

March 12, 2020

Special Notice #3: York Street Park (Love Park) Pre-Construction Site Work

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.

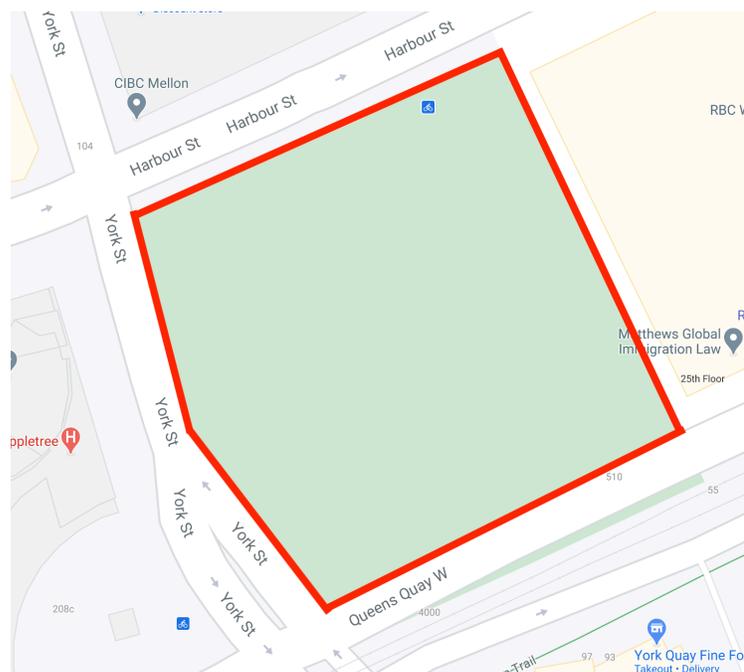
Construction of York Street Park (*Love Park*) will commence in May/June 2021 and is slated for completion in 2022.

[York Street Park's \(Love Park\) design](#) has been shaped by input from over 1,500 members of the public since the international design competition in 2018, including the York Street Park Stakeholder Advisory Committee. For more detail about York Street Park (*Love Park*), including the history of consultation head to our [project page](#).

What to expect on site

On March 15, 2021, pre-construction preparation work will begin on-site for York Street Park (*Love Park*). Fencing will be installed around the entire perimeter of the park site (highlighted in red in the map below) in advance of tree removal work planned for the coming weeks.

Installation of the fencing will be completed over the course of three to four hours and two trucks will be on the site during this time.



Site access

Crews are expected to access the site at the southwest corner of Queens Quay West and York Street. Service trucks will be on site, but no impacts to traffic are anticipated as a result of this work. Pedestrian access will remain around the park along sidewalks along Harbour Street, York Street and Queens Quay. The pedestrian walkway between the park and the RBC building will also remain open and accessible.

Upcoming Tree Removals

Waterfront Toronto is undertaking pre-construction site preparation work in the coming months, in advance of construction beginning May/June 2021. As part of this work, a total of 7 trees will be removed. A separate special notice will be issued in advance of tree removals.

In the fall of 2020, Waterfront Toronto had arborists undertake important maintenance of the trees on site to ensure the health and longevity of these remaining trees before, during and after construction. This work included:

- **Dead Wooding:** common and important part of maintaining tree health that helps prevent the spread of rot throughout the tree.
- **Air Spading & Root Pruning:** Air spading is a safer, less invasive way for arborists to maintain root health than manual digging and avoids damaging the root system. 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.

Find out how we are increasing Love Park's tree canopy by 37 new trees, plus a wide array of other flora and fauna, through [this blog](#).

Questions

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

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