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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: DOCKSIDE DRIVE PUBLIC REALM AND QUEENS QUAY EAST

### ***What is the project?***

Waterfront Toronto is preparing to complete the public realm surrounding the new Waterfront Innovation Centre in East Bayfront. As part of this work, Waterfront Toronto will be replacing the existing sidewalk around the Innovation Centre, including the west side of Dockside Drive, south from Queens Quay, and the north side of Dockside Drive over to Knapp Lane. The new public realm will include trees, bike rings, lighting and planters.

Our development partner for the Waterfront Innovation Centre, Menkes Developments, will also be completing the pedestrian walkways connecting the public realm to the buildings on Queens Quay East from Dockside Drive to Knapp Lane, as well as adding new trees and bike rings to the area.

### ***Location***



The construction work for the pedestrian walkway and public realm surrounding the Waterfront Innovation Centre will take place on Queens Quay East from Dockside Drive to Knapp Lane and the western leg of Dockside Drive to Knapp Lane (north side only). This work will take place within the existing fenced area.

### ***Timeline***

Site preparation began the week of August 9, with the installation of fast fencing to replace the overhead hoarding that was in place. Surface removal, excavation and exploratory and investigative work for soil sampling and testing has also begun.

Once this phase of work is complete, crews will begin installing soil cells to support tree plantings, including soil and irrigation. The pedestrian walkway and public realm are anticipated to be complete by January 2022.

### ***What to expect during construction***

Construction will take place between the hours of 7am-7pm, Monday to Friday.

During this time, pedestrian access on Dockside Drive will be reduced to the sidewalk on the south side of the road. The eastern and southern sides of Dockside Drive currently remain open and access to parking for Corus and George Brown College is being maintained. There are no anticipated impacts to parking or traffic in the area.

Pedestrians currently have access to the interim sidewalk on the south side of Queens Quay East, which is bordered by fences. This interim sidewalk will remain in place until the construction is complete.

Waterfront Toronto will continue to provide construction updates as work progresses.

### ***About the Waterfront Innovation Centre***

For more information about the Waterfront Innovation Centre, please refer to the [blog post](#).

### **QUESTIONS**

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