

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #95 Queens Quay Revitalization

For the week of April 21 to April 25, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Long Weekend

There are no scheduled construction activities or crews working over this long weekend. Work resumes on Monday, April 21.

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

Night Work – East Leg of Robertson Crescent

The east leg of Robertson Crescent at Queens Quay will be closed overnight on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22 to complete manhole/catch basin work located in the roadway. The west leg of Robertson Crescent/Rees Street will remain open for vehicles entering and exiting the area. Crews will work between 5pm and 5am over the two night period to complete the work as expeditiously as possible. At the end of each shift, the work will be plated for daytime traffic movements.

Lower Simcoe Open

Northbound traffic onto Lower Simcoe was reinstated last week following the installation of a new manhole in the intersection and temporary road restorations.

Traffic Changes to Accommodate Spadina Loop Rebuild

Next week, we will make several changes to the traffic management plan to accommodate for the rebuild of the Spadina Loop trackbed on Queens Quay. Excavation at Lower Spadina/Queens Quay is expected to begin on April 25.

- *Peter Slip Bridge to Yo Yo Ma Lane:* The westbound traffic lanes on Queens Quay will gradually shift to the south side curb lane. This shift will be completed by the end of the week to accommodate for the start of excavation for the rebuild of the Spadina Loop trackbed on Queens Quay.
- *Maple Leaf Quay West Laneway:* The laneway access (at Shoppers Drug Mart) will be closed but vehicles exiting Maple Leaf Quay will continue to have an exit from the west side of the building. Eastern Construction will extend the Maple Leaf Quay laneway west behind the 410 condominium allowing vehicles to exit onto Lower Spadina. This lane will be exit only – and it will only be available during this phase of construction. The east driveway entrance and exit to Maple Leaf Quay will not be impacted.
- *Lower Spadina:* The northbound lanes of Lower Spadina will close at end of this week. The TTC 510 bus will continue to run along its current diversion route to Dan Leckie Way. Southbound traffic on Lower Spadina will not be impacted.

Granite Work Underway in Two New Locations

- *Harbourfront Centre:* This week crews will begin to remove the precast pavers between the Queens Quay Terminal Driveway and Ontario Square. They will also begin to prepare the sub-base bedding structures including the pour of new concrete bases and drainage system. In cooperation with Harbourfront Centre, pedestrians are being directed along the Ontario Square promenade. The entire length of granite landscape work which includes the parking entrance/exit for Harbourfront is scheduled to be complete by the end of June.
- *Rees Parkette to Lower Simcoe:* Last week, crews completed the demolition of concrete sidewalks on the north side of Queens Quay from the Rees Parkette east to Lower Simcoe. The demolition included the sidewalks past The Riviera condominiums at 228/230 Queens Quay and the demolition/temporary asphalt of the driveway. The temporary layby adjacent the parkette is closed with signs in place directing vehicles to temporary laybys on Rees Street. This week, crews will excavate for the tree pits, set the new curb cradles and trench for the street light poles and associated conduits in this area.

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

TTC Track Delivery and Installation Continues

Last week, crews completed the second section of track west of Lower Simcoe with the pour of the concrete base between Ann Tindal Park and the east leg of Robertson Crescent. TTC crews delivered the rails overnight, and this week will continue with the installation for this section.

Last week, crews also began preparations for the next stretch of the rebuild just west of York Street which included the saw-cutting of roadway, asphalt removal, and initial bedding preparations. Work continues this week.

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.

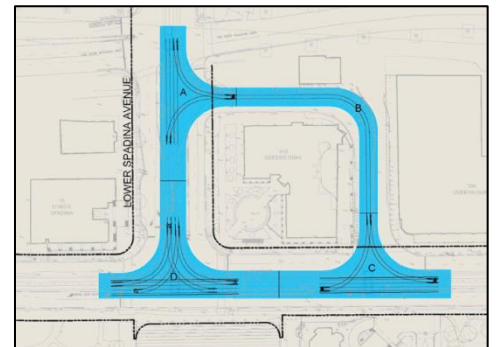
Spadina Loop Reconstruction

Sections A and B

This week, TTC overhead cabling crews will continue working on their new infrastructures in this area.

Section C Rebuild – TTC Splicing Chamber at Shoppers Drug Mart

Last week, crews completed the forming of rebar and pour of concrete for the walls and top of this splicing chamber. This week, the forms will be stripped, and the area backfilled, prior to the excavation work for the conduit tie-ins to the new chamber begins. The chamber is expected to be complete in the next two weeks.



Section D – Spadina/Queens Quay Intersection

Excavations for the rebuild of this section of the Spadina Loop are scheduled to begin on April 25 with track delivery and installation beginning the week of May 5. Details of the construction activities and staging will be distributed via a Special Construction Notice next week.

TTC Splicing Chamber –East of Rees/Robertson Intersection

Construction of the last splicing chamber which is located just east of the Rees/Robertson intersection will begin following the installation of a manhole, catch basins, and tie-ins to the new storm line located within the east leg of the Robertson Crescent laneway.

NOTE! NO SATURDAY WORK:

Eastern Construction will have no crews working over the April long weekend – April 18-20.




Queens Quay Granite Sidewalk Installation / Parking Laybys

- *York Ramp*: Last week, crews completed 100% of the new steel edgers for the granite 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 the granite path and sidewalks at the east side of the Queens Quay Terminal, near Sobeys, was completed last week and re-opened to the public. The remaining granite and paving for the area is expected to be completed in two to three weeks, weather permitting.
- *PawsWay/Simcoe WaveDeck*: Last week, crews completed 100% of the granite installation on the western portion of the 245 Queens Quay building. The canopies and scaffold were dismantled and removed, and the entire 245 Queens Quay sidewalk area reopened to the public prior to start of the April long weekend. This week, the dog and cat sculptures will return to occupy their play area in front of the PawsWay.
- *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.

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, and continue drilling at these traffic intersections along 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, and drilling 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 obstructions.

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
<p>York to Bay: Crews will work on remaining catch basins and tie-ins to newly installed infrastructures.</p>		<p>Crews will work within the fenced-off construction area.</p>
<p>Robertson Crescent 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 several old hydrants west of Rees Street will be completed over the next two weeks.</p> <p>Toronto Hydro and PLP crews will mobilize to site on April 21 to complete modifications to the existing duct banks at the Rees Street parking lot. This work is expected to be completed by the end of the week.</p>		<p>Excavation, backfilling, and construction activities are performed behind jersey barrier and fast fence. Construction noise should be expected with this construction work.</p> <p>Overnight work will occur on Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22 – to accommodate the installation of a manhole in the Robertson Crescent roadway.</p>
<p>Peter Slip Bridge to Spadina: Crews have completed 100% of the installations / tie-in of new catch basins and manholes on the south side of Queens Quay in this area.</p>		<p>Some noise can be expected with construction and trenching activities. All construction is performed behind concrete jersey barriers and fast fence.</p>

Storm and Sanitary Construction Activities		What to Expect
This week, crews will focus on identical construction activities located on the north side near the 390 and 410 Queens Quay properties. This work is expected to be completed in the next two weeks.		
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 the north side areas of York Street and Lower Simcoe. This week, crews will continue 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.