location. Work will occur between 9am and 5pm with intermittent noise disruptions.

Between Bay St. and York St: A second PLP crew will continue constructing the dewatering systems between Bay and York Streets. Well head installation has begun at the north-east corner of York St and Queens Quay, adjacent the York Street off-ramp.

Crews will begin to connect the well points in preparation of dewatering. Construction noise can be expected as hydro-vac trucks are used. Crews are expected to occupy short stretches of the westbound curb lane around the work zone. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

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

BELL

Splicing: Expertech will continue splicing - or connecting - newly installed copper & fibre cables in two manholes located in the intersection of York St. and Queens Quay. 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 these same two manholes locations at York St. and Queens Quay. 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. Paid duty police officers will be on site as necessary to direct traffic.

ENBRIDGE

Work continues on the installation of a new 6" gas main pipe on the south side of Queens Quay in the eastbound traffic lane adjacent to the TTC corridor. Link-Link crews (Enbridge's subcontractor) will continue working west from around York St. to Lower Simcoe St. Work in this area, including the "tie-in" of gas services to near-by buildings, is expected to be complete by the end of the week.

What to Expect:

Crews will continue saw cutting curbs and asphalt surfaces and the debris will be removed by dump trucks. Construction noise should be expected (within the City's Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize at 7am each day, but noisy work, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am. The south side of the eastbound traffic lane adjacent to the TTC corridor will be closed to traffic. Traffic barrels and fast fence will be used to mark this lane closure and paid duty police offices will be on site to direct traffic. Two lanes of traffic will be restored for eastbound traffic at the end of each day. There will be no disruption to pedestrians.

TTC

Rails for the westbound TTC streetcar tracks have been positioned within the Harbourfront Portal and ramp area. Work to set the rails with plates and then embedded in concrete will continue with 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 350 Queens Quay
- Hydro: Dewatering continues in front of the Westin Hotel and the installation of dewatering equipment will continue between Bay St. and York St.
- Bell: Cabling & splicing activities will continue.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work will continue in the Harbourfront Portal.
- Enbridge: Trenching and installation of new gas mains continue from Lower Simcoe west to Rees Street.

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.