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Watermain Replacement, Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Road Resurfacing and Bike Lane Installation on Harbord Street, Hoskin Avenue, and Huron Street

Contract: 24ECS-LU-08SU
Start Date: September 9, 2024
End Date: October 6, 2025
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is planning to replace the watermain, sanitary sewer and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on segments of Harbord Street, Hoskin Avenue and Huron Street.

The bikeways on Harbord Street and Hoskin Avenue will be upgraded along with associated road safety and accessibility improvements.

Work is planned on the following streets below:

WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT	
Harbord Street	From Grace Street to St. George Street
Huron Street	Bloor Street West to Classic Avenue
SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT	
Harbord Street	Spadina Avenue to St. George Street
ROAD RESURFACING AND BIKEWAY INSTALLATION	
Harbord Street	Ossington Avenue to St. George Street
Hoskin Avenue	St. George Street to Queen's Park Crescent

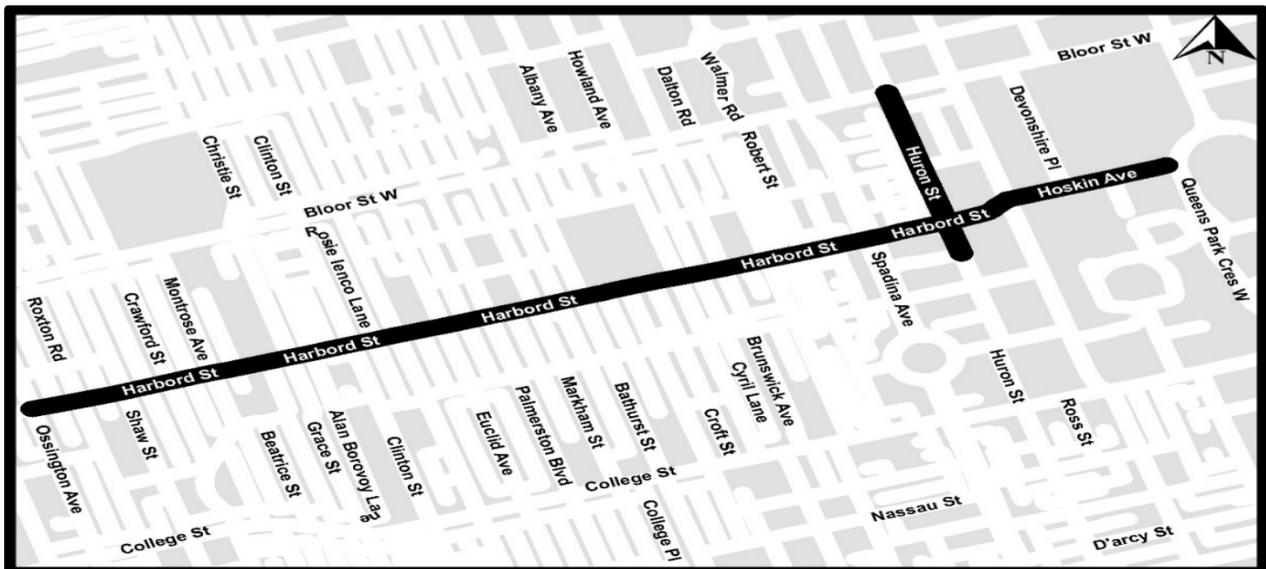
WATERMAIN AND SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

The sanitary service lateral is the pipe connecting your home's plumbing to the City's sewer. The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your water meter and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from your house to your property line, and the part the City owns is from the property line to the watermain. This project is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure and ensure household wastewater is delivered to treatment plants efficiently.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live on Harbord Street, Huron Street or Hoskin Avenue in a house 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



BIKEWAY AND ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Toronto is implementing changes on Harbord Street and Hoskin Avenue as part of planned state-of-good repair work to fulfill the City's commitment to the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan. Upgrades on his corridor will include:

- Reconfiguring the location of the parking lane between the motor vehicle lane and cycle track to enhance cycling safety.
- Installation of poured-in-place curbs between the motor vehicle lanes and cycle tracks in both eastbound and westbound directions.
- Construction of raised bike/bus platforms at TTC bus stops
 - Integrated bike/bus platforms are used where on-street bikeways interact with bus stops to prevent buses from entering the bikeway. The bikeways are ramped up to sidewalk level and a platform is built for pedestrians to cross the bikeway and board the bus.
- Curb radii reductions throughout the project area, where feasible, to tighten the intersection corners and slow down turning motorists and improve pedestrian and cycling safety.
- Addition of green infrastructure and plantings, where feasible.
- Installation of bicycle signals and turn boxes at Ossington Avenue and St. George Street.

WORK DETAILS

The City's contractor will:

- Excavate the road and dig a trench to access and install the new sanitary 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, including repairs to sidewalks, crosswalks and curbs.
- Install raised bike/bus platforms.
- Modify traffic signals at Ossington Avenue and St. George Street.
- Construct a physically protected bikeway.
- Construct bulb-outs and curb islands for planting and green infrastructure.

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>Pre-Construction Inspection: Wristen's Home Specialties Inc., 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>On-Site Communication: 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>Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features. 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 Field Ambassador listed below.</p>

	<p>Telephone and Internet Services: 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 Field Ambassador <i>and</i> notify their phone or internet service provider.</p>
	<p>Water Service Disruptions: 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 emergency water shut off to complete work.</p>
	<p>Substandard Water Service Replacement: 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. PLEASE NOTE: 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 www.toronto.ca/leadpipes.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: To complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road, sidewalk, and bikeway 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: 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.</p> <p>Traffic on Harbord Street, Huron Street and Hoskin Avenue will be reduced to one shared lane within the vicinity of construction. People driving and people cycling will share one lane in each direction. The speed limit on Harbord Street and Hoskin Avenue will be reduced to 30kph within the work zone.</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>Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u> 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 in order to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the notice) or 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. <p>If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311 to request a copy.</p> <p>Please note: 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>

	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.
	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, contact the Field Ambassador listed below.
	Garbage and Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.
	Restoration: 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 - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October).

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

Contract	24ECS-LU-08SU
Field Ambassador	Christy Ho, 416-473-5799, Field.Ambassador.PM3B@ghd.com
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/University-Rosedale toronto.ca/cyclingupgrades

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