



November 9, 2012

**CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #24: Queens Quay Revitalization
Stage One: Week of November 12 to November 16, 2012**

TRAFFIC UPDATE

One-way westbound operations on Queens Quay will continue, however, a change in traffic operations will be required for a short stretch of Queens Quay between Bay St and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square (east of York Street). This change, which will accommodate work required by Toronto Hydro in the north travel lanes, will require the following:

- Vehicles will travel on the southside of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square.
- After 55/65 Harbour Square, vehicles will transition back to the northside of the street.
- A paid duty officer will be at the Bay and Queens Quay intersection to direct traffic from the north to the southside of Queens Quay.
- During the evening the road will be plated and one lane of westbound travel will be available on the northside of Queens Quay.

Safety Note!

In order to facilitate the eastbound traffic closure, jersey barriers with fencing have been placed along Queens Quay. These barriers have been placed to protect construction workers, motorists, and pedestrians from the work zones and construction activities. Please use signalized intersections when crossing the street.

Please note that local access in and out of the 10/20 Bay parking lot/service lane -- and the Ellis Don construction site -- will be maintained from the northside. Hydro's flagmen will be on the street to direct local traffic in and out of the area.

WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

The demolition of the TTC corridor continues from 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) east to Rees St. Crews are also expected to begin demolition from Rees St. to Lower Simcoe St. where they will continue with saw cutting concrete curbs and breaking-up concrete with a hoe-ram (an excavator with a jackhammer-type head). The debris is removed from the site by dump trucks and sent for recycling

What to Expect:

Construction noise should be expected with this work (within the City's Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize each day beginning at 7am, but noisy work, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am. Two westbound travel lanes will be maintained although some localized closures may be required in areas where jersey barriers are re-set to accommodate construction progress. There will be no disruption to pedestrians.

TORONTO HYDRO

Toronto Hydro will continue work in two locations on Queens Quay: outside the Westin Hotel and on the north side of Queens Quay between Bay St. and York St.

At the Westin Hotel, PowerLine Plus (Toronto Hydro's contractor) has received City approval and permit for discharge for dewatering. Crews may now begin the "drawdown" of water to create a dry, stable and safe condition for excavation. The duration of the drawdown is expected to be approximately a week. Once the water table has been lowered to a level suitable for construction, PLP will begin construction – tentatively scheduled for mid-to late in the week.

Between Bay St. and York St., crews will begin the construction of two chambers in the north travel lanes of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square. Chamber construction also continues at the north-east corner of York St and Queens Quay next to the York Street off-ramp.

What to Expect:

Westin Hotel Area - Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel. There will be minimal pedestrian disruption as dewatering begins. Pumps and settling tanks are located at the south side curb lane (which is closed to traffic in this area). Some noise can be expected during the drawdown as pumps and generators will be used.

Between Bay and York Street - Pedestrian access will be maintained at all time. Vehicular traffic will be rerouted to the southside travel lanes for a short stretch between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square. Local traffic to 10/20 Bay St. and the Ellis Don construction site (85 Harbour) will be permitted through the construction area. Paid-duty officers will be onsite to help direct traffic. The work in the northside travel lanes is expected to take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

Possible Saturday Work
Hydro crews may work between Bay St. and York St. on Saturday, November 10, weather permitting. If necessary, work will occur between 9am and 5pm with intermittent noise disruptions. For questions, please contact Hydro's Customer Operations Representative, Maggie Mu at mmu@torontohydro.com or 416.542.3181.

BELL

All Bell Canada civil work has been completed on Queens Quay.

Splicing: Expertech will continue splicing - or connecting - newly installed copper & fibre cables in two manholes located in the intersection of York Street and Queens Quay. A single Expertech van and crew will park near each of these manhole locations with traffic barrels and signs marking their work area.

An additional crew will begin splicing activities at 260 QQ (near Rabba Foods). A single Expertech van and crew will park on the north sidewalk area adjacent to the curb lane. Orange cones and signs will mark their work area. There will be no impact to westbound traffic and pedestrian access will be maintained.

Cabling: Expertech will complete its new cable installations between the two manholes locations at York Street 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

Link-Line, (Enbridge's sub-contractor) are expected to complete the tie-in of gas services at the intersection of York and Queens Quay for the Queens Quay Terminal building. Crews are also expected to complete their work from west of Lower Simcoe St. to Ann Tindal Park. The trenching work in this zone is primarily in the sidewalk area adjacent to the south curb. Once complete, crews will continue west to Robertson Crescent.

What to Expect:

Construction noise should be expected with this work (within the City's Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize beginning at 7am., but noisy work, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am. Crews will not impact traffic (as they are working in the eastbound lanes which are closed to traffic). The sidewalk will remain open but some diversion pathways may be required.

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, grouting, 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 QQ towards Rees Street.
- Hydro: Dewatering in front of the Westin hotel will continue. Preparations for dewatering between Bay St. and York St. will continue.
- Bell: Cabling & splicing activities will continue.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work will continue in the Harbourfront Portal.
- Enbridge: Trenching and installation of new gas main and tie-ins continue from Lower Simcoe west to Robertson and 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.