

February 3, 2016

Watermain Replacement on River Street from Queen St. E. to Gerrard St. E. and Road Rehabilitation from Queen St. E. to Bayview Ave.

Contract: 16ECS-TI-16MR

Start Date: July, 2016

Original End Date: Nov, 2016

New End Date: May 26, 2017

**Timeline is subject to change.*

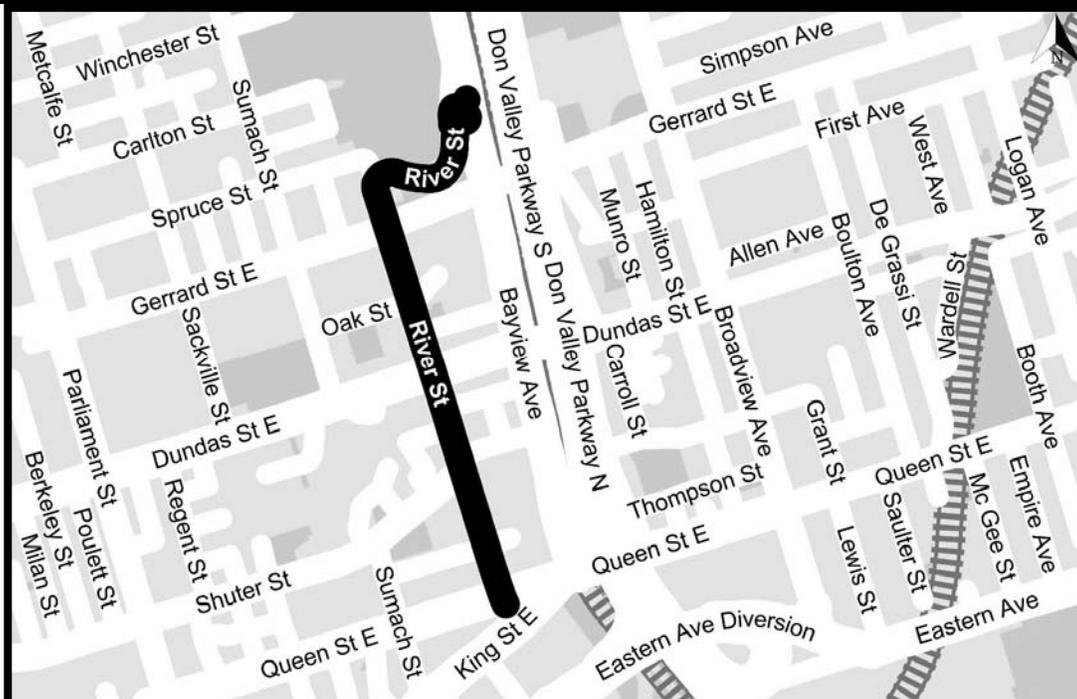
This notice provides an update on watermain construction activities taking place on River Street from Queen Street to Gerrard Street to replace the 141-year-old watermain and City-owned portion of substandard water services.

Work on this project is behind schedule, delays were caused by the time needed for the watermain to pass several necessary water quality tests. The contractor is completing the last of the watermain related works and will be cleaning up and leaving the site by mid-February.

The contractor will return in the spring to reconstruct the road pavement, repair broken sidewalks and construct bike lanes.

We know this project has an impact to all businesses and residents along River Street. We sympathize and appreciate your patience with the inconveniences. An update will be provided 2 weeks before the work starts again in the Spring.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK STATUS TO DATE

From Gerrard Street to Bayview Avenue:

- Road rehabilitation complete
- Centre median enhanced with planters
- (Toronto Parks will add trees and other vegetation in the Spring of 2017)

From Queen Street to Gerrard Street:

- Watermain work is complete and favourable test results obtained
- Most water services are connected to the new watermain the final services will be connected by mid-February
- The right-turn channel at the south east corner of Dundas and River has been replaced with a parkette
- Red light camera has been installed at Dundas and River
- Intersection of Shuter and River has been adjusted to enhance pedestrian safety
- Most curbs and some sidewalks have been constructed in preparation of the road work

REMAINING WORK

From Queen Street to Gerrard Street:

- The contractor will return to finish the remaining curbs, sidewalks and road resurfacing work between mid-April and late-May (weather permitting)
- New bike lanes will be constructed

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.
- Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard), such as landscaping and / or decorative objects. If you have a sprinkler system within the boulevard, please contact the Project Manager.
- 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 am to 7:00 pm., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required.</p>
	<p>Garbage & Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></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).</p>
	<p>Why Did Water testing take so long?</p> <p>The City's first priority is to ensure that all of pipes and the water flowing through the pipes meet the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) drinking water quality standards. Before a new watermain can be put into service, the City tests the water at an accredited lab to ensure it is safe to drink.</p> <p>This involves taking two samples, 24 hours apart, and having them tested to ensure they meet stringent drinking water quality standards -- these standards are set by MOECC. If a test result fails to meet the standard, crews work as quickly as possible to rectify the situation and the action taken depends on the situation.</p> <p>There are a number of reasons why water quality samples taken from new pipes can fail and this can include contamination during sampling or insufficient disinfection of the pipe and sometimes hot weather can make sampling more difficult as it affects the chemistry of disinfection, but it's not always the case. Once corrective action has been taken, the City will return to take more samples for testing. When two consecutive samples are found to meet the MOECC's drinking water quality standards, the watermain can be put into service. We apologize, but the water quality testing process can take time.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote **Contract 16ECS-TI-16MR.**

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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.