



October 21, 2021

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #3: York Street Park (*Love Park*)

Background

York Street Park (*Love Park*) will be a 2-acre park located at the southern foot of York Street and Queens Quay West in the southern Financial District and Harbourfront neighbourhood. Reclaimed as public space from its former use as the Gardiner's York-Bay-Yonge eastbound off-ramp, the park will be the ultimate ode to connection, community, and nature.

Construction of York Street Park (*Love Park*) began in July 2021 with completion anticipated in 2022.

Updates

Sidewalk removal and fence extensions: Harbour Street and York Street

Starting October 25, our contractor for York Street Park, Somerville Construction, will begin removing the sidewalks on the south side of Harbour Street and east side of York Street – the northern and western sides of the future park. New sidewalks intentionally designed to create cohesiveness between the park and the surrounding sidewalks will be installed in tandem with the construction of the park.

Demolition work to remove the sidewalks is expected to take five (5) to ten (10) days to complete.

- Harbour Street: Construction fencing will be used to reduce the width of the sidewalk on the south side of Harbour Street between York Street and 88 Queens Quay West (WaterPark Place). Pedestrians will have access to the full length of the sidewalk which will be reduced to 1.7 metres in width to safely accommodate pedestrians. There are no anticipated impacts to the bike lanes along this area.
- York Street: The sidewalk on the east side of York Street between Harbour Street and Queens Quay West will be closed to pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians will be re-routed to the pedestrian walkway located in between the eastern side of York Street Park and 88 Queens Quay West (WaterPark Place). The sidewalk on the west side of York Street between Harbour Street and Queens Quay West will remain open.

The construction fencing will remain in place for the remainder of the park's construction.

All construction related work will take place between the hours of 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday in compliance with the City's noise By-law.

What to expect

Increased noise is expected during the sidewalk removal, as well as an increase in dust and construction vehicle traffic. Mitigation measures include:

- Construction signage will be displayed to direct pedestrian traffic
- Dust control fabric has been installed on hoarding and fencing
- During demolition, water will be sprayed on surfaces to prevent dust from becoming airborne
- Mud mats will be installed at the York Street access point of the site to remove mud from truck tires before they exit



About York St. Park (Love Park)

For more detail about York Street Park (*Love Park*), including the [history of consultation](#) head to our [project page](#).

Ownership and operations: Site owned by City of Toronto and operated by Parks, Forestry, and Recreation on completion.

QUESTIONS

Please send your questions to info@waterfrontoronto.ca