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High Park Entrance Renewal at Ellis Park Road, Valleymede Road and Dacre Crescent

Expected Start Date: Spring, 2022

Expected End Date: Summer, 2022

**Timeline is subject to change. Future notice to be provided.*

The City of Toronto will be rehabilitating the High Park Pedestrian Entrance at the intersection Ellis Park Road, Valleymede Road and Dacre Crescent starting this spring. This park entrance rehabilitation is now taking place following the completion of several City construction projects in the area. This rehabilitation work will involve re-establishing the width of the pedestrian path, the breaking up of the existing soil and restoration to ensure the area is returned to its original condition.

A map of the work area can be found below.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2022 Capital Works Program.

COVID-19 and Construction Work in Toronto

At this time, the Province of Ontario has allowed municipal construction to continue to ensure safe and reliable operations and/or provide new capacity in municipal infrastructure. This work is essential to ensure the City's infrastructure remains safe, in a state of good repair and is able to meet Toronto's needs. During this work, the contractor is responsible for all aspects of health and safety on-site, as specified under Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), which includes implementing COVID-19 mitigation practices. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, please visit <http://www.toronto.ca/covid-19>.

City of Toronto contractors must adhere to guidelines issued by public health authorities and the Province of Ontario, e.g. physical distancing, to help stop the spread of COVID-19. For more information on these guidelines, please visit: ontario.ca/page/construction-site-health-and-safety-during-covid-19.

MAP OF WORK AREA

 = Location of Work









WORK DETAILS

In the first few weeks, the City's contractor will move equipment on-site and prepare the work area before construction begins. Construction crews will then conduct:

- Soil de-compaction involving the stripping, stockpiling, testing, and re-using existing topsoil/ using new top soil as required, to create a growing medium applicable for use within naturalized areas.
- Installation of growing medium and sub-soil preparation.
- Reseeding the growing medium with grass.
- Reduction of the pedestrian pathway width to return it to its original condition.
- Temporary fencing to remain for one year following completion for grass to take root.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately-owned items on City property.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, with occasional work after hours and on weekends, if required.</p>
	<p>Customers in Residential properties: Contractors will not need access to your home, unless an unplanned circumstance arises, which is extremely rare. If this occurs, the contractors must adhere to the Province of Ontario guidelines to help stop the spread of COVID-19. For more information on these guidelines, please visit: ontario.ca/page/construction-site-health-and-safety-during-covid-19.</p>
	<p>Customers in Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multi-Residential Buildings: Contractors will not need access to your building, unless an unplanned circumstance arises, which is extremely rare. If this occurs, the City’s contractor will discuss this matter with the property manager and/or superintendent in advance abiding by the above-noted guidelines to help stop the spread of COVID-19.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Expect increased traffic on Ellis Park Road at intersection with Valleymede Road and Dacre Crescent for material delivery.</p>
	<p>Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod and/or asphalt, where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October). Permanent restoration of the curb and sidewalk will take place within 18 to 24 months.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.