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## Watermain Replacement, Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement on The Esplanade, George Street South, and other Local Roads; Bikeway and Road Safety Improvements on The Esplanade

**Contract: 23ECS-LU-04SU**  
**Start Date: April 02, 2024**  
**End Date: December 31, 2024**  
*\*Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain, sewer, and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on The Esplanade, George Street South and other local roads. This work also involves replacing the City-owned portion of substandard water services.

The bi-directional cycle tracks on the south side of The Esplanade from West of Scott Street to George Street will also be installed along with associated safety, accessibility, and other transportation changes.

Work is planned on the following streets below.

WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT	
The Esplanade	from Lower Jarvis Street to Berkeley Street
Princess Street	from Scadding Avenue to Longboat Avenue
Berkeley Street	from The Esplanade to Scadding Avenue
Wilton Street	from George Street South to Lower Sherbourne Street
George Street	from Front Street East to The Esplanade
SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT	
George Street South	Front Street East to The Esplanade
STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT	
George Street South	Front Street East to The Esplanade
The Esplanade	from Lower Jarvis Street to George Street South
BIKEWAY CONSTRUCTION AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS	
The Esplanade	West of Scott Street to George Street South

### WATERMAIN AND SEWER REPLACEMENT

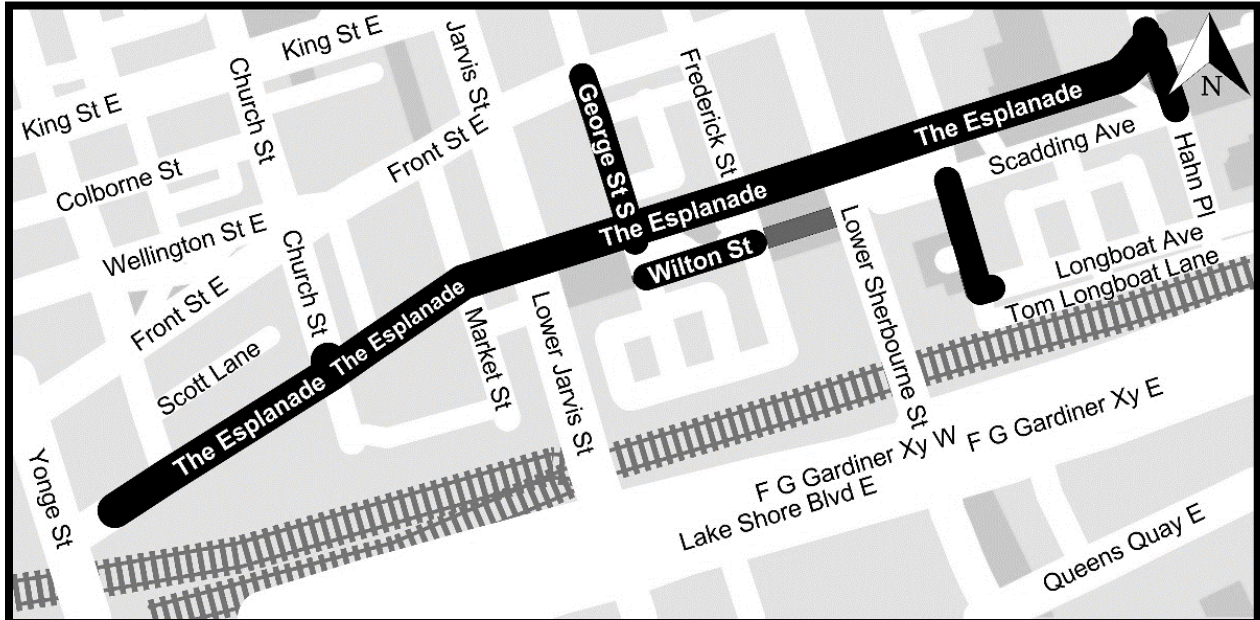
The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your water meter and is owned by you and by the City. The sanitary service lateral is the pipe connecting your home's plumbing to the City's sewer. The part you own is from your house to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain.

This project is part of the City Council-approved 2023 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live in a house within the project limits that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your house is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made using tap water.

## MAP OF WORK AREA



Note: Refer to the table on page 1 of the notice for details on the scope of work involved on each individual street

## BIKEWAY AND ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ESPLANADE

The bikeway and road safety improvements on The Esplanade are a part of phase 2 of The Esplanade and Mill Street Connection project. The project's goals are to: improve safety for everyone, make walking, cycling, and taking transit more attractive, and maintain access to local and citywide destinations. Phase 1 and 2a were installed in the fall of 2021 and spring of 2022, respectively. Once phase 2 is complete in 2024, this bikeway will connect to planned and existing bikeways on Yonge Street, Lower Sherbourne Street, Cherry Street, Bayview Avenue, and the Don Valley trails network. The Esplanade and Yonge Street intersection is being built separately, but also in 2024. The completion of Phase 2 is intended to create a safe, continuous east-west cycling route in the eastern part of downtown.

Access to all parking garages and loading docks on The Esplanade, Scott Street, Church Street and Market Street will be maintained along with property access for emergency service vehicles. Accessible loading zones will be available in front of 25 The Esplanade, on the south side of The Esplanade west of Market Street, and on the north side of The Esplanade west of George Street South.

Changes to all segments from Bayview Avenue to Yonge Street were approved by City Council in the spring of 2021 after community consultation activities were undertaken from 2019 to 2021.

## WORK DETAILS










The City's contractor will:









- excavate the road and dig a trench to access and install the new sewer and watermain
- replace any City-owned water service / sanitary sewer pipes that do not meet City standards from both the watermain and the sanitary sewer to the private property line
- resurface the road
- construct a bi-directional bikeway on the south side of The Esplanade from west of Scott Street to George Street South with paint, concrete curbs and bollards
- modify traffic signals at Lower Jarvis Street and Church Street to add bicycle signals
- add or modify accessible loading areas at 140, 115 and 25 The Esplanade
- install bikeway signage and signage related to parking, accessible loading, and traffic direction changes, turn restrictions and other new bylaws including the one-waying of The Esplanade to westbound only from Church Street to Scott Street, and from Lower Jarvis Street to Market Street

## 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.

- Work in the boulevard in front of homes and commercial properties is expected. This work includes removing and replacing driveways, municipal sidewalks and grassed boulevards, where necessary.
- CaféTO patios in conflict with the work zone may need to be removed during construction.

	<p><b>Work Hours:</b> 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><b>Pre-Construction Inspection: WHS (Wristen’s Home Specialties Inc),</b> under contract to the City of Toronto, will survey all properties within 30 metres of the construction area before construction starts. The inspection will look at the interior and exterior of all properties to verify existing conditions. Although participation is voluntary, the city encourages all homeowners to participate. Without the survey, it will be difficult to confirm any claims of damage caused by construction.</p> <p>Affected properties will receive a separate notice to set up an appointment. All inspection staff will wear photo I.D. and carry photo equipment for this work.</p>
	<p><b>On-Site Communication:</b> There are times when contractors need to communicate with homeowners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility company branded clothing. If you need to speak with staff on the construction site, please ask for the Site Inspector.</p>
	<p><b>Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features.</b> Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard) to avoid damage.</p> <p>This includes items such as landscaping (plants and pavers), decorative objects, sprinkler systems or heated driveways. If you have a sprinkler system or heated driveway, please contact the <b>Field Ambassador</b> listed below.</p>
	<p><b>Telephone and Internet Services:</b> This work may affect phone and internet cables for individual properties that aren't buried deep below the sidewalk. The contractor will coordinate with utility companies to minimize disruption. Residents who find their service has been disrupted should contact the <b>Field Ambassador</b> <u>and</u> notify their phone or internet service provider.</p>
	<p><b>Water Service Disruptions:</b> From time-to-time, the water supply to your property will be shut-off to complete construction; the contractor will provide notice at least 24-hours in advance. Throughout the work, it is recommended that you temporarily disconnect any water treatment systems (i.e. softeners or filters), water-cooled air conditioners or similar plumbing fixtures. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems may also be affected, therefore, you may need to water manually. In the event you did not receive advance notice, the City may have needed to use an <b>emergency water shut off</b> to complete work.</p>
	<p><b>Substandard Water Service Replacement:</b> Please take the time to read the attached fact sheet carefully as it contains important information on lead in drinking water and how to prepare for replacement. If you want to replace the private portion-of the water service pipe, the City of Toronto recommends that you obtain several quotes before selecting a contractor. <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> The City is not able to get involved in any contract to have work done on private property. Property owners are responsible for ensuring contractors do not interfere with the work being done on City property. Learn more at <a href="http://www.toronto.ca/leadpipes">www.toronto.ca/leadpipes</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Road and Sidewalk Access:</b> 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><b>Driveway Access:</b> The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one will be kept open at all times.</p>
	<p><b>Traffic Management:</b> Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users.</p>

	<p><b>Parking:</b> 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><b>Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u></b> If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers must issue a yellow parking violation notice (ticket) to vehicles in violation of parking by-laws. If you receive a yellow notice during this construction work, please do one of the following within 15 days of the notice date to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the notice) <b>or</b></li> <li>2. File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail, or in person (follow instructions on the back of the notice). As part of the dispute process, you may include the construction notice and/or other documentation related to parking impacts resulting from construction.</li> </ol> <p>If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked in illegal parking spots (i.e. in front of a fire hydrant or in No Parking zones).</p> <p>In an effort to reduce ticketing due to construction, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.</p>
	<p><b>Accessible Accommodation:</b> 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, contact the <b>Field Ambassador</b> listed below.</p>
	<p><b>TTC Service:</b> This project may affect travel times there will be diversions on the 75 and 121 buses. Visit <a href="http://ttc.ca">ttc.ca</a> for accurate schedule information.</p>
	<p><b>Garbage and Recycling:</b> Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <b><i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Water Flushing:</b> You will see water flushing or running in several areas along this project due to cleaning the new watermain. Before substandard water services are replaced and the new watermain is put into service, the new pipe must meet Toronto Water's servicing and quality standards. <b><i>Please DO NOT DRINK OR USE THE FLUSHING WATER, it is not potable.</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Restoration:</b> The construction work area will be restored with sod, concrete 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 - April to June and September to October.</p>
	<p><b>Tree protection Zone:</b> Temporary Tree Protection Fencing/Hoarding will only be installed around the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) based on the type of work. If needed the temporary tree protection fencing/hoarding will be installed prior to working near a tree and will be removed as the work progresses. All required steps are taken to minimize the damage to the trees.</p>

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below.

<b>Contract</b>	23ECS-LU-04SU
<b>Watermain, sewer, restoration construction inquiries</b>	Shiva Dharry, 647-282-8601 <a href="mailto:TorontoPM6@rvanderson.com">TorontoPM6@rvanderson.com</a>
<b>Bikeway and road safety improvements inquiries</b>	Alyssa Cerbu, 416-338-0503 <a href="mailto:Alyssa.Cerbu@toronto.ca">Alyssa.Cerbu@toronto.ca</a>
<b>TTY Hearing Impaired Service</b>	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
<b>General inquiries</b>	311

**Websites**[toronto.ca/torontocentre](https://toronto.ca/torontocentre)[toronto.ca/Spadina-Fort York](https://toronto.ca/Spadina-Fort York)

Bikeway and road safety improvements:

[toronto.ca/EsplanadeMill](https://toronto.ca/EsplanadeMill)

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