

March 7, 2023

Basement Flooding Protection Program Sanitary and Storm Sewer Upgrades on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street

Contract: 20ECS-LU-01FP

Start Date: September 2021 Original End Date: August 2022

Revised End Date: August 2023

**Timeline is subject to change.*

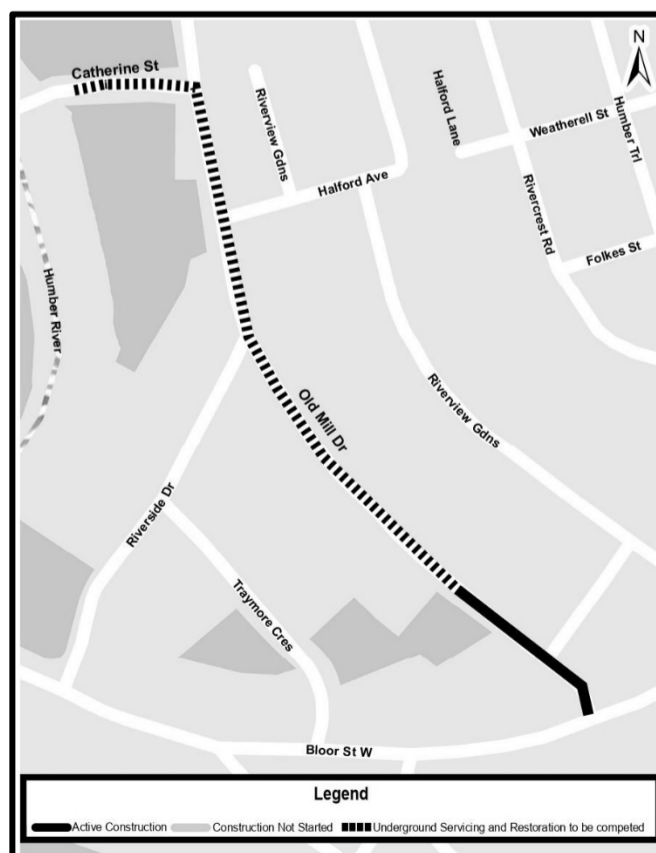
This notice provides an update for the City of Toronto work to modify and upgrade the storm and sanitary sewer system in your area in order to reduce surface and basement flooding. Work on this project is currently behind schedule as previously indicated in Construction Update Notice #1 distributed on August 26th, 2022. This delay was caused by unforeseen construction impacts at the intersection of Old Mill Drive and Bloor Street West. The micro-tunnel boring machine (MTBM) had been drilling on Old Mill Drive and had almost completed the work, when it encountered unknown and unforeseen steel tiebacks that were left in the ground from previous private developments.

The MTBM became entangled in the steel tiebacks, got stuck and was unable to complete the work. Based on the options evaluated it was determined to hand mine the remaining portion of the tunnel to rescue the machine and complete the storm sewer work for this Basement Flooding Protection Project. At that time, the roadway above the MTBM within the construction zone became unstable. The remediation work was deemed an emergency, in order to ensure that the health and safety of the public and surrounding infrastructure was always maintained. At no time during this work, was the health and safety of the community at risk.

The workers have managed to hand mine back to the face of the stuck MTBM and will be able to rescue the machine in parts over the next few weeks. Once the machine is out of the ground, the Basement Flooding Protection Project work can proceed, with completion of the storm sewer installation on Old Mill Drive to alleviate the flooding of basements. All remaining underground works, water service replacements, and restoration of the tunnel shafts will be completed, with all final restoration completed by the end of August 2023. We want to emphasize that there is no structural risk to the surrounding infrastructure, buildings or roadway and the team will continue to ensure the safety of the community.

We apologize for the inconveniences this has caused and appreciate your patience as we complete this important work.

MAP OF WORK AREA









REMAINING WORK

- Storm Sewer Improvements
- Water Service Improvements
- Roadway Restoration
- General Restoration

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 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users. Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents.</p> <p>There are lane reductions and temporary closures on Old Mill Drive and Catherine Street.</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 construction 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>Pedestrians: The work may require temporary sidewalk restrictions, however any necessary sidewalk closures will alternate in each direction to ensure pedestrian access is maintained during construction.</p>
	<p>Parking: This project will affect on-street parking. Parking in the active work zone is not permitted as space is needed for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. Please call 416-808-2222 for its location.</p>
	<p>Accessible Accommodation: The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during construction. Any temporary access disruptions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you experience a disruption, have a specific access need or related accommodation request, inform the contact listed below.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below. If you need to speak with staff on the construction site – please ask for the site inspector, respect physical distancing and wear a mask.

Contract	20ECS-LU-01FP
Field Ambassador	Aleesha Harris, 416-338-5497, BFPP@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/parkdalehighpark

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