

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #94 Queens Quay Revitalization

For the week of April 14 to April 18, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Long Weekend

Next week's construction notice will be issued on Thursday, April 17. There are no scheduled construction activities or crews working over the long weekend.

Spring Fling – April 18-20

The Waterfront BIA is sponsoring a new event over the long weekend that will bring three days of music, dance and hands-on family-friendly activities to Harbourfront Centre. Festivities are also planned throughout the weekend at PawsWay and Queens Quay Terminal – and Mariposa Cruises will offer Signs of Spring Harbour Tours on Sunday, April 20. Special offers are available at The Westin Hotel, The Radisson Hotel and the Watermark restaurant. Learn [more](#).

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

TTC Track Delivery and Installation Continues

Rail installation for the Queens Quay streetcar just west of Lower Simcoe was completed last week. Crews also poured the concrete base for the next section of track between Ann Tindal park and the east leg of Robertson Crescent. This week, TTC crews will deliver the rails overnight and begin installation for this section. Crews will also begin preparations for the next stretch of the rebuild just west of York once utility locates are in place (including saw-cutting /asphalt removal).

Overnight Rail Delivery

Given the length of the TTC rails – anywhere from 60 metres to 100 metres in length – it is common practice for TTC crews to move the rails overnight. Crews are accompanied by Paid Duty Police Officers who help guide the crews through intersections and protect the public. The resumption of streetcar service is targeted for August 31, 2014.

Granite Work Beginning in Two New Locations

With warmer temperatures, the installation of granite is proceeding quickly along Queens Quay. Crews will begin preparations for granite in two new locations this week.

- *Harbourfront Centre:* Crews will begin to remove precast pavers and prepare the south side curb area east of Harbourfront Centre from Lower Simcoe to the west driveway next to Queens Quay Terminal. Fast fence will protect pedestrians from crews working in this area.
- *Rees Parkette to Lower Simcoe:* Crews will begin the demolition of concrete sidewalks on the north side of Queens Quay from the Rees Parkette east to Lower Simcoe. This includes the sidewalks past The Riviera condominiums at 228/230 Queens Quay. In cooperation with the property management team of The Riviera, the west driveway of this building will be closed over a two-day period to allow crews to complete the demolition and temporary asphalt of the driveway. The temporary layby adjacent the parkette will also be closed while this work is in progress. Temporary laybys on Rees Street will be constructed for the local businesses to use.

Traffic Management Plan

Lower Spadina: The northbound lanes of Lower Spadina were re-opened last week and will remain open until April 25 when crews begin work for the installation of TTC rails in the Lower Spadina and Queens Quay intersection. The TTC 510 bus will continue to run along its current diversion route to Dan Leckie Way while the northbound Spadina traffic lanes area open to the public for this short period of time.

Lower Simcoe: Northbound traffic onto Lower Simcoe will be reinstated mid-week. Last week, crews completed the installation of a new manhole in the intersection and will complete road restorations early this week.

York Street to Queens Quay Terminal Building: Traffic will be shifted to the southside of Queens Quay in front of the Queens Quay Terminal building mid-week. At the west driveway area, traffic will be directed back to the north bound lanes through the Lower Simcoe intersection and past The Riviera condominiums.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

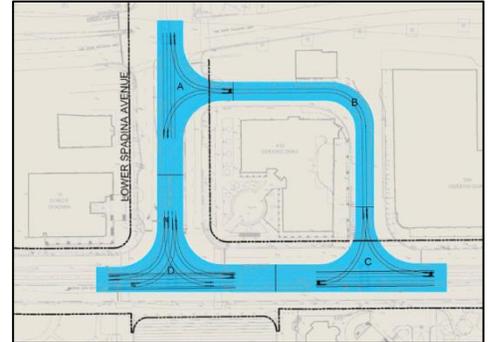
Spadina Loop Reconstruction

Sections A and B

Overhead cabling is underway in these areas and will continue this week.

Section C Rebuild – TTC Splicing Chamber at Shoppers Drug Mart

Last week, crews continued with the forming of rebar walls for this splicing chamber. The pour of concrete walls is scheduled for this week. The laneway at Shoppers Drug Mart will remain opened for 'exit-only' traffic.



Section D – Spadina/Queens Quay Intersection

Preparations for the rebuild of this section of the Spadina Loop are expected to begin on April 25.

TTC Splicing Chamber –East of Rees/Robertson Intersection

Construction of the last splicing chamber which is located just east of the Rees/Robertson intersection has been deferred until a specialized chamber is fabricated to fit within the constraints of the infrastructure in the area. Additional work will be conducted in this area until the pre-cast concrete chamber is installed (scheduled for the next 3 to 4 weeks).

Queens Quay Granite Sidewalk Installation / Parking Laybys

- *York Ramp:* Last week, crews completed 100% of the granite curbs in this area. This week, crews will begin the installation of granite pavers from the York Ramp parkette west to York Street.
- *Queens Quay Terminal:* The installation of granite under the tent just east of the Queens Quay Terminal entrance is now complete and the polymeric sand has cured binding the pavers in place. The protective canopy has been reassembled at the west driveway / old taxi stand area to allow the completion of the remaining portion of sidewalk for this property.
- *PawsWay/Simcoe WaveDeck:* Last week, crews completed the sub-base preparations at the west entrance of 245 Queens Quay, and completed the majority of the new maple leaf patterned pavers in this area. The scaffold and canopy structures now protect the completed work as the polymeric sand cures and binds the pavers. The canopies and scaffold are scheduled to be dismantled this week, and the entire 245 Queens Quay sidewalk area reopened to the public before the long Easter weekend.
- *West of the 208 & 218 Queens Quay Driveway to Lower Simcoe:* Last week, crews began the installation of the granite pavers at the storefronts of 218 Queens Quay. Work will continue this week.
- *Rees Street Parking Lot:* Granite is completed in this area. A fast fence was placed to protect the portion of the promenade along the Rees parking lot where new sod will be laid once the warmer weather arrives.

NOTE! SATURDAY WORK

On Saturday, April 12, Eastern will have several crews working at these locations:

- PawsWay and Williams Café: Completing installation of the new granite pavers at the southeast corner of Robertson/Queens Quay.
- 350 Queens Quay/Beer Store: Mainline storm crew working on the new storm lines in this area.
- Peter Slip Bridge west to Lower Spadina: Crew working on the installation of new catch basins.
- Rees Street and Queens Quay: Crew working on new manholes, catch basins, and backfilling operations.
- York Street to 55 Harbour Square: Two crews working on catch basins, laterals, and tie-in connections.

Weekend work will occur between 9am and 7pm. Contact Robert Pasut, Eastern at (416) 505-3073 with questions.

New Streetlight, Traffic and TTC Pole Foundations

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

- *Crossing intersections to Queens Quay - Bay/ /Lower Simcoe/ Rees /Spadina:* This week crews will continue with exploratory test pits using hydro-vac trucks at these traffic intersections along the Queens Quay. This work is required to expose, locate, and identify sub-surface conflicts and obstructions in advance of the street light pole foundation installations.
- *Bay to Rees:* This week, crews will continue work on pole foundations near 10/20 Bay and the remaining pole foundation at the north-west corner of York Street.
- *401 Queens Quay to Yo Yo Ma Lane:* Excavations for foundations and beams for cantilevered poles will continue. Hydro-vac operations are still required for some new pole foundations in this area due to new obstructions. This accommodates for some design modifications made to the TTC pole locations in this area.

Construction of a Hydro One Barrier

Last week, crews continued excavating a one metre wide by two metre deep trench from the 33 Harbour Square service ramp east to Bay Street. This trench will immediately be backfilled with concrete and covered to create a Hydro One safety barrier for future landscaping work. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of this week.

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
55 Harbour Square: Crews will work on catch basins and tie-ins to newly installed infrastructure.		Crews will work on Saturday, April 12 within the fenced-off construction area.
Rees to Peter Slip Bridge: Crews continue to work on the new storm line/watermain system west of Rees. This work includes the tie-in of catch basins to the newly installed storm main. The removal of the old hydrant west of Rees was successfully completed last week.	→	Crews will work on Saturday, April 12 at Rees and Queens Quay and at 350 Queens Quay. Excavation, backfilling, and construction activities are performed behind jersey barrier and fast fence. Construction noise should be expected with this construction work.
Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina: Crews will continue with the installation / tie-in of new catch basins and manhole work in the Lower Spadina and Queens Quay area. This work is expected to be completed in the next two weeks.	→	Crews will work on Saturday, April 12 in this area. Some noise can be expected with construction and trenching activities.
Spadina to Yo Yo Ma: Catch basin and manhole installations on the south side of Queens Quay at the Music Garden will continue this week.	→	Work will occur during the day shift only. Some noise can be expected as crews continue with these activities.

Telecommunications Work

Last week, Distinct Technical Cable Services crews (sub-contractor for Rogers, Cogeco, and Allstream) returned to complete work at 250 Queens Quay property area and the northwest corner of York Street. This week, crews will begin work at other various locations along the Queens Quay. All work will be performed behind jersey barriers/fast fence with no impacts to pedestrians or traffic.

More Information:

For more information about this work, please email info@waterfrontoronto.ca or for urgent construction issues, contact Robert Pasut, Eastern Construction at (416) 505-3073.