

November 24, 2020

Special Notice: York Street Park (*Love Park*) Tree Maintenance

Background

York Street Park (*Love Park*) is a 2-acre park located at the southern foot of York Street and Queens Quay West, designed to provide flexible public space in the southern Financial District and Harbourfront neighbourhood.

Construction of York Street Park (*Love Park*) is currently expected to commence in 2021 and slated for completion in 2022.

[York Street Park's \(*Love Park*\) design](#) was presented to the public during the week of January 13, 2020 at 1 York Street, 88 Queens Quay West, and 20 Bay Street.

What to expect on site

On November 26, 2020, in preparation for upcoming construction, arborists will continue maintenance work to the trees on site.

Arborists, who began this work earlier this Fall, will be undertaking air spading and root pruning. This work is planned for those trees that will be retained as part of the park's final design. This work helps to ensure the health and longevity of these trees before, during and after construction.

Why is this work important?

Air spading removes soil from around tree roots using compressed air. The air compression tool used looks like a long rod attached to a small hose. Air spading is a safer, less invasive way for arborists to maintain root health than manual digging and avoids damaging the root system.

Once the soil is strategically removed, crews will be pruning the trees roots. Pruning is done in advance of construction on the site to minimize the risk of doing damage to important root systems during construction. Root pruning helps to encourage growth of new feeder roots.

Work area

An area of 5-12 meters squared away from the impacted trees will be taped off while this work is taking place. The site will reopen immediately following completion of the work.



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Site access

Crews will be accessing the site through Queens Quay West at York Street. Service trucks will be on site, but there are no traffic impact anticipated as a result of this work.

Questions

For more information about York Street Park (*Love Park*), visit our website:

www.waterfrontoronto.ca.

Send your questions to info@waterfrontoronto.ca. We appreciate and thank you for your patience.