



**November 23, 2012**

## **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE#26: Queens Quay Revitalization**

**Stage One: Week of November 26 to November 30, 2012**

### **TRAFFIC UPDATE**

A change in traffic operations is in place for a short stretch of Queens Quay between Bay St and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square (east of York Street). This change is accommodating work required by Toronto Hydro in the north travel lanes. One-way westbound travel will continue but motorists can expect:

- Traffic will be 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. The southside lanes of Queens Quay will be closed during the evening and re-opened each morning.

#### **Queens Quay Webcams**

You may now [watch construction](#) from your computer or mobile device. The webcams take a picture of the construction area every 15 minutes, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. There is also a "Video Archive" which allows you to view a timelapse or see construction activities on a specific date.

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. Paid-duty police will also be stationed to help direct traffic in this area.

### **WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION**

#### **TTC Corridor Demolition**

The demolition of the TTC corridor has been completed from 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) east to Rees Street. The area has been backfilled and temporary asphalt has been laid on this completed section. Demolition between Rees St. and Lower Simcoe St, and Lower Simcoe to York is expected to continue. Two crews are breaking-up concrete with a hoe-ram, and removing old TTC rails. The debris is removed from the site by dump trucks and sent for recycling.

#### **What to Expect**

Construction noise and vibration 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. There will be no disruption to pedestrians.

#### **Storm and Sanitary Infrastructure**

Crews (Varcon Construction) have begun to mobilize to site and started preliminary preparations for site services work – the construction of new storm and sanitary infrastructure – planned for Queens Quay. The first activities will be preparations for test pits which will be strategically located throughout the entire work zone.

## **TORONTO HYDRO**

Toronto Hydro is expected to continue work in several locations on Queens Quay.

*Westin Hotel Area:* Crews will continue with the construction of the chamber rebuild at the west end of The Westin.

*East of Yonge Slip:* Crews will continue to build new chambers on the southside of Queens Quay east of Yonge St. The installation of dewatering wells from the east side of the Westin to the east side of Yonge St. will also continue.

*Between Bay St. and York St.:* With the City approval of the road closure, 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 . In addition, chamber construction at the north-west corner of Queens Quay and York St. is complete and restoration work is expected to be complete by the end of the week.

*Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge:* The installation of dewatering wells may begin later in the week in the southbound lanes of Queens Quay which are currently within the construction zone (pending crew availability). It is anticipated that this work will commence on the east side of the Peter Slip and move east.

### **What to Expect**

*Westin Hotel Area* - Fast fence remains in place along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel with pedestrian access maintained. 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 dewatering and excavation for new chambers.

*East of Yonge Slip:* Motorists can expect some localized lane closures as crews and work vehicles will be in the south lane. Some noise can also be expected as a vacuum truck may be used as part of dewatering.

*Between Bay and York Street* - Pedestrian access will be maintained at all time. Vehicular traffic will be rerouted daily 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.

*Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge:* Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will not be impacted by this work as it is located within the southside traffic lanes which are currently within the construction zone. Access to all southside driveways will be maintained at all times. Some noise can also be expected as a vacuum truck may be used as part of dewatering.

## **ENBRIDGE**

Link-Line, (Enbridge's sub-contractor) experienced some delays with the tie-in of gas services at the intersection of York and Queens Quay for the Queens Quay Terminal building. Crews will continue to work in this area. Additional work was required for several other locations along Queens Quay which delayed planned work schedules.

Crews will resume the installation of new gas lines from Ann Tindal Park west to the Rees St. intersection. The trenching work in this zone is primarily in the sidewalk area adjacent to the south curb.

### **Saturday Work**

To take advantage of favourable weather conditions, Enbridge crews are expected to work on the installation of its gas line in front of the Simcoe WaveDeck tomorrow, Saturday, November 24. Work will begin at 9:00am and will end by 4pm within the fenced off southside work area. Some noise can be expected with this work. Access to the service entrance at Ann Tindal park will be maintained.

### 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 southside lanes which are closed to traffic). The sidewalk will remain open but some diversion pathways may be required by the Simcoe Wave Deck.

### **BELL**

Bell Canada completed its cable placements and will continue with splicing activities along Queens Quay with expanded crews and resources.

*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 continue splicing activities at 260 Queens Quay (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

### **TTC**

TTC track crews are focusing work efforts on the installation of new rails, and water leak remediation within the tunnel. It is anticipated that both will be completed in 4-6 weeks. The supply of new rail for this work is already staged and ready in the tunnel. Old rail will be removed and transported out via the portal in the next two to three weeks.

Little or no disruption to vehicular access along Queens Quay is expected.

### What to Expect

Some noise should be expected from the "back-up" truck alarms as these vehicles are positioned at the top of the portal ramp, prepared to remove the old track from site.

Reminder! The TTC operates on a three-shift crew rotation and are City noise by-law exempt.

### **LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK**

- Eastern/Waterfront Toronto: Demolition of the TTC corridor will continue from Rees Street east to Lower Simcoe, and Lower Simcoe east to York St.
- Hydro: Chamber construction will continue in front of the Westin hotel and just west of Bay Street. Installation of dewatering wells will continue from the east side of the Westin to east of Yonge St. Dewatering installations between York St. and Rees St. will continue.
- Bell: Splicing activities will continue at the current locations.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work within the Bay Street tunnel.
- Enbridge: Crews are expected to move to 350 Queens Quay (Beer Store) and work east to Rees St. on the southside of Queens Quay.

### **Questions:**

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